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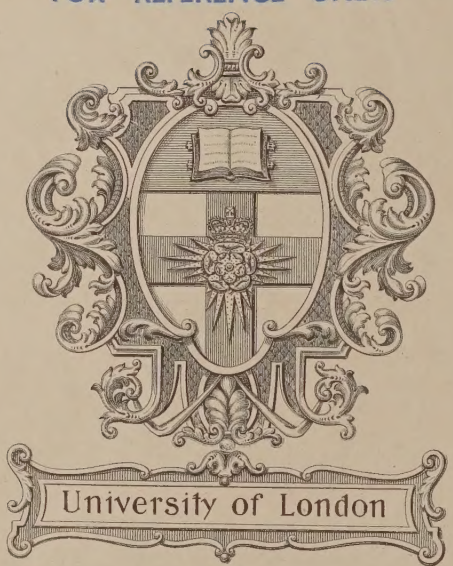

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EXISTENCE OF CORRUPT PRACTICES AT THE LAST ELECTION FOR THE BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY.

VICTORIA R.

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith:

To Our trusty and well-beloved Michael O'Brien, Esquire, Serjeant-at-Law, Thomas Irwin Barstow, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, and Homersham Cox, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, greeting:

Whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled, have by a joint address humbly represented unto Us that Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges selected for the Trial of Election Petitions pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, has reported to the House of Commons that Corrupt Practices did prevail, and that there is reason upon the Evidence before him to believe that they did extensively prevail, at the last Election for the Borough of Beverley, and have humbly prayed that We will be graciously pleased to cause Inquiry to be made pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Parliament passed in the sixteenth year of Our reign, intituled "An Act to provide "for more effectual Inquiry into the Existence of Corrupt Practices at Elections for "Members to serve in Parliament," by the appointment of you, the said Michael O'Brien, Thomas Irwin Barstow, and Homersham Cox, as Commissioners for the purpose of making Inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices:

Know ye, that We, in compliance with the Prayer of the said joint Address, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents in pursuance of the powers vested in Us by the said Act, authorize and appoint you, the said Michael O'Brien, Thomas Irwin Barstow, and Homersham Cox, to be Commissioners for the purpose of making Inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices in the said joint Address referred to.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the Twenty-third day of June One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, in the Thirty-third Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

H. A. BRUCE.

REPORT.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, the Commissioners appointed under Your Majesty's Royal Sign Manual for the purpose of inquiring into the existence of corrupt practices at the last election of members to serve in Parliament for the borough of Beverley, having completed the inquiry, do now humbly submit to Your Majesty this our report of the evidence taken by us, and of our findings thereon.

1. Having given due notice of our appointment and of the time and place for holding our first meeting, we opened the Commission in the Town Hall of Beverley, the use of which had been granted to us by the mayor, on the 24th day of August 1869, and continued to hold meetings and take evidence up to the 27th day of September, when (the consent and approbation of the Secretary of State for the Home Department having been previously obtained) the inquiry was adjourned to the 19th day of October. On that day we resumed our meetings in the Town Hall, which were continued there up to the 21st of October; from that day to the 26th of October we held our meetings in the sessions house of the East Riding of Yorkshire, the magistrates for that division of the county, having, upon a requisition from us, courteously granted us the use of it, and placed at our disposal a staff of efficient officers to preserve order in the court and to obey and carry out our directions. The removal to another place of meeting we deemed necessary to the due execution of our office in consequence of the proceedings that had taken place in the Town Hall on the day the inquiry was resumed. On that day an attempt was made by counsel appearing on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards, late one of the members of Parliament for Beverley, to interrupt our proceedings and to prevent the continuance of our inquiry; that attempt was, in defiance of our authority, persisted in, and the persons interrupting us told us in the presence of the mayor of the borough that they had as much right to use and occupy the Town Hall as we, the Commissioners, had; and on our directing the superintendent of the borough police, who had been duly appointed our officer, and had up to that time acted as such, to remove the persons so persisting in obstructing us in the performance of our duty, that officer refused to do so, and a scene of uproar and disorder ensued, which compelled us to suspend our sitting; and to guard against the recurrence of such scenes, we determined to remove, as soon as circumstances would permit, from the municipal borough of Beverley, and hold our meetings within another jurisdiction. On the first day of our meeting in the Sessions House, two persons, named Thomas Ward Flint and Charles Edward Fitzgerald, who had been duly summoned to give evidence before us, refused to be sworn and give evidence, and in the exercise of the powers vested in us we committed them to York Castle for two months, or until such time as they should submit to be sworn and give evidence.

2. On the 27th of October the examination of witnesses in the sessions house was brought to a close, and the inquiry was then adjourned to Westminster for the purpose of taking the evidence of those who, though summoned, had been, from illness and other causes, unable to appear before us at Beverley; for that purpose we held two meetings in Westminster, and concluded our sittings, having taken the evidence of 757 witnesses.

3. The town of Beverley is the capital of the East Riding of Yorkshire, and returned members to Parliament as early as the 23rd year of the reign of Edward I., and received in the 15th year of Queen Elizabeth a charter of incorporation, under the style and title of the mayor, governors, and burgesses of the town of Beverley, recognizing its right to send two members to the Commons House of Parliament; and from that date up to the 11th day of March last the borough of Beverley continued to be represented in Parliament by two members.

4. The constituency up to 1867 consisted of freemen and ten-pound householders, the freemen forming the larger portion. In 1831–2, the population of the borough being 8,302, the number of the electors was 1,011; and in 1861, the population being 10,868, the number on the parliamentary register was 1,046, of whom 865 were freemen; and in 1865–6, the computed population being 11,297, the number on the parliamentary register was 1,474, of whom 855 were freemen.

5. The population at the date of the last election being estimated at about 12,000, the number of registered electors was 2,672, consisting of 865 freemen, 1,804 rateable occupiers, and 3 lodgers; but duplicates being deducted, the net number of voters was 2,101.

6. The following list shows the dates of the elections which have taken place at Beverley since the year 1841, with the names of the candidates and the number of votes polled at each election.

	Candidates.	Votes polled.
July 1841	Towneley, John	531
	Hogg, J. W.	529
	Fox, Sackville Lane	489
August 1847	Towneley, John	540
	Fox, Sackville L.	539
	Goldsmid, Sir J. L.	259
July 1852	Lawley, Hon. F. C.	611
	Wells, William	588
	Glover, E. A.	498

In 1854, Mr. Lawley having accepted the Chiltern Hundreds, a contest took place:

July 1854	Gordon, Hon. A.	493
	Hastings, G. W.	192
March 1857	Denison, Hon. W. H. F.	566
	Glover, E. A.	537
	Wells, W.	492

Mr. Glover being unseated on petition—

August 1857	Edwards, Henry	579
	Wells, William	401
April 1859	Walters, Ralph	605
	Edwards, Henry	539
	Walker, James Robert	439
	Glover, E. A.	54

Mr. Walters having been unseated on petition for bribery, a new election was held:

January 1860	Walker, James Robert	599
	Gridley, Henry Gillett	473
July 1865	Edwards, Sir H., Bart.	689
	Sykes, Christopher	637
	Keane, David Deady, Q.C.	495
November 1868	Edwards, Sir H., Bart.	1,132
	Kennard, Captain	986
	Maxwell, Hon. Marmaduke	895
	Trollope, Anthony	740

7. The election into the alleged corrupt practices at which we were primarily appointed to inquire took place on the 17th of November 1868, and on the 2nd of November immediately preceding it the municipal election had been held, at which six seats, three for each ward, were contested. At the earliest stage of our inquiry it was proved by the concurrent testimony of all who took part in the last-mentioned election that money had been expended in bribery on an unusually high and extensive scale; and upon pushing our inquiry still further, in order to ascertain the sources from which the money had been supplied, the persons engaged in its distribution, its amount, and the manner and mode of its application, we elicited facts, often with difficulty from reluctant witnesses, which left no doubt upon our minds but that the well-planned scheme for securing the six vacant seats in the town council by open, avowed, and gratuitous money payments to voters, and other corrupt practices, was intended to

operate corruptly, and did operate corruptly, upon the then pending parliamentary election.

8. Having satisfied ourselves upon that point it then became our duty to make like inquiries into previous elections, and carrying back our investigation we found that in all the elections from 1841 to 1868, inclusive, with the exception of the bye election of 1854, in which the borough manifested but little interest, bribery and other corrupt practices prevailed; in some extensively, openly, and systematically, and in others in various disguises and under different pretexts, such as payments for colourable services and monies given to out-voters as travelling expenses, but at every election a considerable portion of the constituency expected or received a money consideration for their votes in some shape or another. From the statements of witnesses well acquainted with the electoral statistics of the borough, and with the political conduct and ways of thinking of different sections of the electors, we find that out of a constituency of something over 1,100, at the date of the "Representation of the People Act, 1867," about 800 were open to bribery and other corrupt influences, there being in the constituency a body of about 300 without political principles or political likings or dislikings of any kind, locally known as "rolling stock," and about 250 others on either side, who, if money were going, expected to be paid, and would not vote unless they were paid or received some assurance that they would be paid after the election. They appear to claim the usual money payment for a vote as a right from the candidate of their own colour, and only look upon it as a bribe when they accept it from the candidate of a different colour. The calculations we have made in respect of the sums admitted to have been expended by the candidates in various ways in the elections of August 1857, 1859, 1860, and 1865, and the number of votes polled respectively on their behalf, suggest and support the inference that not less than two-thirds of those who voted at each of these elections had either received or been promised money for their votes. We refrained, as far as it was practicable, from entering into the details of the proceedings in elections anterior to the election of 1854; but in the course of the examination of witnesses facts came out from time to time which showed that the pure election of 1854 was due to exceptional circumstances and not to any change of sentiment or conduct with respect to bribery on the part of the bulk of the constituency.

9. In the March election of 1857 the Hon. William Henry Denison, now Lord Londesborough, Mr. Edward Auchmuty Glover, and Mr. William Wells were candidates; Mr. Denison and Mr. Glover were returned, but the latter was unseated on petition, on the ground of want of qualification. It was proved before us, by several witnesses, that corrupt practices had prevailed at that election on the side of Mr. Denison and Mr. Wells; but the death of Mr. Clark, of the firm of Leeman and Clark, solicitors at York, who was their conducting agent, and the inability of Mr. Leeman, through illness, to appear and give evidence, prevented us from minutely investigating the details of the expenditure at that election; and upon examining the then candidates, Lord Londesborough and Mr. Wells, we found that, except as to the amount contributed by each, they knew nothing of the mode in which the money had been expended.

Evidence of Lord Londesborough, p. 703. Evidence of Mr. Wells, p. 739.

10. The expenses at that election were comparatively moderate, and a careful examination of the state of the poll from hour to hour satisfied us of the correctness of the statement made by Mr. Wells, that he had been told late on the polling day that he could secure his election if he would consent to spend 50*l.* in the purchase of voters who were holding out. Lord Londesborough stated that he knew nothing of the expenses of that election; the accounts appear to have been paid by the late Lord Londesborough, his father, and although several cases of bribery were proved before us in respect of that election, we discovered nothing to raise a presumption that these acts of bribery had been known to or sanctioned by either of the candidates.

Ib. p. 741. Evidence of Lord Londesborough, p. 703.

11. We now proceed to the August election of 1857, which followed the unseating of Mr. Glover. In the petition presented against Mr. Glover's return, on the ground of want of qualification, Mr. Wells had claimed the seat; Mr. Glover's seat being considered precarious, some of the leading Conservative voters presented a cross petition disputing Mr. Wells' claim. Pending the trial of that petition, a negociation took place between Sir Henry Edwards (then Major Edwards) and the promoters of that

Evidence of Philip Rose, p. 758.

petition, which ended in an arrangement to this effect: that Major Edwards, upon the condition of being adopted as the Conservative candidate in the event of a vacancy, should undertake to defray the expenses of the petition, and indemnify the petitioners against costs. That arrangement was carried out. William Smales Wreghitt, a tradesman of Beverley, represented the petitioners, and Mr. Rose, of the firm of Baxter, Rose, and Norton, acted on the part of Major Edwards, and took counsel's opinion as to

Ib. p. 758.

the legality of the transaction. This was Major Edwards' first introduction to the borough. The election took place in August 1857; the candidates were Mr. Wells and Major Edwards, and Major Edwards was returned by a considerable majority.

12. We received evidence from different witnesses of illegal payments having been made on behalf of Mr. Wells at that election, but no facts or circumstances were elicited in the course of the inquiry to connect Mr. Wells with these corrupt acts, or to prove that he had cognizance of or sanctioned them in any way. The two elections of

Evidence of Mr. Wells, p. 740–42.

that year and the petition against Mr. Glover had cost him 973*l.*; and his denial before us was clear and unequivocal that he had not before, at, or after the election any knowledge or suspicion that money had been directly or indirectly paid for illegal expenses. On this part of the case we encountered the same difficulty that we had met with before in Mr. Clark's death and Mr. Leeman's absence, and no account of the

Evidence of William Padget, p. 394–5.

illegal expenditure being obtainable, we were unable to ascertain the details excepting in one instance, in which, by means of a cheque of Leeman and Clark's, the sum of 25*l.* was advanced through a person named Daniel Boyes to pay voters residing at Hull, who upon being asked to breakfast at an hotel in Hull on the morning of the polling day, found each 30*s.* under his cup.

Evidence of Joseph Holden, p. 462.

13. The election on Major Edwards' part was conducted by Mr. Isaac Williams,

Evidence of Isaac Williams, p. 528.

a gentleman practising as a solicitor at Bath, who had been appointed agent for election expenses at the instance of Mr. Rose; and so far as the items of expenditure appeared in his account, nothing could be more scrupulously legal. The election expenses returned to the auditor by Mr. Williams amounted to 422*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* In the

Ib. p. 530.

return to the auditor there is an item of 17*l.* 10*s.* to night watchers against bribery, which Mr. Williams described as "as perfectly honest an item as ever was charged."

"I inquired" (said Mr. Williams in his examination before us) "how bribery took "place here, and they said by night. There were a great number of persons exceedingly "nervous about our majority, and I put them on." "Night watchers," he continued, "were honestly put on by me in consequence of its being rumoured that persons "representing themselves as the agents of Mr. Wells had been throwing up bags of "coin, and saying, 'Oh, never mind your majority, we will soon pull it down on the "'election day.' That made our "people very nervous, and I put these night "watchers on to do what I could to prevent it." We may here observe that in the whole course of the inquiry no evidence whatever was given of such a thing as bribery by night.

14. There appeared in Beverley, about a week before the election at which these rare precautions had been taken against bribery, a gentleman from Halifax, a stranger to the town. He stopped at the same hotel as Mr. Williams and Major Edwards. This gentleman's name was Frederick William Cronhelm, the trusted cashier and manager of Major Edwards' business at Halifax, and he described himself as having had the management of Major Edwards' election accounts from the commencement of his parliamen-

Evidence of Philip Rose, p. 761.

tary career. Before he left Halifax, 2,000*l.* had been placed at his disposal for the purpose of applying it to secure the return of Major Edwards. Of that sum he brought

Evidence of F. M. Cronhelm, p. 504.

500*l.* with him, and having been acquainted with Mr. Champney, a solicitor of Beverley, he consulted him as to whether the election could be won without bribery, and being told it could not, he immediately desired to be introduced to the person who had the management of that department in Beverley, adding that he was then acting for a gentleman whose means were practically unlimited. Mr. Cronhelm's account is this:

Evidence of F. W. Cronhelm, p. 504.

"I called Mr. Champney out of the committee room into a private room that we had, "and said, 'Now, Mr. Champney, I must put a very plain question to you. I am "'a stranger in Beverley, and am ignorant of the inhabitants and of their mode of "'proceeding in the elections and everything. Now, will you tell me candidly, as a "'friend, and as a friend of Sir Henry Edwards, whether you think it possible for "'Major Edwards to carry this election without bribery,' and he said, 'I am afraid "'not; I think not.' 'Well,' I said, 'if that be the case I am prepared with the

" 'money power to any extent; will you put me in communication with the gentleman " 'who really has the management of the bribery.' " Upon that Mr. Champney sent to him a man named Nathaniel Kemplay, a cowkeeper, who received from him 300 sovereigns in a bag, the remaining 200*l.* being given in the course of the day to some other person for the same purpose. Ultimately the whole 2,000*l.* was spent on the election, but we did not and could not obtain from Mr. Cronhelm an exact statement as to the mode in which the remaining 1,500*l.* had been disposed of. And in reply to a question pressing for an account of how it had been disposed of, he, Mr. Cronhelm, answered " It was remitted to Beverley; my impression is, it was remitted to Mr. Champ- " ney, and my memory serves me so far as this, that Mr. Champney returned me 150*l.* " after all was over. I had sent him more money than he wanted, and he returned " me 150*l.*" It was only upon pressure that Mr. Champney's name was disclosed. Mr. Champney when examined on an earlier day stated that no money had passed into or through his hands before, during, or after that election. Subsequently he admitted the receipt of 100*l.* from Mr. Cronhelm, as an *honorarium* to alleviate his disappointment at not having been made Major Edwards' agent, but persisted in denying the truth of Mr. Cronhelm's statement as it affected him with respect to any larger sum. Mr. Cronhelm, upon being further pressed as to whether he had kept any vouchers or memoranda showing how and when the monies had been remitted, " No," he said, " every document referring to it and every letter that refers to it has been destroyed at " the commencement of this inquiry. We hoped that your Commission would not " have been issued; but as soon as I knew it would be, then I felt it a duty to my friends " to destroy every voucher and every letter connected with it." It appears from subsequent parts of his evidence, and from that given by Major Waterhouse, member of Parliament for Pontefract, that as soon as it became certain that a Royal Commission would issue, he, Major Waterhouse, had a consultation with Mr. Spofforth, a member of the firm of Baxter, Rose, and Norton, before mentioned, and that it was agreed upon between them that Major Waterhouse should advise Mr. Cronhelm to keep out of the way—to go in fact to the continent. Major Waterhouse delivered the message, and accounted to us for his having done so on the ground of regard to the state of Mr. Cronhelm's health. " Mr. Cronhelm was a great invalid, (he was, in fact, 84 years of " age) and I was afraid his health would sink under it (the examination). It was " upon that I suggested to Mr. Spofforth whether it would not be better that Mr. " Cronhelm should absent himself, and to that Mr. Spofforth replied that under the " circumstances he had better do so." Upon being further examined upon the point, Major Waterhouse seemed to think " that other reasons might also have operated on " his mind. The advice might have been given on the assumption that Mr. Cronhelm " might possibly know subject matters having reference to this inquiry which it might " not be desirable should be revealed." But, whatever be the motive which prompted the advice, Mr. Cronhelm accepted it. " I thought," he said, " if I did go away I would leave nothing behind."

Ib. p. 505.

Evidence of T. F. Champney, p. 452. Ib. p. 567–8.

Evidence of F. W. Cronhelm, p. 505.

Ib. p. 506. Evidence of Major Waterhouse, p. 589, 590.

15. This destruction of documents containing not only the history of corrupt expenditure in the election of August 1857, and a list of the names of the principal persons engaged in it, but also an account of the various sums of money remitted from time to time from Halifax to Beverley, and of the numerous transactions between Mr. Cronhelm and Wreghitt (a draper in Beverley, and the private local election agent of Sir Henry Edwards, as distinguished from his regular agent, Mr. Henry William Bainton, a solicitor,) seriously obstructed us while endeavouring to ascertain the exact amounts and dates of the different remittances, the precise nature of the objects they were intended to serve, and the directions given as to the mode of their ultimate application—upon all these points we were placed at the mercy of the memory or the will of the witnesses, Cronhelm and Wreghitt. But we elicited facts which proved that from the election of August 1857 to the end of October 1868, Wreghitt was regularly and constantly supplied with money by Sir Henry Edwards, or through his manager, Cronhelm, the mode generally adopted for transmission being by letters covering half notes, " on account," as Cronhelm explains, " of tracing the cheques." We had no difficulty in finding out how the 500*l.* which passed in sovereigns from Cronhelm to Kemplay and others was spent. There was open traffic for the purchase and sale of votes, as the subordinate agents, amongst whom a judicious distribution of it had been made, went immediately into the market place on the day of nomination to bid for votes: " I went into the market place," said Richardson, one of the sub-agents, " with the 50*l.* I had received from " Kemplay, and I asked them what they would take; the voters were standing there,

Evidence of F. W. Cronhelm, p. 511.

Evidence of Richardson, p. 723–4.

" and I asked them what they would take, and I bought them as cheap as I could. " If I saw a man standing in the market place I asked him if he was going to vote, " and if he was a staunch supporter of the Reform cause I got him if I could. I never " left them if I once started them." The tariff with him was 3*l.* or 3*l.* 10*s* for a staunch Reformer, and 2*l.* for one of his own party; and in that way the 50*l.* was quickly disposed of in the bribing of 19 voters. But at that election other corrupt agencies were employed. Some time before the day of election it was brought under the notice of Wreghitt and Major Edwards and others that it would be advisable to get Mr. Glover, the unseated member, out of the town (he was then in Beverley), and accordingly Mr. William Bainton, an influential supporter of Major Edwards, waited upon Mr. Glover, and contrived, by handing him or his agent a cheque for 200*l.* on a London bank, to get him away from Beverley on the morning of the nomination day; that 200*l.* so advanced was afterwards repaid by Major Edwards. Shortly after the election Major Edwards lent a man named Baker, who had been one of the most active of the sub-agents in distributing bribes, 500*l.* on his promissory note. The note was worthless, and was merely a device for the purpose of concealing the real nature of the transaction. In addition to these payments a supplementary account of expenses was, early in 1858, sent in from the local agents to the amount of 143*l.* to Mr. Rose, containing items of this kind: "John S. Vickers, for payment of voters, 21*l.* 12*s.*," and forwarded by him (Mr. Rose) to Major Edwards for payment, and paid; so that assuming, as Mr. Cronhelm subsequently stated by way of explanation, that the 2,000*l.* at his disposal included the payment of 200*l.* to Wreghitt and the 500*l.* to Baker, the expenses at that election on the part of Major Edwards included the following sums:—

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 533.
Evidence of W. Bainton, p. 476.
Ib. p. 476.
Evidence of F. W. Cronhelm, p. 509.
Evidence of Philip Rose, p. 759.
Letter from Mr. Cronhelm, p. 555.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Cronhelm	2,000	0	0
Election auditor's account	422	3	1
Supplemental bill	143	13	0
Election petition expenses as guaranteed	220	0	0
	£2,785	16	1

That, however, is but an incomplete account of the monies really expended in respect of that election, as from the autumn of 1857 up to the date of the general election of 1859, remittances of money were forwarded at regular intervals from Halifax to Beverley. These remittances had their origin in an arrangement come to shortly after the election of August 1857 between Wreghitt and Major Edwards, the terms of which appear to have been carried out with all the strictness of a formal contract.

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, *passim*.

16. And here, in our efforts to get at the precise nature of that arrangement, we encountered a similar difficulty and obstruction to that we had met with when Mr. Cronhelm was under examination, and from the same cause, the destruction of letters and other documents. Wreghitt, in his capacity of Major Edwards' local election agent since 1857, had carefully preserved, as he stated, all the letters and other documents containing full and accurate accounts of the monies advanced to and expended by him on behalf, first of Major Edwards, and then of Major Edwards and his colleagues, in bribery at the parliamentary, municipal, and pasture masters' elections from 1857 to March 1869.

Ib. p. 533–4.

17. These important documents, which he had kept apart from all papers concerning business matters, that, as he stated, in case of anything arising he might be able to defend himself, were all destroyed by him on the night of the 11th of March 1869, under the advice and directions of Mr. Spofforth. " I may say," observed Mr. Wreghitt in the course of his examination before us, " that before the trial [of the election petition] " was completed, I produced a letter in Mr. Spofforth's presence (Mr. Spofforth was " then acting as conducting agent in the election petition) having reference to a date " far back. And he spoke to me very strongly at that time as to the injudicious " course I was pursuing in preserving letters, and recommended by all means that I " should not do it;" and in reply to a question whether the suggestion made to him by Mr. Spofforth to burn the letters was before his examination at the trial before Mr. Baron Martin, he answered, " No, it was after the trial was over, I presume, in anticipation of something else." However, notwithstanding the destruction of these letters and papers by Wreghitt and Cronhelm, we succeeded, by tracing out and following up the course of

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 534.

action pursued, in bringing to light the main purposes of the arrangement referred to, and the means employed for their accomplishment.

18. The corporation of Beverley, consists of a mayor, six aldermen, and 18 councillors; and exercises considerable patronage, its gross annual revenue from all sources being upwards of 10,500*l*. The corporation had, up to the year 1836, the management of extensive tracts of land, known as the "Beverley pastures," which by ancient grants were dedicated to the use of the freemen of Beverley; the extent of these pastures is 1,174 acres or thereabouts, and they are valued at over 4,000*l*. a year. In that year, in consequence of disputes arising as to the ownership of the soil, an Act was passed (6th and 7th Wm. 4. c. LXX.) creating a body of 12 "pasture masters," vesting the soil and management of the pastures in them, prescribing the mode of their election, and the qualification of the electors. None were eligible to the office of pasture master but freemen, and none could vote but freemen resident within the ancient limits of the borough, and placed on what is called "the pasture freemen's roll." The mayor presides at this election, which is fixed to be held every year on the 2nd of March. In addition to the patronage exercised by the "pasture masters" under the Act of Parliament, they took under a bequest of Mr. Robert Walker, dated the 19th April 1854, a fund, producing an annual income of about 90*l*., on trust to distribute among poor freemen of the borough, their widows, and children, "as may require the same, by reason of any "losses they may have sustained by death of their horses, cattle, sheep, or pigs, or in "order to enable them to purchase stock, or carts, or other necessary things of the like "nature, or otherwise to help them on in the world;" and the testator declared his wish and intention to be that the payments should be made in such substantial sums as would effect the object he had in view, and that they should not be made or given in small amounts so as to embrace a greater number of objects. The fund dedicated to these uses was directed by the testator to be called "Walker's pasture freemen's gift."

Evidence of Thomas Crust, town clerk, p. 1–10.

19. Every pasture master before entering upon the duties of his office is obliged to make the following declaration, "that he takes the said office on himself, and will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of his skill and ability, execute "and perform the power and authority vested and reposed in him as a pasture master "according to equity and good conscience, and without favour or affection, prejudice "or malice, to any person whomsoever."

20. There was also in Beverley a body "called the Working Men's Conservative Association," that had been instituted under the auspices of Mr. Glover, and consisted principally of freemen; and in accordance with the arrangement between Major Edwards and Wreghitt, previously mentioned, this association was in a short time brought under Wreghitt's influence and control; he was appointed chairman, and contributed to its funds from monies he had received for general election purposes. Immediate action was also taken, in pursuance of the same arrangement, to eject the Liberals from the town council and replace them with Conservatives; and with that view it became a settled plan of action between Major Edwards, Wreghitt, and the candidates for the town council, that at every municipal contest Wreghitt should supply the funds that might be deemed necessary to secure their return; and accordingly the practice of purchasing votes at these elections became general and systematic. The result of that constant expenditure manifested itself in the fact that from 1859 to 1869 the supporters and partisans of Sir Henry Edwards obtained and exercised an almost absolute control and mastery in the public and municipal affairs of Beverley.

Evidence of J. S. Vickers, p. 374. Evidence of Sir James Walker, p. 497.

21. A similar line of action was pursued at the annual elections of pasture masters; but with respect to them Wreghitt's use of the funds at his disposal brought about earlier and more decisive results, for in 1860 all the pasture masters were Conservatives, and the only change that took place in the constitution of that body from 1860 to 1869 consisted in the removal of some of the more moderate, and the substitution of others who had been more active and unreserved in their manifestations of partisanship.

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 537. Evidence of J. S. Vickers, p. 377.

22. The means employed to bring about these results were supplied by Major Edwards alone up to the general election of 1859; from that year to 1868, his colleagues in the representation of Beverley contributed, either directly by themselves or through relatives, a moiety; it having been made a condition that they should do so before they were adopted as candidates. Sir James Walker, on behalf of his son, Mr. James

Evidence of Sir James Walker, p. 497.

Robert Walker, who was candidate in 1859, and member from 1860 to 1865, came into the terms of the agreement, and as the entries in his (Sir James Walker's) account book which he produced before us proved, strictly performed his part. Mr. Christopher Sykes, now one of the members of parliament for the East Riding of Yorkhsire, succeeded Mr. Walker, and during the period he represented Beverley, viz., from 1865 to 1868, supplied to Wreghitt a share of the funds. In 1868 Captain Kennard was adopted as a candidate, on the condition that he should do as his predecessors, Mr. Walker and Mr. Sykes, had done; he was afterwards called upon to contribute, and did contribute, his portion.

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 534–547. Evidence of Christopher Sykes, M.P., p. 462. Evidence of Captain Kennard, p. 520.

23. In respect of what is known as "Walker's Gift," the fact that Wreghitt had been applied to for money to be used in bribery by the pasture masters at every successive pasture masters' election, that it was constantly and lavishly supplied, that the office of pasture master was exclusively filled by staunch and declared supporters of Major Edwards, produced an impression throughout the borough that the "gift" was being distributed with a view to party and political interests, and that the pasture masters in deciding upon the claims of competing applicants were swayed by other considerations than the directions in Walker's will. That impression extensively prevailed in the borough, and in the course of our inquiry we came upon instances which tended to prove its correctness; a freeman named Duncum, the owner in fee of 12 cottages, bringing in 30*l.* a year, applied for and received the gift; another, named Gawan, the owner of two horses, living in a house the rent of which was 18*l.* a year, and earning over 2*l.* a week, applied for the gift and received 6*l.*, and when asked to explain how a man in his condition came to apply for the charity, he said he had been speaking to some of the pasture masters, mentioning Nathaniel Kemplay and Samuel Findlater. Gawan had taken up his freedom in September 1868, voted for Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard in November 1868, and received the 6*l.* from Walker's Gift, in June 1869; he had lost nothing. Another, a mechanic named Lancaster, earning 22*s.* a week, and working at the time at the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company's works, applied for and received the charity on the pretence that he had lost a horse, the fact being that he had, in contemplation of Walker's Gift, bought a horse on the Saturday, nominally for 3*l.*, which died on the Sunday, the carcase of which was sold on the Monday for 15*s.*; he then applied for and received 3*l.* from the pasture masters; after which the vendor of the horse returned him 1*l.* 10*s.* These cases became notorious in the borough. We had the clerk of the pasture masters before us; his memory failed him in all the essential points on which he was examined. We had the chairman before us (both being clerks in the office of Mr. Silvester, solicitor, then mayor of the borough), but no satisfactory explanation of these or other cases relating to the distribution of "Walker's Gift" was given. We received, however, from Mr. Dawson, the chairman, a detailed account of the grants made from 1860 to 1869, which will be found in the evidence annexed, and by which we find that the Conservative freemen participated in the benefits of Walker's gifts in numbers which, as compared with the Liberals, seem inconsistent with a fair distribution of the funds of the charity. Upon being pressed for an explanation as to the apparent preference which the figures in his statement disclosed, Mr. Dawson's answer was, "The only explanation I can give is, the Conservatives were in office as "pasture masters, and they would probably have more people apply to them on their "side than the other."

Evidence of C. Duncum, p. 640. Evidence of James Gawan, p. 338–9. Evidence of J. C. Lancaster, p. 639. Evidence of Isaac Monkman, p. 10–17. Evidence of James Dawson, p. 748-754.

24. The candidates for the offices of town councillor and pasture master were nominated at the Working Men's Conservative Association; and in contests for these offices money was supplied by Wreghitt. "It was usual," Vickers stated, "in all local "matters, whenever there was a vacancy for a candidate, to consult Mr. Wreghitt, "and if he approved of one he would be nominated, and I went to Mr. Wreghitt at "that time for funds to support them, he acting as the banker of Sir H. Edwards and "Mr. Walker." That was done that the patronage belonging to those offices might be exercised for Walker and Edwards. "It was known amongst the persons who were "likely to be candidates for such offices that they might engage in the contest without "any expense to themselves. When I was chairman I went to get candidates (for "the town council); there was some difficulty in getting gentlemen to stand for the "place when they knew there had been so much money spent, and one condition of "their standing was that they should be at no expense. They would look for their "expenses to Mr. Wreghitt; in fact it was a household word, that no one need stand "unless they were approved by Mr. Wreghitt."

Evidence of J. S. Vickers, p. 374. Ib. p. 375.

25. In 1863 a split took place among the pasture masters—they being all then supporters of Major Edwards and Mr. Walker—and two lists were formed, one containing the names of six Conservatives and six Liberals, the other of twelve decided Conservatives. A sharp contest was expected, and accordingly Wreghitt was waited upon, and his answer was short and to the point: "If there were twelve respectable men who would stick to the party, funds would be forthcoming." Twelve tradesmen, all filling repectable positions in the borough, were brought forward on Wreghitt's side. He, after some hesitation, arising from his wish "not to waste the members' money," consented to advance, and did advance, the sum of 100*l.* for that contest.

"I got the money," said the witness, "from his own hand. He paid it, and we "opened two shops, Lyth's and Dickinson's. Mr. Nathaniel Kemplay and Mr. Car- "rington paid. We had the election over by dinner time."

Ib. p. 376.

Ib. p. 377.

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 538.

Evidence of J. S. Vickers, p. 377.

26. It is also worthy of being noticed that Isaac Monkman, the clerk to the pasture masters, also filled the office of secretary to the Working Men's Conservative Association; that, except on two occasions, he acted as the medium of communication between the candidates for the town council and Wreghitt, as also between the candidates for the office of pasture master and Wreghitt; and the monies advanced by Wreghitt for purposes of bribery on these occasions passed through his hands. He was the paid clerk of the pasture masters, and it was through him all applications for relief from Walker's Gift would come.

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 537.

27. But Wreghitt did not lose sight of other means of "strengthening the influence" of the members for whom he was acting; a portion of the existing freemen he had brought under the influence of the association of which he was chairman, Nathaniel Kemplay being vice-chairman. He next directed his attention to young men entitled to their freedom, a privilege well worth striving for in Beverley; and when brought to him, and he judged them likely to prove of the "right sort," he advanced sometimes the whole amount, 2*l.* 10*s.*, if the claim to freedom rested on servitude; sometimes 10*s.*, if it rested on birth.

Evidence of Wilberforce Herdsman, p. 118.

28. Wilberforce Herdsman, who had been employed by Wreghitt as an agent for signing objections to "Liberal claimants" at the revision court, and who appears from his evidence to have also acted the part of a freedom broker, explained in detail how that was managed. He had brought several claimants himself to Wreghitt, whose practice it was on these occasions to inquire "whether the apprentices were the right persons to support the major; it would otherwise be wasting the major's money." And it occasionally happened that the masters had to wait upon Wreghitt and pledge themselves for the political steadfastness of their apprentices before the money would be advanced. And he gave us amongst others the two following instances: "A young "man named Wilson was desirous of taking up his freedom. I spoke to Mr. Wreghitt "about him, and fetched his uncle; and his uncle pledged his word that he (the "apprentice) would support them if they would take up his freedom. The uncle was "a man of property, and promised me 10*s.* if I would get the 2*l.* 10*s.* from Wreghitt. "I was present when the money was given to the uncle." Watson, a master builder, acted in the same way. He took his apprentice to Wreghitt, gave the same kind of pledge, and received the same amount of "freedom money." And in that way it happened that during Wreghitt's conduct of affairs as the agent of Sir Henry Edwards and his colleagues, several additions were made to the freemen's list, and the sons and apprentices of Beverley freemen were taught to appreciate the money value of a vote before they were in a condition to give one. Wreghitt, when examined upon this point, explained that he was not the inventor of the system; it was but the continuation of a thing long before known in Beverley. "Before I took the matter up I may "say the Conservative interest was dead and buried; therefore, as far as it exists here "now, I must have a certain amount of the credit or blame, as it may be."

Ib., p. 118.

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 551.

29. At the general election of 1859 Mr. Ralph Walters was brought to contest the borough on the Liberal side; he placed himself in the hands of a Mr. Daniel Boyes, the landlord of the "Angel" inn in Beverley, and at once a system of wholesale and indiscriminate bribery was set up, the scene of the main action being what was known as the Reform Association Rooms. Not less than 1,500*l.* must have been spent in bribing and treating upon Mr. Walters' side at that election, and as might have been expected, he, an utter stranger to the town, totally unknown in public

Evidence of Robert Taylor, p. 501.

life, stood at the head of the poll, defeating Mr. Walker, the second Conservative candidate, by a large majority. A petition challenging his return on the ground of bribery followed, and he was unseated, the committee ordering that Boyes and Robert Taylor should be prosecuted for bribery. The death of Mr. Walters, and the fact that Boyes claimed protection on the ground that a verdict in the Queen's Bench upon that prosecution still remained recorded against him, precluded us from ascertaining the full extent to which corrupt practices on the Liberal side had been carried at that election. On the side of the Conservatives also corrupt practices prevailed, as was found by the same committee which unseated Mr. Walters, on a petition against the return of Major Edwards; but it was not proved that such corrupt practices had been committed with the knowledge or consent of Major Edwards or his agents. The committee also remarked on the objectionable practice of employing voters as messengers or runners. In that election, in addition to the account of expenses submitted to the election auditor, another bill amounting to 217*l.* was sent in both to Major Edwards and Sir James Walker in the following September, and was paid by them. Except the pendency of the election petition against the return of Major Edwards, no reason was given why that account had been withheld.

Evidence of T. McCoy, p. 414.

30. In January 1860 a new writ was issued to fill the vacant seat, and on that occasion Mr. Henry Gillett Gridley was brought forward, in place of Mr. Walters, against Mr. Walker, who, having been defeated in 1859, and having prosecuted the petition successfully, was again a candidate. That contest was fought sharply on either side, Mr. Gridley polling 473, and Mr. Walker 594. It cost Mr. Gridley 1,370*l.*; but except the fact that he had paid Mr. Clark, of the firm of Leeman and Clark, his conducting agents, 370*l.*, and that he paid in two cheques of 500*l.* each, 1,000*l.*, through the hands of Mr. Alfred Crosskill, a leading member of the Liberal party, he gave us no information as to any of the details; the acts of bribery on his side were open and notorious. In consequence of the prosecutions for bribery then pending, and which were tried at the subsequent March assizes, no person known in Beverley could be intrusted with the management of bribery business. In that state of things a stranger, known as "the man with the hairy cap," was brought down, and was engaged up to a late hour on the polling day in paying voters at the rate of 2*l.* a head in a room at the "Pack Horse" inn. Mr. Crosskill estimated the number of bribed who supported Mr. Gridley at 300; but, having regard to the amount of money expended, we think about four-fifths of those who voted for him received money for their votes; nor can we doubt, from the manner in which Mr. Gridley was introduced to the borough, and the circumstances attending the appearance of the man with the hairy cap in Beverley, that Mr. Gridley must have known, and did know, that corrupt practices were being extensively resorted to on his behalf. Mr. Walters, who had been unseated for bribery, introduced him to the borough; Mr. Walters remained in Beverley till the election was over, and the man with the hairy cap was dispatched from London by Mr. Walters' solicitor. "I left the town disgusted," said Mr. Gridley, "and remember very well being on the hustings "and stating my conviction that the election had been won by the expenditure of "money, adding, that if it was any consolation to those who received the bribes, that "I did not choose to petition. That appeared to be the most gratifying thing I had "ever said during the whole election, for they cheered that immensely."

Evidence of Mr. H. G. Gridley, p. 620.

Evidence of A. Crosskill, p. 624–5.

Evidence of H. G. Gridley, p. 622.

31. At this election, in which bribery had been so extensively practised on the Liberal side, the Conservative party also had recourse to similar practices. In 1859 Mr. James Robert Walker, the eldest son of Sir James Walker, a gentleman living in the immediate vicinity of Beverley, was brought forward by the Conservative party as their second candidate in conjunction with Major Edwards. They were in coalition, having the same agent. Sir James Walker was at this time informed of the special arrangement between Mr. Wreghitt and Major Edwards, and agreed to become a party to it in all respects, to pay Wreghitt 50*l.* a year for his services, and to contribute his moiety to the fund for carrying the local elections by means of bribery; and he continued to perform his part of the contract up to June 1865, when, as he stated, he had made up his mind to withdraw his son from the representation of Beverley, adding, by way of explanation, "I must say that the system of corruption and bribery in Beverley had been going on time out of mind, and to that extent that it was impossible to arrest or counteract it." He supplied us with a list of his contributions to the municipal election fund, the pasture masters' election fund, and the Working Men's Conservative Association fund, from 1858 to 1865, in accordance with the stipulations of the compact he had entered into with Wreghitt; and taking 1859

Evidence of Sir James Walker, p. 493–5.

and 1860 as marked by the heaviest payments, we found that the sums paid by him in these years amounted to 480*l.*

32. At the election of 1860 Mr. Walker successfully contested the borough against Mr. Gridley, notwithstanding the large corrupt expenditure on the part of the latter. At that time the prosecutions ordered by the House of Commons to be instituted in respect of the acts of bribery committed at the election of 1859 were still pending, and it was felt on the part of Mr. Walker's friends that great caution and skill would be required in the conduct of the election, and accordingly Mr. William Henry Cooke, a barrister, was invited down to Beverley to see that the proceedings were kept within safe and strictly legal limits.

" I was down here" (said Mr. Cooke in giving evidence before us) "at the election " of 1860, at the request of Mr. Walker, sen. (now Sir James Walker), to advise as " far as it was possible to have an election conducted very differently to that which " had been disclosed in the petition against Mr. Walters." Evidence of W. H. Cooke, p. 563.

33. Mr. Cooke soon after his arrival in Beverley was made aware of the fact that Mr. Frederick Walker, brother of the candidate, had got possession of a bag containing about 200 sovereigns, which he had taken from a bank at Hull (it having been deposited there some time before by Sir James Walker), and having inquired of Mr. Bainton, the legally appointed conducting agent of Mr. Walker, to name a person to whom that sum of money might be intrusted for the purposes of the election (ostensibly to pay out-voters' expenses), Mr. Bainton mentioned Nathaniel Kemplay. Early on the polling day he, Mr. Cooke, gave directions to Mr. Frederick Walker to take the money down to the "Cross Keys" public-house, to ascertain whether a person named Kemplay was there, and if he found Kemplay there to give him the money. Mr. Frederick Walker went to the "Cross Keys," found Kemplay, who had been previously told at Bainton's office to go there, and handed him the bag, which, according to Kemplay's recollection, contained 300 sovereigns; but whether Kemplay be right or wrong as to the amount, he accounted for the disbursement of more than 300*l.* When asked what he did with the 300*l.* brought by Mr. Frederick Walker, his answer was clear and straightforward: "I " divided it amongst a lot of men who got the voters for us. There was a man " named John Dales got 40*l.* to distribute. There was William Skinn, I gave him " 50*l.* at first, and he came again to get some more, and I should think most likely 80*l.* " altogether. There was Padget, the painter, 50*l.*; there is Wilkin, I gave him 50*l.* I " gave Vickers money, 50*l.*, the rest I kept, and paid some myself that came to me." Evidence of N. Kemplay, p. 269.

Vickers, and the other persons named, when examined, corroborated Kemplay upon that point: "I received," said Vickers, " 50*l.* from Kemplay the polling day before " the poll opened. I paid voters in the street with it, and when the money was out " I went for a fresh supply to the Cross Keys; Kemplay was there with some person " keeping the door. I commenced at 1*l.*, and it extended to 2*l.* till about dinner " time, when the tariff dropped down to 1*l.* again." Evidence of J. S. Vickers, p. 374. Evidence of W. Skinn, p. 273.

34. A petition challenging the return of Mr. James Robert Walker on the usual grounds of bribery and other corrupt practices at the election of 1860 was presented and tried. Several acts of bribery were proved to have been committed by Kemplay, Vickers, and Dales, but the committee reported that Mr. Walker had been duly elected, it not having been proved that such bribery had been committed with the knowledge and consent of Mr. Walker or his agents.

35. Sir James Walker, Mr. Frederick Walker (the younger brother of the candidate), Mr. Bainton his conducting agent, and Mr. Cooke, brought down from London for the special purpose of seeing that all the proceedings should be legally and properly conducted, were all privy to and concurred in the appointment of Kemplay to disburse the money placed in his hands in the purchase of votes for Mr. James Robert Walker. Mr. Kemplay further stated that when he found his money running short he went according to arrangement to Mr. Bainton's office, and there was shown into an upper room, where he saw Mr. Cooke, and received a further supply of 100*l.* from him. This Mr. Cooke denied, but we were satisfied that Kemplay was substantially accurate in his statements. Evidence of N. Kemplay, p. 577. Evidence of W. H. Cooke, p. 579.

36. At that election the expenses sent in to the election auditor and published by him were 337*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*; but in the April following, the petition having been decided

Evidence of J. England, p. 593, and accounts produced. Evidence of N. Kemplay, p. 269. Evidence of Sir James Walker, p. 495, cheque produced.

on the 19th March, Sir James Walker paid Messrs. England and Bainton the further sum of 401*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, in which were included such items as "Ramshaw's band," 60*l.*; ringers, Minster and St. Mary's, 10*l.* 10*s.*; Mr. Hind, for refreshments, 9*l.* 18*s.*; but it does not include the subsequent payment of 5*l.* to Mr. Kemplay for his services at the election, nor of the 100*l.* paid to Mr. Cooke, which appears to have been paid in a cheque by Sir James Walker himself in the May following. In this, as in previous and subsequent elections, it cannot fail to be noticed that the plan adopted on either side was to open two channels of expenditure—one open and pure, through which the regular and legal items of expense are made to pass; the other secret and impure, through which the items of illegal and corrupt expenditure pass; and these latter are kept concealed until the risk attending a knowledge of them by members or candidates has passed away.

37. There was no parliamentary election in Beverley from January 1860 to July 1865; but during these years Sir James Walker on behalf of his son, and Mr. Cronhelm on behalf of Major Edwards, or Major Edwards himself, regularly and unremittingly continued supplying Wreghitt with funds to be applied to the work of corruption in the several local contests that took place within that period. The supplies varied according to the exigencies of the occasion. In 1861 the pasture masters were all Conservatives, and there was no contest, nevertheless the members each contributed on that head 30*l.*; but in Wreghitt's language that was an expensive year, for the members contributed each 184*l.*, not including his fixed salary. The municipal contest of that year was a sharp one. Wreghitt advanced 100*l.* for bribery at that election, through Monkman, secretary to the Working Men's Asssociation. There were six seats vacant; Wreghitt's nominees were chosen in all, and but few Liberals remained in the council. In 1862 the same system was continued; for the council choosing of that year Wreghitt received 100*l.*, and 60*l.* for the pasture masters; in 1863, the year of the split among the pasture masters, he received for the purpose of that contest 65*l.* from each, and advanced 100*l.* of it through one Francis Burrell, an innkeeper. In 1864, there being no contest, the remittances fell to 140*l.* each, including the fixed salary; and early in 1865 Wreghitt was apprized by Sir James Walker of his intention not to allow his son to stand again for Beverley, and Wreghitt, as he stated to us, then looked out for a fresh candidate.

Ib. p. 497. Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 537.

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Evidence of R. Norfolk, p. 171, et seq.

38. In the meantime a long-established business, called the "Old Foundry," was converted into the "Beverley Iron and Waggon Company, Limited;" it gave large and lucrative employment to artizans and labourers, many of whom were freemen and voters; several tradesmen of the town either supplied materials or purchased articles there; and at its first formation Sir Henry Edwards became a director, and was at the first meeting of the directors appointed chairman. Mr. Richard Norfolk was appointed managing director; and in 1865, before the second Conservative candidate had been declared, Sir Henry Edwards, by means of Wreghitt, Norfolk, and others, had secured a large accession of personal and political influence amongst those engaged at the foundry, or having business transactions there. In that state of things, when Wreghitt brought forward Mr. Christopher Sykes as the second Conservative candidate, early in 1865, a deputation waited upon him at the "Beverley Arms;" he acceded to their wishes, and was put into communication with Sir Henry Edwards. The result was that Mr. Sykes agreed to follow in the footsteps of Sir James Walker, and contribute to the local contests in the same way that he had done. In Mr. Sykes' case, however, a new condition was proposed by Sir Henry Edwards, namely, that he should become a shareholder in the "Beverley Iron and Waggon Company, Limited," to the extent of 200 shares. With this he complied, but as soon as his connexion with the representation of Beverley came to an end, he took the earliest opportunity of retiring from the position of shareholder.

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 539. Evidence of C. Sykes, p. 460–62.

Ib. p. 461.

39. The election took place in July, but some weeks before that an arrangement had been come to—suggested, Mr. Sykes says, by Sir Henry Edwards—between them and Daniel Boyes, an innkeeper, and an influential member of the Liberal party, who had been convicted at the York assizes of 1860 on a charge of bribery, to the effect that if he (Boyes) would use his influence to prevent a contest in the borough, and do all he could with his friends towards that object, each of the candidates would pay him after the election 250*l.* There was a contest; but Mr. Sykes, notwithstanding, handed over to Mr. Boyes the stipulated amount.

40. Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Sykes entered into the contest of July 1865 under the most favourable auspices. The institutions of the borough had, to a great extent, been brought under Wreghitt's influence; he had succeeded, by the means taken to extend and strengthen the Conservative interest in the borough, in establishing the personal and political ascendancy of Sir Henry Edwards. Magistrates, aldermen, town councillors, and pasture masters, bankers, and tradesmen, were working with Wreghitt, and for the same ends. He had been unceasingly labouring for eight years to extend and widen the sources of corruption throughout the borough, and prevent freedom of choice in all the local elections. The committee of the Working Men's Conservative Association were his nominees and helpers; and as subsequent events showed, the manager, the secretary, and the foremen of the different departments of the Iron and Waggon Company, as well as the labourers employed under them, became either recipients or dispensers of the monies that came through him. Men in highly respectable positions as tradesmen owed their seats in the town council to the monies he had provided; all the pasture masters were in the same condition of dependence.

41. As the time of the general election drew near, the Liberal electors of the borough seemed anxious to find a suitable candidate to fight the battle on their side. Mr. Walters was dead, Mr. Gridley took his final leave of the borough in 1860, and after some inquiries they put themselves in communication with Mr. David Keane, a member of the bar; and from the representations made to him as to the prospects of success for a Liberal candidate, he declared himself ready to come forward and stand in that interest. A few weeks before the election, Mr. Daniel Keane, a solicitor, and brother to Mr. David Keane, visited Beverley in order to ascertain the feeling of the borough, and from his report, and from what he, Mr. David Keane, had heard from other quarters, he was induced to believe that a seat might be won by the expenditure of about 500*l.* above and beyond the limit of the legitimate expenses attending an election contest.

Evidence of D. D. Keane, p. 755. Evidence of Daniel Keane, p. 604.

42. Mr. Todd, a solicitor of Hull, acted as Mr. Keane's conducting agent. No item of an objectionable kind found its way into his accounts; the expenses returned by him were 382*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; and with respect to Mr. Todd, the evidence clearly showed that he had been no way implicated in the corrupt practices resorted to on that occasion on behalf of his principal, Mr. Keane. Up to 1857, what was known as the old system obtained in Beverley, 2*l.* for a full vote, and 1*l.* for a split vote; that went under the name of "messenger's money," and prevailed in one form or another from the Towneley election of 1841 to the general election of 1865. We obtained from Mr. Joseph Hind a carefully prepared list of the persons bribed on the part of Mr. Keane, of the sums they received, and of the votes they gave. Mr. Keane polled 495; his agents had given money to 417. "We do not," said the witness, "call it bribery; it is the old customary payment," and he handed in four lists: No. 1 contained the names of 61 freemen voters who received 1*l.* each; No. 2, the names of 238 freemen voters who received 2*l.* each; No. 3, the names of 42 freemen voters who received 3*l.* each, in the language of the witness, 1*l.* more than they had any right to receive; No. 4, the names of 15 freemen voters who received 4*l.* each, that is, 2*l.* more than they ought to have had—356 freemen, 723*l.* Of this last, namely, the 4*l.* class of freemen voters thus bribed, two voted for Keane and Edwards, and one gave a plumper for Edwards. We were then furnished with ten-pound householders' lists: No. 1, that contained the names of 12 householders who received 1*l.* each; No. 2 contained the names of 41 householders who received 2*l.* each; No. 3 contained the names of three householders who received 3*l.* each, "1*l.* more than they ought to have received;" No. 4, the names of five householders, who had received 4*l.* each, which was again, to quote the witness, 2*l.* more than they ought to have had, making a total of 61 householders who had received 123*l.* There were 417 voters, freemen and householders, who received 846*l.* Out of the 417 who received money to vote for Mr. Keane, 39 voted Edwards and Sykes, 2 plumped for Sykes, 1 for Edwards, and there were 10 who did not vote at all. These payments were chiefly made in the "Mechanics' Hall" on the nomination and polling days.

Evidence of Luke Hind, p. 74. Evidence of Joseph Hind, p. 393. Ib. p. 390, et seq.

43. The method of procedure was this: an aperture was made in the folding doors of the library at the Mechanics' Hall just large enough to permit a man's hand to be thrust through it; behind this door stood or sat the briber, with a bag of gold before him; the voters were directed to pass through the room, the number was called out, a

Evidence of T. Southwick, p. 398; S. Wilson, p. 472;

G. Tindall, p. 513. D. D. Keane, p. 755–6; Daniel Keane, p. 605.

sovereign or two, as the case might be, was pushed through the aperture, nothing being visible but the man's hand, and the voters then passed out at another door; this process was continued till about 12 o'clock on the polling day. Mr. Daniel Keane supplied the money, which was afterwards repaid by his brother, the candidate.

Evidence of Joseph Hind, p. 393.

44. Edward Tindall was the man who handed the money through the aperture, and Thos. Southwick and Samuel Wilson, two voters, were the persons employed in checking the distribution of the money by means of registers which they held in their hands, and which were produced before us. Thomas Bird also distributed about 100*l.* at the "George and Dragon" Inn. Mr. Hind, who had made out the analysis of the voters given above, gave this explanation of the custom of paying voters in Beverley: "It has been customary for generations past. I hold in my "hand a book of the date of 1807, containing a list of all the persons paid at "that election. On the first page is this entry, 'Paying Captain Vyse's voters, "16th June 1808.' Out of the 1,010 who voted at the election of 1807, it appears "from these entries that only 78 did not receive money. For a plumper the amount "paid was 3*l.* 8*s.*, a split vote 1*l.* 14*s.* At that time they used to pay wives, grand-"fathers, grandmothers, uncles, aunts, and everybody connected with the voters, so "that many of these freemen have drunk in the system with their mother's milk." There was expended on Mr. Keane's side at that election in bribery upwards of 1,000*l.*, and yet several of the voters complained before us of being disappointed, as the "mill had stopped," or the "tap had ceased to flow," before they had received the full amount of what they thought themselves entitled to claim for their votes. From the evidence of Mr. J. Hind, of Mr. Daniel Keane, and others, we have come to the conclusion that not less than four fifths of the persons who voted for the Liberal candidate in July 1865 were bribed; that from the commencement of the canvass it was contemplated by the candidate and his friends to have recourse to bribery, as it was well known in Beverley that without expending money in corrupt practices no candidate would have the slightest chance of success.

Evidence of D. D. Keane, p. 756; Daniel Keane, p. 604.

Evidence of W. Boyes and J. Boyes, p. 668–673.

45. The friends and supporters of Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Christopher Sykes, the Conservative candidates at that election, were equally alive to the prudence and necessity of providing funds for the contest, as their proceedings show; the first act we have been able to discover we traced to Wreghitt, not by any disclosure he had made while giving evidence, but by the admission of a witness named William Boyes, the landlord of a public-house called the "King's Arms." From his statement it appeared that some days before the polling day Wreghitt had placed 100*l.* in the hands of his (Boyes') son, a clerk in Machell, Pease, and Company's bank; that that 100*l.* had been transferred to him on the morning of the polling day; that he had paid the voters as they were brought to him in batches, but that he then remembered none of them. Wreghitt, in giving his evidence, distinctly and positively stated that he had never on any occasion advanced any money at a parliamentary election, and when called upon for an explanation when these facts came out, he stated that the circumstance had entirely escaped his memory, nor did he give us any account of how that sum of 100*l.* had got into his hands.

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 742.

Evidence of H. Barkworth, p. 420.

Evidence of F. C. Mathews, p. 404.

Evidence of J. B. Lowther, p. 224; H. Barkworth, p. 421.

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 541.

46. The next advance was made in a more complex and circuitous form. Early on the polling day Mr. Harold Barkworth, then a partner in the East Riding bank, and a magistrate of the borough, was introduced to Captain Egerton, Lord Londesborough's brother-in-law, and a friend of Mr. Sykes. They retired into a private room and exchanged securities; Captain Egerton giving his cheque on a London bank for 500*l.*, and Mr. Barkworth giving his promissory note. The cheque for 500*l.* was given to a Mr. Mathews, a manufacturer in the neighbouring town of Driffield, who happened to be casually passing through Beverley, by him taken to the East Riding bank and cashed there; the amount was afterwards handed to Mr. James Botterill Lowther, a merchant in the town, and now a member of the town council. Mr. Barkworth subsequently advanced 200*l.* more to Lowther, which he had drawn from Machell's bank, and Lowther immediately began to distribute it amongst the subordinate agents, Bentley, Thirsk, Skinn, Nutchey, Oxley, Kemplay, Musgrave, Whitton, Train, and Richardson. Mr. Barkworth several times refused to answer questions put to him, declaring, "that he was prepared to abide the consequences of his refusal;" but at length giving way, he furnished us with a clue to trace this sum of 700*l.*, and the further sum of 370*l.* subsequently advanced by the East Riding bank, and charged to the joint account of Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Sykes.

47. Mr. Bainton acted on this occasion also as the conducting agent of the two Conservative candidates. His bill was unexceptionable in every respect; it amounted to 651*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*; but in April 1866, a supplemental account was sent in and paid by Wreghitt to the amount of 161*l.*, which appears to have been handed over for distribution to Kemplay. A petition had been threatened, but nothing came of it; and then, according to the evidence of Mr. McCoy, Mr. Bainton's managing clerk, these other demands started up.

Evidence of T. McCoy, p. 406. Evidence of N. Kemplay, p. 269–70.

48. Mr. Barkworth, who had advanced the sum of 1070*l.* in July 1865, caused intimation to be given to the candidates early in 1866, that an unsettled account stood against them at the East Riding bank in respect of the election expenses of 1865. The sum was stated, but no particulars as to the manner in which it had been incurred or expended were asked for or given. Mr. Sykes stated that he had had no knowledge or cognizance of the advances made by the bank on that occasion; that he had given no authority to Captain Egerton or any other person to raise money on his behalf; that he had no knowledge of the proceedings of Mr. Barkworth, Mr. Mathews, or Mr. Lowther; and that it was only when Mr. Bainton paid him a visit in London, in April or May 1866, that he became aware of what had been done by these persons at the preceding election. Before Mr. Bainton's visit the matter had been the subject of discussion with him, Alderman Arden, Wreghitt, and others; and it was suggested at that meeting by Alderman Arden that Mr. Bainton should wait upon Mr. Sykes, and communicate to Mr. Sykes that his Beverley friends were of opinion that it was but fair that he should discharge the whole of that bill, as Sir Henry Edwards had been already at so much expense, and had done so much for the borough. Mr. Bainton, before he made that communication to Mr. Sykes, had an interview with Sir Henry Edwards, and with his sanction and approval submitted the proposal with which he had been charged to Mr. Sykes. Mr. Sykes indignantly rejected it. He gave us an account of what took place on that occasion: "I well remember the day that Mr. "Bainton called upon me. I had gone rather early in the morning to Sir Henry "Edwards, and he expressed a great wish that I should get back to my own house in "time to see Mr. Bainton. I saw Mr. Bainton, and he said that several gentlemen, "influential members of our committee, had taken into consideration the great previous "expenses which Sir Henry Edwards had been put to in the borough, and that they had "thought it fairer that I, being the junior member, should pay the whole sum. My "answer to that was, 'I have great respect and regard for you, Mr. Bainton, at "'the same time I cannot help expressing my surprise that you undertook to bring "'such a message to me. You can expect me to give but one answer, and that answer "'of course I give: I decline, as I believe the expenditure was for both.'"

Evidence of C. Sykes, p. 460. Evidence of H. W. Bainton, p. 474. Ib. p. 474. Evidence of C. Sykes, p. 460–1.

49. Mr. Sykes, soon after the interview with Mr. Bainton, remitted his portion of the expenses, 535*l.*, by a cheque of his own to the East Riding bank, and in a few days after Mr. Wreghitt handed to Mr. Barkworth in a private room at the bank Sir Henry Edwards' portion out of a sum of 600*l.* in half notes which had been transmitted to him from London in anonymous letters. He stated that he knew for what purposes that 600*l.* he had had been sent to him; that he took 535*l.* to the East Riding bank, and applied the remainder towards the payment of Sir Henry Edwards' account with Mr. Bainton.

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 54.

50. Above 1,100 voters were polled at that election; and considering the monies expended in bribery on either side, and the rate at which the voters were paid, we have come to the conclusion that not less than 800 of those who voted had accepted bribes from one side or the other, some from both. An election petition was threatened against the return of Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Sykes. Mr. Luke Hind had been employed in getting up the evidence to support it, but "it did not go on;" the reason given for its abandonment was "that at that time there was very great danger of disfranchisement."

Evidence of Luke Hind, p. 75.

51. The election of 1865 took place in July; in the following October Mr. Sykes, in fulfilment of the compact he had entered into with Wreghitt, commenced that series of contributions to the fund for bribery purposes at the local elections which continued down to his political severance from the borough in 1868. In 1866 six seats for the town council were contested; Mr. Wreghitt's six nominees were returned by large majorities; but it happened that there was an informality in the nomination papers on their side which the Court of Queen's Bench on a *quo warranto* held fatal to the return, and decided that their opponents were entitled to the seats. The bill of costs relating to the *quo warranto*, amounting to 391*l.*, was presented to Wreghitt

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 539. Ib. p. 542.

as if in the regular course of business, and by him forwarded to Major Edwards and Mr. Sykes, who paid it.

Evidence of H. Barkworth, p. 420. Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 540.

52. In the municipal election of 1867 opposition was either threatened or started, and immediate recourse was had (in the first instance) to Mr. Harold Barkworth for an advance of 58*l.*, which was accordingly made to Francis Burrell. In a few months Mr. Barkworth applied to Wreghitt for the money, and was repaid. Burrell, though repeatedly questioned on the subject, denied the receipt of any larger sum than 5*l.* on that occasion, but the evidence removed all doubts from our minds upon that point.

These payments, continued down to the end of 1867, or beginning of 1868, and ceasing on Mr. Sykes' determination to sever his political connexion with the borough, must be taken as part of the corrupt contemplated expenditure to which he owed his return in 1865.

Evidence of Captain Kennard, p. 523. Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 547.

53. Mr. Sykes' determination not to stand again for Beverley became known early in 1868, and Captain Kennard was, through the agency of Mr. Spofforth, recommended as a suitable successor. In July a deputation, composed of Wreghitt, Mr. Barkworth, and Lowther, waited upon him and explained the terms on which Mr. Sykes had been returned for Beverley. In Wreghitt's words, Captain Kennard agreed to do what his predecessors in the representation of Beverley had done. His candidature was then announced. Several written communications respecting the election and the state of affairs at Beverley passed between him and Wreghitt, but none were preserved. Captain Kennard had also written to and received letters from Sir Henry Edwards on the same subject, but none were forthcoming. On Captain Kennard's visit to Beverley some time towards the end of September, an arrangement was come to between himself and Wreghitt that money should be supplied to Wreghitt "for any political purposes," to use Wreghitt's words, "that I might think it right to apply it to." In that way matters stood till about the middle of October, when the first active steps were taken on either side towards securing the success of their respective candidates. The vacancies in the town council were seized upon as presenting a fitting occasion for a trial of strength on both sides, and accordingly all the usual electioneering agencies were brought into play.

Ib. p. 547.

Evidence of R. Norfolk, p. 174–185.

54. The "Working Men's Association" was set in motion, and under the chairman's influence six Conservatives were started—Mr. Norfolk, the managing director of the Iron and Waggon Company, Mr. Francis Denton, and Mr. Marmaduke Whitton, for one ward; and Mr. Usher, secretary to the Waggon Company, Mr. Catterson, his father-in-law, and Mr. Lowther for the other ward. And from the preparations made it was clear to us that a determination had been come to amongst the prominent supporters of either side to have recourse to bribery. The Liberals also started six candidates, and in St. Mary's ward Mr. Joseph Hind advanced, out of his own monies, 25*l.* to Thomas Green and Vickers for the purpose of purchasing votes in that ward, and that sum was accordingly expended. He did it, he stated, as a blind: "I knew "very well that it was not possible we could carry on a contest with money; but I "thought if they (the other side) should begin with 1*l.* a man, if they got started they "would be compelled to go through with it; but if they continued paying we "could not see how it could be disconnected with the parliamentary." About the same amount was spent in bribery in the Minster ward on the part of the Liberals; but so languidly did the work on that side proceed, that the election was substantially over by 11 o'clock in both wards, the six Conservative candidates coming in by large majorities.

Evidence of Joseph Hind, p. 247.

Evidence of R. Whiting, p. 322.

Evidence of H. C. Maxwell, p. 249; A. Trollope, p. 210; J. Wilkinson. p. 251.

55. With regard to the monies spent in bribery in the municipal contest, we have had before us as witnesses the two Liberal candidates, the Honorable Marmaduke Constable Maxwell and Mr. Anthony Trollope, and their conducting agent, Mr. Joseph Wilkinson, town clerk of York, and their evidence has satisfied us that they had not been parties either directly or indirectly to the bribery at the municipal election spoken to by different witnesses; nor had they advanced any money to be so applied, nor had they held out any expectation that they would repay any money that might have been advanced by others for the purpose. Mr. Wilkinson gave us a detailed account of the monies he had received in respect of the election from Lord Herries, on behalf of Mr. Maxwell, and from Mr. Trollope, and of the items of expenditure; and in these we failed to detect any trace of irregular or illegal payments.

56. Mr. Henry William Bainton again acted as conducting agent at that election for Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard; his accounts were equally clear and equally free from any items of an objectionable or equivocal character.

57. Captain Kennard, in fulfilment of his compact with Wreghitt, about the middle of October, in reply to a written application, instructed his London bankers to remit 100*l.* in notes to Wreghitt, which was done, and some time after—scarcely any of the witnesses on this part of the case would or could fix a date—in reply to a similar application, Mr. Cronhelm or Sir Henry Edwards sent 250*l.* in notes, 100*l.* of which Wreghitt claimed as "a present." Out of these monies Wreghitt advanced to Norfolk on Friday, the 30th of October, 150*l.*, for the purpose of being expended in bribery at the then approaching municipal election. This fact Mr. Norfolk repeatedly denied when under examination before us. His statement was to the effect that he and Mr. Lowther had fixed upon 350*l.* as the sum necessary to carry the election in both wards; that he early on the morning of Saturday the 31st of October waited upon Wreghitt. "He had the character (said the witness) in Beverley for "being very kindly disposed towards all candidates on all occasions, and I went to "test his good nature. And after I had seen Wreghitt, and he had not found what "I required, and refused to have anything to do with it, I went and consulted Mr. "Alderman Arden. Mr. Wreghitt told me very plainly he would have nothing to do "with it."

Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 547, 548.

Evidence of R. Norfolk, p. 176-7.

58. But upon the examination of Mr. Alderman Arden, and of Wreghitt and Forge, we found the facts to be as follow: Mr. Norfolk was adopted as a candidate with the others early in October by the Working Men's Conservative Association, and having determined to spend money in the election, Alderman Arden took occasion to ascertain from Mr. Forge, the manager of Machell, Pease, and Company's bank, whether, if funds were required, he would be ready to advance them. Meantime Norfolk waited, as before stated, on Wreghitt, and obtained 150*l.*, and early on the morning of Saturday the 31st of October applied to Mr. Forge, and received the further sum of 350*l.* Mr. Forge told him he might draw a cheque for 350*l.*, or any other sum he might require. On Monday he went or sent again to the bank, and obtained two other sums of 150*l.* and 300*l.*, making altogether 800*l.*, giving, as he stated, his cheques by way of acknowledgment. Norfolk did not keep his banking account at that bank, nor had he any funds there at the time, nor was the Waggon Company's account kept there. Wreghitt states that in the meantime he became apprehensive of the consequences of what he had done; "it might," as he said, "place his friends in jeopardy," and accordingly early on the day of the election, viz. the 2d November, he sought out Norfolk, and demanded back the monies he had advanced. Norfolk, having distributed by that time that money, as also the 350*l.* raised at the bank, could not then return it; but later in the day, upon going to the bank, he raised the money, and sent it in a parcel to Wreghitt through the hands of Alderman Arden.

Evidence of C. Arden, p. 372. Evidence of W. S. Wreghitt, p. 548. Evidence of Thomas Forge, p. 187.

59. The money obtained by Norfolk was distributed, some on the Saturday and some on the Monday. Lowther, one of the candidates, got 300*l.*; Francis Burrell, an innkeeper before mentioned, had 200*l.*; Thirsk, a foreman in one department of the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company, received 50*l.*; Bentley, a foreman in another department, received 100*l.* for distribution, and by 4 o'clock on the Monday the whole, or nearly the whole, of that money had been paid away to voters. The traffic was carried on openly in the market place and streets in the immediate vicinity of the Town Hall. There was no kind of secresy observed. The payments began at 1*l.* a vote, but ranged from 10*s.* 6*d.* to 15*s.*, 17*s.* 6*d.*, and 1*l.*; and shops were opened to which the voters were brought to be paid, and were kept open for that purpose some hours after the contest was over. David Nutchey, who had taken an active part as a briber in that and many previous elections, said that he received 100*l.* from Burrell, and took action in Mr. Padget's shop, and paid at the rate of from 1*l.* to 10*s.* He knew at 1 o'clock that his party had won, and told Burrell so, but Burrell said, "Pay on." On being asked whether it did not strike him that these payments had reference to the approaching parliamentary election, he replied, "It did not at the time, but I believe it had since." Watson, an auctioneer, paid away in a room at the "Golden Ball" public-house 170*l.* which he had received from Lowther, commencing at 15*s.*, then 17*s.* 6*d.*, and then it fell down to 10*s.* He puts the number he bribed at 200.

Evidence of R. Norfolk, p. 184; J. B. Lowther, p. 219; F. Burrell, p. 225; R. Thirsk, p. 239; J. R. Bentley, p. 236.

Evidence of David Nutchey, p. 243.

Evidence of William Watson, p. 244.

60. We believe that about 1,000 persons received money for their votes at that election. The circumstances attending the advance of the money to Norfolk, and the explanations offered by Mr. Alderman Arden, Mr. Forge, Mr. Norfolk, and Mr. Pease, satisfied us that the transaction as between Norfolk and the bank was not a *bonâ fide* one; that though Norfolk's name was signed to cheques, it was not upon their security the money was really advanced; and looking to the course of dealing which had pre-

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Boyes, James	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Boyes, William	—	—	—	Briber & bribed.	—
Boyes, William Ousterby	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Bradley, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Branton, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Brewer, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Brigham, George	—	Bribed.	—	—	—
Brigham, George, jun.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Brooks, Benjamin	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Brooks, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Brown, Henry	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Brown, Tindal	—	—	—	Briber.	Briber.
Browsho, William	—	—	—	—	Briber.
Brusby, George (Eastgate)	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Brusby, George (Highgate)	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Brusby, William	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Brusby, William (Beckside)	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Brusby, W. A.	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Bulman, James	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Bulman, John	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Burnham, George	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Burrell, Francis	—	—	—	—	Briber.
Burton Joseph	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Burton, Richard	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Calvert, Edwin	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Campey, George	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Cappleman, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Carling, Robert	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Castle, Francis	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Castle, Robert	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Catterson, William, jun.	—	—	—	—	Briber.
Catterson, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Cattle, Daniel	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Cattle, George	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Cattle, John	Bribed.	—	—	—	—
Cattle, James	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Cattle, Joseph	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Cattle, Thomas Isott	—	Bribed.	Briber.	Bribed.	—
Cattle, William	Bribed.	—	—	—	—
Chambers, John	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Champney, Thomas Frederick	Bribed.	—	—	—	—
Chapman, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Charlton, Robert	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Charlton, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Christian, Edward	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Christie, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Clare, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Clark, John	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Clark, Henry	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Clark, Michael	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Clough, George Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Clough, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Clubley, Peter	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.
Clubley, Thomas Marshall	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Clubley, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Clubley, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Coates, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Coates, Richard, jun.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Collinson, Spence	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Condor, Henry	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Constable, Charles	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Constable, John	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Constable, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Constable, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Cook, Charles	—	—	Bribed.	—	—
Cook, Joseph	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Cook, Samuel	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Cook, William	—	—	—	Briber.	Briber.
Cooke, William	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Cooke, William Henry	—	—	Briber.	—	—
Cooper, William	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Coupland, George	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Cronhelm, Frederick William	Briber.	—	—	—	—
Cross, George	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Cross, John	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—

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Cross, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Crossby, Robinson	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Crosskill, Alfred	—	—	Briber.	—	—
Dales, John	—	—	—	Briber & bribed.	Briber and bribed.
Dalton, Thomas, jun.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Davis, William George	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Dawson, John	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Dawson, John	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Dawson, Robert	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Deane, Samuel	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
De Caux, Henry	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Dixon, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Dixon, William Noon	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Dosser, Mark	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Dosser, William Brown	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Dove, Charles	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Dove, Gilbert	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Dove, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Dove, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Dove, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Duffill, George	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Duffill, Thomas	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Duffill, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Duffill, Thomas (Highgate)	—	Briber.	Briber.	Briber.	Briber.
Duffill, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Duffill, John	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Duffill, Paul Marsh	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Duncan, David	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Duncan, Peter	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Dunn, George	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Dunning, Daniel	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Edwards, Sir Henry	Briber.	Briber.	—	Briber.	Briber.
Egerton, Captain	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Ellerker, Jeremiah	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.	—
Ellerker, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Ellis, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Elliott, Joseph	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Elwell, James Edward	—	—	—	Bribed.	Briber and bribed.
England, John	Briber.	—	—	—	—
English, Thomas Daniel	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Etherington, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Everingham, Robert	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Farrah, Joseph	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Farrah, Robert Clubley	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.
Findlater, Samuel	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Firth, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Fitzgerald, George	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Flint, Thomas	—	—	—	—	Bribed
Forge, Thomas	—	—	—	—	Briber.
Foster, George	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Foster, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Foster, Ralph	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Foster, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Foster, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Freebury, Henry Thomas	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Gameson, James	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Garbutt, Isaac	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Gawan, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Gawan, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Gawan, Joseph	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Gibbs, David	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Gibbs, William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Gibson, James	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Gibson, William	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Giles, Thomas	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Gillyatt, Thomas Dalton	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Gillyatt, Thomas	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Gillyon, Benjamin	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Gleadhill, Andrew Clark	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.	—
Gleadhill, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Goforth, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Goforth, Robert	—	—	—	Bribed.	—

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Goforth, William	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Goodhill, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Gossip, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Gossip, Joseph	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Gossip, William Milner	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Gouldham, William Shepherd	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Goulding, Johnson	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Gouldwell, Jeremiah	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Gouldwell, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Gouldwell, Samuel	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Graham, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Grant, George	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	—
Grantham, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Grassby, Robert	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Gray, Matthew	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Green, Martin	—	—	Briber.	—	—
Green, Thomas	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Green, Thomas	—	—	—	—	Briber.
Greenbury, David	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Greenhough, Francis	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Greenhough, Joseph	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Greenhough, Joseph	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Greenhough, Thomas	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Gridley, Henry Gillett	—	—	Briber.	—	—
Griffin, Charles	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Griffin, Ambrose	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Griffin, Thomas	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Groves, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Groves, John, jun.	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Haddlesey, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Hague, Henry	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Hall, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Hall, John	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Hall, Reuben	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Hall, James	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Hall, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Hambleton, Robert	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Hardy, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Harris, Thomas	—	—	—	Bribed.	Briber and bribed.
Harrison, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Harrison, John	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Harrison, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Harrison, Thomas Harwood	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Harrison, William	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Hazzlehurst, Thomas	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Herdsman, Wilberforce	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Herdsman, Joseph Wilberforce	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Hewson, James	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Hind, Joseph	—	—	—	—	Briber.
Hind, Luke	—	—	—	Briber.	Briber.
Hobson, Edward	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Hobson, William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Hodgson, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Hoggard, George	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Hoggard, John	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Hoggard, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Hoggard, Robert	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Holliday, Robert	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Holliday, William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Holliday, Richard Allen	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Holtby, Stephen	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Horner, Joseph	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Horner, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Horner, Richard	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Horner, Richard, junior	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.
Hudson, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Hutchinson, Edward	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Hutchinson, Thomas	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Hutton, James	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Hutton, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Hutty, Samuel	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	—
Hyde, William James	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Ireland, Samuel	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Jameson, John Brandham	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—

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Jameson, Richard William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Jarvis, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Jenkinson, Reuben	—	Bribed.	—	—	—
Jenkinson, William	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Jewison, Charles Thomas	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Jobson, Peter	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Jobson, William	—	Bribed.	—	—	—
Johnson, William	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Johnson, Henry	Briber.	Briber.	Briber.	—	—
Julian, William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Julian, George	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Julian, Henry	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Keane, Daniel	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Keane, David Deady	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Kelty, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Kemplay, Nathaniel	Briber & bribed.	—	Briber & bribed.	Briber & bribed.	Briber.
Kennard, Capt, E. H.	—	—	—	—	Briber.
Kirk, Thomas, jun.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Kirk, Thomas	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Kirkman, James	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Kirkman, Frederick	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Kirby, Frederick	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Kirby, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Kitchen, Joseph	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Knipe, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Knowland, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Lamb, Richard	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Lancaster, John Constable	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Lancaster, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Lascelles, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Lascelles, Martin	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Leadley, David	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Leason, James	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.
Leason, John	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Leavens, James Joseph	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Lee, Joseph	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Levitt, Anthony	—	—	—	—	Briber.
Levitt, William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Little, James	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Loft, William	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Loft, William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Loft, Joseph	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	—
Loft, Henry	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	—
Loft, Robert	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Loft, Samuel	Briber.	—	Bribed.	—	—
Loft, Benjamin	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Loft, Samuel Barker	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.	—
Lovell, James William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Lowther, James Botterill	—	—	—	Briber.	Briber and bribed.
Lyon, Patrick	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
McCoy, Thomas	Briber.	Briber.	Briber.	—	—
Mallans, Richard	—	—	—	—	Briber and bribed.
Malton, Henry	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Marshall, Aaron	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Marshall, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Matthews, Francis Cooke	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Mawman, Robert	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
McGennis, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Meadows, Henry	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Megson, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Megson, Matthew	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Megson, Richard	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Megson, Richard	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Megson, Thomas	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Mercer, David	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Mercer, George	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Mercer, George	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Mercer, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Mercer, James	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Mercer, Robert	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Middleton, Joseph	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—

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Middleton, William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Milner, Henry	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Mitchell, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	—
Mitchell, William	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Moate, Richard	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Monkman, George	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Monkman, Thomas	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Monkman, William	—	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.
Moore, Benjamin	—	Briber.	—	Briber.	Briber.
Moore, Robert	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Morley, David	Briber.	—	—	Briber.	—
Musgrave, George Foster	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Musgrave, Phineas	—	Bribed.	—	Briber.	—
Musgrave, Thomas	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Needham, John	—	Bribed.	—	—	—
Needham, John	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Needham, James, junior	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Needham, Robert	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Needham, Robert	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Newbald, John	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—	—
Newby, Stephen	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Newton, Daniel	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Nicholson, Daniel	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Nicholson, Levi	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Nicholson, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Nichols, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Norfolk, Richard	—	—	—	—	Briber and bribed.
North, Richard	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Nutchey, David	Briber.	Briber.	Briber.	Briber.	Briber.
Nutchey, John	—	Briber.	—	—	—
Osgerby, Edward	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Osgerby, George	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Osgerby, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Oxley, Thomas	Briber.	—	—	—	—
Padget, Charles	Bribed.	—	—	—	Bribed.
Padget, James Oxtoby	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Padget, Robert	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.	—
Padget, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Briber.	Briber.	—
Palmer, Thomas Sumner	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Palmer, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Parker, Peter	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Park, Robert	—	—	—	—	Briber.
Pearson, John Robert	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Peck, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Peck, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Pexton, James	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Philpot, Stephen	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Briber and bribed.
Philpot, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Pickard, Andrew	—	Bribed.	—	—	—
Pickard, Charles	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Pinder, James Brusby	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Pool, Robinson	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Porrill, Abraham	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Porte, Robert Shaw	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Pottage, Richard	—	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.
Pougher, John	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Pougher, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Powell, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Procter, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	—
Puckering, Robert	—	—	Briber.	—	Briber.
Railer, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Railton, Thew	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Ramshaw, Joseph Lee	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Ramshaw, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Ramshaw, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Ransom, Robert Robinson	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Raspin, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	—
Rawson, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Rennison, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Rennison, Richard	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Richardson, Anthony	—	—	—	—	Bribed.

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Richardson, John	Briber.	—	—	—	—
Richardson, John	Briber.	—	—	Briber.	Bribed.
Richardson, Robert	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Richmond, Thomas	—	—	Briber.	Briber.	Briber.
Ridley, Francis	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Ridley, Henry	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Ridley, Hugh	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Ridley, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Ridley, Joseph	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Ridley, William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Ringrose, Thomas Tindall	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Rippon, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Rippon, Thomas, jun.	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Rippon, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Robinson, Benjamin	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Robinson, George Catterson	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Robinson, John	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Robson, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Robson, James Hardy	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Roe, Matthew	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Ross, Benjamin	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Roxby, Henry	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Russell, George	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Sanderson, George	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Sanderson, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Sawney, Robert	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Scarr, Joseph	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Scarr, James Thomas	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Scarr, Matthew	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Scaum, George	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Scaum, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Scruton, Henry	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Scruton, John	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Scruton, John	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.
Scruton, John (Keldgate)	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Scruton, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.
Shaw, John Lumley	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Shearsmith, Marshall	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Simpson, George	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Simpson, Richard	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Simpson, Robert	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Simpson, Thomas	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Skinner, Edward A.	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Skinner, Richard	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Skinner, Richard	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Skinner, William	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Skinn, William	—	—	Briber.	Briber.	Briber.
Slater, Charles Henry	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Slater, George	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Smedley, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Smelt, Robert	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Smelt, Samuel, jun.	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Smelt, Samuel	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Smelt, Stephen George	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Smith, J. D.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Smith, Richard	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Southwick, Frederick	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Southwick, Thomas	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Southwick, William	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Spence, William	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Spencely, Thomas	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Spencely, William	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Spivey, Benjamin	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Spivey, Charles	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Spivey, Henry	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Spivey, John	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Spivey, Thomas	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Spivey, William, jun.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Spivey, William	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Stamford, Charles	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Stather, Stephen	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Stephenson, Edward	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Stephenson, Edward	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Stephenson, John	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Stephenson, Thomas Crump	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Stimpson, Richard	—	—	—	—	Bribed.

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Stokell, James	—	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.
Stothard, John	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Stott, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Strafford, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Straker, Thomas	—	—	—	Briber & bribed.	—
Sturdy, William	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Suddaby, Robert	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Suddaby, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Suddaby, Samuel	—	Briber.	Briber.	Briber.	—
Suggitt, Thomas	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Sunman, William	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Sumner, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Sykes, Christopher	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Sykes, Joseph	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Sykes, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Tattershall, Richard	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Taylor, Robert	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Taylor, Robert	—	Briber.	—	—	—
Taylor, Thomas Henry	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Taylor, John W.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Taylor, Joseph Parker	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Tebb, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Thirsk, Robert	—	—	—	Briber.	Briber.
Thompson, Benjamin	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Thompson, James Dales	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	—	Briber.
Thompson, Robert	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Thompson, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Thornton, Edward	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Thorney, J. J.	Briber.	—	—	—	—
Tindall, Edward	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Tinsley, Thomas	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Tomlinson, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Tomlinson, J. Shaw	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Train, William	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Tritschler, Fidel	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Trushell, James	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Tuting, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Turner, Jacob	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Turner, Robert	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Turner, Thomas E.	—	—	—	Briber.	—
Turnbull, Robert	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Twineham, James	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Underwood, Henry	Briber.	—	—	Briber.	Bribed.
Usher, Henry	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Verity, Charles	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Verity, William	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Vetch, George	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Vickers, John Smales	Briber.	—	Briber.	—	Briber.
Voase, Frederick	—	—	Briber.	—	Briber.
Walker, Frederick J.	—	—	Briber.	—	—
Walker, John	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Walker, Matthew	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Walker, Matthew	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
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Walker, Thomas	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Walker, Sir James, Bart.	—	—	Briber.	—	—
Walker, William	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Wallis, Henry	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.
Wallis, Robert Knaggs	—	—	—	Bribed.	Briber.
Wallis, Samuel	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Wallis, Thomas Henry	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Briber and bribed.
Walters, Horner	Bribed.	—	—	—	Bribed.
Walters, James	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Wardell, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Wardell, Thomas	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Watson, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Watson, Peter	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Watson, Robert	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—	—
Watson, Robert	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Watson, William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Watson, William M.	—	—	—	—	Briber.

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West, Jacob	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Weatherill, Thomas	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Wheldrake, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Whisker, Thomas	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Whitehead, Henry	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Whitehead, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
White, Thomas	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	Briber.
Whiteing, James	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Whitfield, William	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Whitton, Marmaduke L.	—	—	—	Briber.	Bribed.
Whitton, Thomas	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Wilkins, W.	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Wilkinson, George	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Wilson, John	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Wilson, John	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Wilson, Matthew	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Wilson, Milner	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.
Wilson, Oswald	—	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.
Wilson, Samuel	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Briber & bribed.	Briber.
Wilson Thomas	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Wilson, William	—	Bribed.	—	Bribed.	—
Wilson, William	—	—	—	Bribed.	—
Wilson, William	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Windas, Silas	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Wood, John, jun.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Wood, William	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Woollock, William	—	Bribed.	—	—	Bribed.
Wreghitt, William Smales	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Briber & bribed.	Briber and bribed.
Wright, George	—	—	—	—	Bribed.
Wynn, George French	—	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	—
Young, William	—	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.	Bribed.

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AND

HOMERSHAM COX, ESQ., BARRISTER-AT-LAW,

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO INQUIRE

INTO

THE EXISTENCE OF BRIBERY AT THE LAST ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SIT IN PARLIAMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY, AND ON FORMER SIMILAR OCCASIONS.

At the Town Hall, Beverley.

J. F. COLLIER, ESQ., BARRISTER-AT-LAW, SECRETARY.

FIRST DAY.

Tuesday, 24th August 1869.

(The Secretary read the Commission.)

Mr. THOMAS CRUST sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

1. You are the town clerk of Beverley ?—I am.

2. About what year were you appointed ?—In the year 1846, in the month of January.

3. What political party then predominated in the town ?—I can scarcely tell you.

4. Have you not interfered in any way since your appointment ?—No ; I thought I was not justified, nor have I professed any political opinions.

5. And you were not concerned politically at all ?—No, I was not concerned politically at all.

6. You never interfered on any occasion ?—Not further than a little personal influence on the last occasion.

7. Were you Liberal in politics, or Conservative ?—I never professed any political opinions at all.

8. Not in times past ?—No, never; perhaps it may be that Mr. Maxwell, one of the candidates, having been kind in assisting me in my election as treasurer of the East Riding, I did give my personal influence to him on the last occasion.

9. But nothing like interfering at all ?—Not at all.

10. What is the population of the town of Beverley, the gross population ?—The parliamentary borough ?

11. Well, that first, and the other after ?—10,868 in 1861.

12. Can you give me the population in 1851 and 1841 ?—No, I cannot.

13. You will be able to supply it ?—I shall, no doubt.

14. Can you give me the number of inhabited houses in the town of Beverley ?—I am afraid I cannot.

15. Then of course you cannot give the unoccupied ?—No, I cannot.

16. Nor of householding ?—No.

17. Is the population increasing slightly ? — I believe it is slightly increasing.

18. Should you say it was a thriving place ?—I can scarcely say.

19. Is it stagnant or going back ?—It is much the same as it has been the last few years.

20. Is there any particular trade in the place ?—Yes, linseed works, iron factories, and colour works.

21. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are colour works ?—Making colours.

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22. Dyeing?—There are also whiting and artificial manures, and cake and oil mills.

23. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you aware of any other trade?—No, nothing but the ordinary trades.

24. It is, I believe, in a vast agricultural country?—Yes.

25. And pretty good markets?—Not so good since the cattle plague.

26. The quarter sessions for the East Riding are held here?—Yes. I should mention there are linseed cake and bone crushing mills.

27. It is a kind of capital for the East Riding?—It is.

28. Are these different factories you have mentioned in full work at present?—Most of them are.

29. Are they generally in work?—Generally they are.

30. That is enough for us; we do not want details. We will go at once to the boundaries of Beverley. First of all, have you a map you put in?—Here is a map of the parliamentary boundary.

31. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What is this map?—It is one with boundaries defined; the red line shows the parliamentary boundary fixed in 1832.

32. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It is within the red mark.

33. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The municipal borough of Beverley consists of three parishes, St. Martin's, St. Mary's, and St. Nicholas?—Yes.

34. Now the gross amount of population of the municipal borough is 9,654?—It is according to the last census.

35. Then the out-township of Molescroft in the parish of St. John, Beverley?—Yes.

36. The population of that is 143?—Yes, the out-townships come to a little over 1,200,—1,214.

37. The township of Storkhill and Sandholme?—Yes.

38. And the township of Thearne?—Yes, the township of Thearne.

39. And Tickton and Hull Bridge, that is one township?—Yes, one township.

40. Then Weel?—Yes.

41. And the township of Woodmansey and Beverley Parks?—Yes.

42. The gross population of these would be a little over 1,200?—It will be 1,214.

43. Now I will take the municipal boundaries?—The boundaries consist of St. Martin's, St. Mary's, and St. Nicholas.

44. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The boundaries are the same as the parliamentary, except the out-townships?—They are the same, except the out-townships.

45. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the number of voters on the parliamentary register?—The gross number was 2,672.

46. That is the gross number without deduction?—Yes, the gross number without deduction.

47. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The last year?—Yes, the last year.

48. Then by double qualification that is reduced by 571?—It is reduced to 2,101, the net.

49. What is the number of occupiers on the register?—1,804.

50. Lodgers three?—Lodgers three.

51. And freemen 865?—Yes.

52. The occupiers of course are the same all over the country?—Yes.

53. And are shown by the section of the Act?—Yes.

54. Now up to the time of the Reform Bill of 1832 the freemen were admitted by purchase, and were the sole electors for the election of parliamentary members?—They were of course.

55. And were so wherever they might reside?—Yes.

56. The whole of the body of freemen?—Yes.

57. How do they gain their freedom?—By birth or apprenticeship; but I should say their parents must reside within the three parishes; they must be born within Old Beverley, for a freeman's son born in Molescroft or Tickton, that is not sufficient.

58. These out-townships were added in 1832?—They were.

59. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) By the Reform Act?—Yes, the Boundary Act.

60. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How are freemen admitted?—On attaining the age of 21 they apply to me as town clerk. Notice is given, a seven days' notice, previous to the application to the mayor. Then, supposing it to be by birth, they attend with a certificate of baptism, and with some person to prove they are legitimate and 21 years of age.

61. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Apply at your office?—Yes.

62. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In this borough they are not admitted under 21 years of age?—No, they are not.

63. That is not invariable, as you know?—Yes.

64. There are some fees paid on admission?—There are.

65. What are they?—They are paid to the treasurer. I think 7*s.* is paid to the treasurer on freedom by birth, and 2*l.* 9*s.* by servitude, that is, apprenticeship. On admission they pay 1*s.* to me for notice, and also 1*s.* for the pasture list.

66. Is it within your knowledge these fees are paid by persons other than the applicants for admission?—I never heard of it till within the last few months.

67. By that you mean till the inquiry?—I never heard of it until I heard of it in court.

68. Then it has not been a matter of public notoriety?—It certainly never came to my knowledge, and I had not the least notion of it until I heard of it in court.

69. The fees were paid to the treasurer?—Yes; they have been occasionally left with me when he has been going from home, acting simply as his agent.

70. Have the freemen any privileges?—They have.

71. Privileges as distinct from property?—They have freedom from toll.

72. Freedom from what tolls?—From all ordinary market tolls.

73. Have they freedom from the navigation?—They would not be free from tolls under the old grants where our acts were subsequent.

74. I mean practically free from tolls; there is a navigation here, are they free from the tolls of it?—Oh, no.

75. You are not aware they have any benefit practically, except freedom from market tolls?—No.

76. I think in this paper you have given me there is something about the taking up of freedoms by purchase?—The corporation could compel traders to take up their freedom. It was an arbitrary regulation; the fine varied from time to time.

77. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When was that?—Prior to the Corporation Act.

78. Prior to 1836?—Yes, it was; there is an express clause in the Corporation Act on it.

79. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe the freemen have considerable property?—They have.

80–2. Of what does it consist?—Of free common pastures.

83. Are there any houses?—Merely the houses belonging to the pastures, for the neatherds; there are two or three cottages.

84. The pastures are enjoyed by the freemen?—Yes.

85. How are they enjoyed by the freemen?—Before the Corporation Act the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses held these pastures under grants, and made regulations from time to time.

86. How are they enjoyed now, and what enjoyment have the freemen?—They are enjoyed under regulations made by the pasture masters who restrict the number of cattle to be turned on.

87. Do the freemen pasture them upon the payment of a sum?—There is an annual payment, varying from time to time as determined by the pasture masters.

88. What becomes of the money ?—One portion goes in payment of salaries and expenses, the net surplus is divided among those who do not stock, and who claim to participate in the fund.

89. Who do not stock and have no benefit ?—Yes.

90. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is the act of the pasture masters ?—Yes.

91. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The other freemen claim to participate ?—Yes, as many as ask, but there are many who do not ask to participate in so small a fund.

92. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mention whom ; how many ? —I am not able to say.

93. Can you give me anyone ? Perhaps you cannot tell me ; there is a Mr. Monkman coming to-day, and probably he will be able to tell us ?—Yes, he is the clerk to the pasture masters.

94. This property, the freemen's property, is under their own control ?—It is.

95. And in order to manage it they elect pasture masters ?—They do.

96. How many are elected ?—Twelve.

97. Do they go out in rotation ?—Twelve are elected the 1st of March in every year.

98. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Those who go out are eligible to re-election, I suppose ?—Yes.

99. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We are told these pasture masters are all on one side of politics ?—It is very likely.

100. You do not know whether that is so or not ? —I really do not. I do not know their names.

101. Have you ever heard of political influence being used in reference to the stocking of the pastures ?—No, I have not.

102. You have never heard it has been said that some of the freemen of a particular side of politics had an advantage in stocking over the others ? —They could have none, for the byelaws regulate the cattle to be turned on each pasture and the sums to be paid.

103. And you think no impropriety in that respect has taken place ?—I think it is quite impossible.

104. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is, if the byelaws are carried out ?—I think the freemen are so jealous of their rights——

105. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You think there has been no informality ?—I never heard of any.

106. With reference to the distribution of money, have you ever heard of any injustice in that respect ? —Never till the time of the last inquiry.

107. I am now upon the distribution of the money paid for depasturing cattle ?—No, I never heard of it ; it is rateably apportioned among those who claim, and I never heard of any claim being disallowed.

108. Very well, we may take it there has been no abuse in that respect ?—I should think not.

109. Who has made these byelaws by which the pastures are regulated ?—They have been varied from time to time. They were originally framed by the solicitor employed in getting the local Act of Parliament.

110. You say they were framed by the solicitor— by the solicitor to whom ?—By the solicitor to the pasture masters, the gentleman who was concerned in getting the Act of Parliament.

111. It is a general Act ?—It is a local Act.

112. And by whom have they been varied from time to time ?—By the solicitor employed at the time for the pasture masters.

113. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He could not vary a byelaw ?—He prepared them.

114. By whose direction ?—By the direction of the pasture masters for the time being.

115. Will you point out the provision in the Act which authorizes that, giving them power to vary the byelaws ?—Yes. "That it shall be lawful for the said "pasture masters from time to time to make such bye- "laws, rules, and orders as they shall think proper for "the management of the said common pastures," &c.

116. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What section is that ?—It is not numbered, but is the 34th, I think.

117. Have you ever heard of these byelaws being varied so as to operate unjustly at any election ?— Never.

118. Or that they were perverted for political purposes in any way ?—Never.

119. Could you tell us what are the politics of the freemen of Beverley ; are they generally Conservative or Liberal ?—I really should not like to say ; I should not be able to say.

120. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The majority ?—Are you asking as to the last election, or generally ?

121. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Well, I will ask you generally, and then in particular ?—The last election was rather an exceptional case.

122. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In what way ?—The circumstances attending it.

123. What were they ?—With regard to what took place at the municipal election.

124. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you say generally what the politics of the freemen are, whether Liberal or Conservative ?—I should not like to say.

125. The freemen have the advantage, have they not, of one Walker's Gift ?—It is Walker's Freeman's Pasture Gift.

126. Have the pasture masters the management of that ?—They have.

127. What is the acreage ?—1,174. The words are, "Certain common pastures called so-and-so" (*reading*).

128. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Making about 1,174 acres ?—Yes.

129. What are they worth now ?—I don't exactly know, but they are very valuable indeed.

130. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What would they let at an acre ?—I should think they would let at 4*l.* an acre, but in fact it is out of my province.

131. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know what the sum you have spoken of as the surplus amounts to ?—I do not.

132. They don't allow strangers to put cattle on ?— No. There are some few rights belonging to private individuals.

133. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They do not let it out to strangers ?—No ; but they do this, persons desirous of letting their gates give notice to the pasture masters, who then let them for them.

134. To strangers ?—No, to other freemen.

135. Are strangers allowed ?—No, they are not.

136. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have the freemen any advantages derivable from any charity except Walker's Gift ?—I am not aware that they have. There are several charities in the town, and it may be that they have advantages, but I am not aware of it.

137. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now, as to the common pastures, have you the deed, or whatever it is, under which they take these advantages in common ?—No.

138. Nor a copy of it ?—No ; all these documents and the accounts will be with the pasture masters ; in fact I am not able to give it you.

139. Now, I will just get from you the polls since 1841, and the members returned. In 1841 there was an election ?—I have not the poll book.

140–1. Here is a little book, and I suppose it is correct. In 1841 J. Towneley, Esq., 531 ; J. W. Hogg, Esq., 529; and S. L. Fox, Esq., 489. What politics was Mr. Towneley ?—Liberal.

142. And the other two Conservatives ?—They were.

143. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was the election on which Sir Robert Peel came in ?—Yes.

144. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In 1847 S. L. Fox polled 543, J. Towneley 542, and J. S. Goldsmid 257. Mr. Fox was a Conservative ?—He was.

145. And Towneley was a Liberal again ?—He was.

146. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What became of Mr. Fox ; did he retire or take office ?—He retired ; he became member for Ipswich.

147. Mr. Fox was a Conservative and Mr. Goldsmid a Liberal ?—Yes.

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148. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In 1852 the Hon. F. C. Lawley had 611 votes?—Yes, Mr. Lawley, the brother of Lord Wenlock.

149. Mr. W. Wells and Mr. Glover were also candidates, E. A. Glover?—Yes.

150. Mr. Wells and Mr. Lawley were Liberals?—They were.

151. E. A. Glover, was he a Liberal?—Well, I suppose so.

152. Then in 1854 the Hon. A. Gordon polled 493 votes, and E. Hastings 192?—Yes.

153. What politics was Mr. Gordon?—Liberal.

154. And Mr. Hastings?—Liberal.

155. In 1857 the Hon. H. F. Denison had 566 votes, E. A. Glover 537, and W. Wells, Esq., 492. Mr. Denison was a Liberal, I suppose?—He was; he was son of Lord Londesborough.

156. Mr. Denison and Mr. Wells were Liberals?—Yes.

157. And E. A. Glover, was he still a Conservative; he was supported by the Conservatives?—Yes.

158. I suppose I may put him down as a Conservative, and Mr. Wells as a Liberal?—Yes.

159. That is 1857. In 1859 R. Walters had 605 votes, and J. R. Walker 435?

(*The Witness.*) It is said you have missed one election.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Yes, I see,—1857, *vice* E. A. Glover disqualified, H. Edwards 579, and Mr. Wells 401.

160. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is that Mr. Edwards, the present gentleman?—Yes.

161. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Well, Mr. Edwards had 579, and Mr. Wells 401?—Yes.

162. Mr. Edwards was a Conservative and Mr. Wells a Liberal; is that so?—Yes.

163. Then we go on to 1859?—Yes.

164. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do I understand that when Mr. Glover was disqualified Mr. Edwards was brought forward as a candidate, and as a Conservative, to supply his place?—Yes, by the same party.

165. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Glover was supported by the Conservatives?—Yes, he was generally supported by them.

166. (*Mr. Barstow.*) 1859, R. Walters, 605, H. Edwards, 539, J. R. Walker, 435, and E. A. Glover, 54?—Yes.

167. Then Mr. Walters was a Liberal, Mr. Edwards a Conservative, Mr. Walker a Conservative, and Mr. Glover a Conservative, if he was a Conservative?—Yes.

168. Then 1860, *vice* R. Walters, Esq., unseated on petition, J. R. Walker, Esq., 596, and H. G. Gridley, Esq., 473?

169. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I suppose Mr. Walker was brought forward in the same way to supply the place of the disqualified candidate by the same party?—Yes.

170. (*Mr. Barstow.*) But Mr. Walters was a Liberal?—Yes.

171. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He was not brought forward by the same party?—No.

172. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What Liberal was brought forward?—Mr. Gridley.

173. (*Mr. Barstow.*) H. G. Gridley, 473. Mr. Walker's family were Beverley people?—Quite so.

174. By the way, was the donor of Walker's gift of the family?—No, no relation whatever. James Robert Walker was the son of Sir James Walker.

175. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. Walker was connected with the town by family, you say?—He was.

176. (*Mr. Barstow.*) 1865, Henry Edwards, Esq., 689, C. Sykes, Esq., 636, and D. D. Keane, Esq., 493. Then the two first, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Sykes, were Conservatives, and Mr. Keane was Liberal?—Yes.

177. Then now we come to the election of 1868, and there was Sir Henry Edwards, 1,132, E. H. Kennard, Esq., 986, the Hon. M. C. Maxwell, 895, and A. Trollope, 740; the two first were Conservative, and the other two were Liberals?—Yes.

178. Are any of these gentlemen besides Mr. Walker connected by family with the town?—I could scarcely call either Mr. Sykes or Mr. Maxwell quite strangers; they were living in the locality.

179. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now Towneley and Hogg, were they strangers?—Yes.

180. And Fox and Lawley?—The Hon. F. C. Lawley was the son of Lord Wenlock, who is the Lord Lieutenant.

181. Wells and Glover, were they connected by family?—No.

182. Gordon and Denison, were they strangers?—Not Denison; he has considerable property in the neighbourhood.

183. How is Walters, is he a stranger?—Yes, quite a stranger.

184. What brought him here, you do not know?—I do not.

185. Edwards; now, what is he?—He is a stranger.

186. And Gridley?—A stranger too.

187. And Mr. Keane?—He was also a stranger.

188. And Mr. Kennard?—He was quite a stranger too.

189. And Mr. Maxwell?—His father is living in the neighbourhood.

190. He is not a stranger then. Then Mr. Trollope?—Mr. Trollope is quite a stranger.

191. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is there anything you could suggest more about the freemen?—I am not aware of anything; the freemen on the electoral roll for 1833 and 1834——

192. I was going to ask you that another time. I will do whatever is convenient. I was going to ask you about the relative proportion borne by the freemen. You see on the 31st of July 1830 there polled 1,420 burgesses; that would be, of course, before the Reform Bill?—Yes.

193. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There was no limit of residence then?—No; many came down from London.

194. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I will not trouble you about the intermediate elections, but in the first election after the Reform Bill, the 10th of December 1832, 833 freemen polled and 138 householders?—Yes, 10*l.* householders.

195. Now, then, at the election in 1835, 994 freemen polled?—No, that includes both freemen and householders.

196. Then they have in fact apparently diminished in numbers?—Those qualified to vote have, but the freemen have not in fact diminished; we have the same number of freemen on the roll.

197. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There is now a limit as to residence?—Yes.

198. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Those freemen we have just now been speaking of, who voted in 1832, must have been the same; the out freemen did not vote in that election?—No, they did not.

199. Now you see in the late election there were 779 freemen voted; is not that so?—We have 865 freemen on the register.

200. Yes, but you give no number of freemen on the register then. If 833 freemen vote you must have had about 1,000; there are always a lot of people on the register who do not vote. Supposing the number the same as now, 833 would go very close to the margin?—We have 865 on the present register, and on the register of 1833 and 1834 there were 861.

201. But you see the comparison is between those who voted in 1832 and those on the register in 1868?—I have the actual numbers on the register of 1832.

202. What were they?—861.

203. That is on the register of 1832?—Yes, 1833 and 1834.

204. That will do quite enough; the number was then 861?—Yes, and the present numbers are 865, so that in fact it is stationary.

205. They have not actually diminished but remained stationary you say; but relatively they have declined it is plain, because in the election of 1832, 833 freemen polled and 138 householders; that is to say, about 11 freemen polled to two householders, that is about the proportion?—Those would be 10*l.* householders; now we have it lowered.

206. It all comes to the same thing; the number of freemen in proportion to the other voters has relatively diminished very much?—Oh, certainly.

207. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are there any freemen who have not the right of voting?—I think there are two or three; there are about three disqualified.

208. (*Mr Serjeant O'Brien.*) Bribery or something—I do not want to go into that.

209. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How disqualified?—There are about three not entitled to vote. Mr. Bainton here is one of them.

210. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is not there one disqualified by the mode in which I suggest?—There may be, no doubt, but that would come before the revising barrister.

211-2. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I will just get this one thing more. At the last election 1,123 householders and lodgers voted, that was in 1868, and 779 freemen?—That is so.

213. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You could not at all give us how the freemen voted proportionately?—Yes; I have the statement of the last election here.

214. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I forgot to ask you when was it the borough of Beverley first sent members to Parliament?—I believe in the latter part of the 13th century.

215. In the reign of Edward the First?—Yes.

216. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And by charter I suppose?—I can scarcely make out the origin.

217. What is your latest charter?—Queen Elizabeth's, I think, but as to the first I really would not undertake to say.

218. Where do the pastures come from?—They were grants from the Archbishops of York, I believe.

219. What is the date?—1100 and something, one of the grants.

220. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say that in the 23rd of Edward the First the town first returned members to Parliament?—Yes.

221. And in the 5th of Elizabeth, and since then, they have sent members to Parliament regularly?—I am not quite clear whether that is 5th or 15th; it is not very clear.

222. Since 1563 they have sent members to Parliament?—Yes.

223. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They have sent two members?—They have sent two members.

224. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the date of your first charter of incorporation?—The 15th of Elizabeth.

225. Will you tell us the date of it?—1573.

226. What was the government of the town under that?—A recorder, a mayor, and 12 governors.

227. That was varied by charters after that?—It was.

228. Go on now to the Municipal Reform Act. What was the government of the town at the time of the Municipal Reform Act?—A mayor, aldermen, and capital burgesses; there were 13 capital burgesses added by the charter of Charles the Second.

229. The mayor, that would be one; how many aldermen?—12.

230. How many capital burgesses?—13 capital burgesses.

231. (*Mr Serjeant O'Brien.*) I presume they had the management of the pasturage at the time?—They had. In fact it is a disputed point whether the corporation are the owners of the soil or the freemen.

232. It is now?—Yes, there is a saving clause in the Pastures Act.

233. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now, then, I will just take you to the government under the Municipal Corporation Acts. How many wards is the borough divided into?—Two.

234. What wards are they?—The Minster and St. Mary's Ward.

235. Of what does the Minster Ward consist?—The parishes of St. Martin and St. Nicholas.

236. Just give me the united population of those two; what is the population of the Minster Ward?—5,823.

237. And then St. Mary's Ward?—The parish of St. Mary alone 3,831.

238. Now, then, of what does the corporation consist?—A mayor, six aldermen, and 18 councillors.

239. How are the councillors elected?—By those on the burgess roll.

240. I mean with respect to the wards?—Three annually to each ward.

241. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is, there are six elected annually?—Yes.

242. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And the aldermen, I suppose, are chosen by the councillors?—They are.

243. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do they go out?—Three every three years.

244. And the mayor?—Is elected by the council.

245. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now the mode of voting is prescribed by the 32nd section of the Municipal Corporation Act, 5th and 6th of William the Fourth, chapter 146?—They vote by papers.

246. And in those voting papers the voter fills in the Christian name and surname of the person for whom he wishes to vote, and the residence, and signs his own name?—Yes, and description.

247. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I suppose they get the voting papers from you?—No; the parties themselves provide the voting papers.

248. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now the parties you say themselves provide?—They do, the voting papers.

249. To whom are these papers given by the voters?—To the mayor and assessors.

250. I am supposing now a man goes for his voting paper. I am supposing a voter goes to provide himself with a paper, to whom would he go?—As a matter of fact, I suppose they go to the committee room of one of the parties.

251. At each municipal election the parties have a committee room?—Yes.

252. And the party wishing to vote goes to the committee room?—Yes, or is taken there.

253. He goes there at all events?—Yes.

254. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are the names printed of the candidates?—Yes.

255. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then he signs it, I suppose?—In many cases I should suppose the signature is affixed in his presence, but not by him.

256. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) At the time he votes?—No, before. He goes to the committee room and has a paper handed to him, and his name is signed for him by some party there in his presence.

257. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It is signed by his authority and in his presence?—Yes.

258. And he takes the paper to wherever he votes—to the voting place?—There are two rooms set apart in this place for the wards, and an alderman and two assessors are provided for each ward.

259. There are two rooms in this building?—There are.

260. That is to say, the two rooms are one for each ward?—Yes.

261. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where we are now?—Just at the entrance.

262. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who would he find there?—He would find an alderman of that particular ward and two assessors.

263. Those are all who are bound to be there?—Yes.

264. But I suppose as a matter of fact each party has an agent there present?—Yes.

265. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) By courtesy?—It has always been the practice; both parties seem to desire to have an agent present.

266. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The paper is presented by the voter?—Yes.

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267. These assessors, by the way, are they one of each party ?—They are elected on the 1st of March, and generally they have been one of each party.

268. Is that the rule ?—It is generally ; the practice is to have one of each party as the assessor.

269. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What about last time ?—The same. It is very immaterial, for of course there are the mayor and two assessors; and supposing the two assessors are divided, whoever is the mayor takes with him an assessor.

270. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I do not understand ?—The arrangement for dividing is practically unimportant as far as regards any objection to the votes, because the mayor and two assessors form the committee, and the majority decide the questions.

271. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What sort of questions ?—As to identity or questions of that kind, or any misdescription in the burgess roll, whether it is such as to disqualify him, or to enable him to have his vote admitted.

272. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Well, then, you say the party presents his paper to the alderman ?—Yes.

273. What is done with the paper ?—It is merely tested first, to see whether the voter is on the burgess roll.

274. It is shown to the two assessors ?—Well, generally one assessor takes the book, another takes the number, and the alderman takes the paper, and then the vote is received and put down, the paper afterwards comes into my hands as town clerk.

275. When the vote is given to the alderman, I suppose that then some one or another looks at the name, and having seen for which candidate he votes he places it in a book prepared for that purpose ?—No, he merely ticks in a book the name of the man who has voted, but it is their own paper on which the names appear.

276. How do they know for whom the man voted ?—By the colour of the papers.

277. That must be a very unsystematic way ?—They are all carefully gone through at the close of the polling.

278. There is no book kept ?—No.

279. And no account, no calculation ?—No, but each party takes care to know pretty accurately as they go on how the voting is going ; but in fact no calculation is made until the close of the poll.

280. There is no official act until the close of the poll ?—No.

281. There is nothing said when the papers are advanced ?—Merely the ordinary questions asked.

282. The voter does not mention the name of the person for whom he votes ?—No.

283. He merely hands in the paper ?—Yes.

284. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think you said it was known at each stage how the voting was going ?—Their own agents take care to know how they are voting.

285. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The agents are present by courtesy ?—Yes.

286. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) As each man gives his vote it is known how he votes to a person standing by ; it is not secret voting ?—Yes, each party knows ; the name is read over.

287. (*Mr. Barstow.*) A bystander standing by, would he know for whom the party voted ?—He would.

288. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) By the colour of the ticket ?—There is no secresy about it, it is known.

289. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When a man comes to vote he does not mention the name of any person he votes for ?—No.

290. Then how can any man standing in the room know for whom he votes ?—There is an agent at the table who sees the voting paper laid down.

291. He does not proclaim "This man votes for Norfolk," or whoever he might be——?—In a split vote it is generally mentioned, but where there is no split vote the colour of the paper shows it ; the agent at the table sees this.

292. It is to my mind very unimportant, but I only ask you, when a man delivers his voting paper, if it is known to bystanders for whom he votes ?—Generally it is.

293. How ?—I suppose in 19 cases out of 20 they know who brings him up, or what party.

294. But supposing he were to come by himself ?—They do not generally come by themselves.

295. No, they proclaim for whom they vote in going ; but a man wishing for it not to be known for whom he voted might very easily not have it known ?—No, the papers are put in, and are seen by the agent of each party.

296. The agent is there by sufferance ?—Yes.

297. The party comes to the table and delivers his paper. I do not know how any person standing by can tell who he voted for. At the end of the day the papers are counted and divided, and anyone on inquiry can tell ?—The agents I have no doubt mark in their books how each voter votes; they have a copy of the register, and mark the name as is done in parliamentary elections.

298. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do they placard the numbers outside the rooms ?—No, they do not ; the agents take care to calculate the numbers.

299. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Otherwise than by any act of the agent it would not be known for whom each man voted ?—I do not suppose an alderman or an assessor, if you asked him how the poll stood, would hesitate to tell you how the poll stood.

300. Otherwise than by the act of an agent would it be known how any individual man voted ?—In almost every case it would.

301. How ?—Either from those who brought him up, or the colour of his paper ; there are so very few split votes.

302. It seems it is known, but you do not exactly know how it is known ?—Generally they know from the colour of the papers.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Not if equally divided.

303. (*Mr. Barstow.*) They would not know otherwise than by the colour of the papers ; they would not know if the papers were of the same colour ?—I have no doubt they would get to know, but as a matter of convenience they have them of different colours, so that they may have greater facilities for knowing them.

304. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I understand you to say there are a few doubtful votes ?—A man will take his written paper, or have it sent to him, and make an alteration himself before he hands it in.

305. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What number of persons are on the municipal register for the Minster Ward ?—906.

306. And St. Mary's Ward ?—524.

307. Now, with reference to the last election, who were the retiring councillors ?—William Catterson, Charles Cliff, and George Usher for the Minster Ward ; and for St. Mary's Ward, Underwood, Whitton, and Denton.

308. What were their politics ?—All Conservative.

309. For St. Mary's Ward, who were there ?—Underwood, Whitton, and Denton.

310. Who were nominated to supply their places ?—For the Minster Ward, Lowther, Usher, and Catterson.

311. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Usher is the same man ?—The same retiring councillor. The other three were Richard Hodgson, William Pottage, and Robert Whitton.

312. Were they opponents ?—They were.

313. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Those were Liberals then, no doubt ?—At least, perhaps, I ought to qualify it in this way—they were so far opponents that they were nominated by the opposite party, but it does not follow that the gentleman nominated is concurring in his nomination.

314. Then for St. Mary's Ward ?—Norfolk, Denton, and M. L. Whitton.

315. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Not the same Whitton?—No, a retiring councillor.

316. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The other opponents were?—Brereton, Hind, and William Westerby.

317. What were they?—Liberals.

318. Now, St. Mary's Ward. I think we must get the numbers of those who voted. Francis Denton had 297, M. L. Whitton 296, Norfolk 291, William Westerby 130, Joseph Hind 128, and Charles Brereton 128?—Yes.

319. And Norfolk, Denton, and Whitton were elected?—They were.

320. Now, in the Minster Ward, William Catterson polled 554?—Yes.

321. J. B. Lowther?—552.

322. G. M. Usher 551?—551, yes.

323. Richard Hodgson 245?—Yes.

324. William Pottage 239, and Whitton 224?—Yes, Robert Whitton, 224.

325. And Lowther, Usher, and Catterson were returned?—Yes, they were.

326. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you present?—I was not.

327. Were you in town on that day?—I think I was; I do not generally go down to attend these elections; my assistant is there.

328. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you present in the town hall?—Certainly not. I am not quite sure whether I was in town at all.

329. You did not come into the room, then, and say they have polled 100 to 1 in another room?—I think not.

330. Are you aware it was sworn to?—I am not.

331. (*Mr. Arden.*) It was not sworn that Mr. Crust said it.

332. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I will ask you now what were the politics of the council at this election. In the first place, are there any Liberal aldermen, or are they all Conservatives?—The aldermen are all Conservatives; the mayor and aldermen are all Conservatives.

333. He does not vote as mayor; is that so?—He has a vote as one of the aldermen, and a casting vote as mayor.

334. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How long has the mayor been in office?—I think this is his third year; but he had been in office before. I can tell by looking; this is either his third year, or his fourth.

335. I only want to know this: he is well versed in the politics of the borough, and the municipal affairs of the borough?—No doubt.

336. Thoroughly well versed?—I should think so.

337. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now the councillors, how were they in their politics?—All Conservatives with the exception of six.

338. There were six vacancies, and 12 remained in, and the council was equally divided six to six?—Six were in under the *quo warranto*.

339. There were six who were *quo warranto* councillors?—There are nine at this time; six came in under the *quo warranto*.

340. Then were the other three Liberals?—They were.

341. There were nine Liberals and three Conservatives in the council; I had got that wrong?—There were nine Liberal councillors and nine Conservative councillors.

342. When?—At the last election.

343. There were six vacancies?—Yes.

344. All the retiring councillors were Conservatives?—They were. There were three Liberals in before, and six came in by *quo warranto*, making the nine.

345. That is to say, there were nine Liberals in the council?—Yes.

346. And then the council were equally divided, setting aside the vacancies?—There were the aldermen.

347. At the election there were only three Conservatives?—Yes, because there were six Conservative aldermen and three Conservative councillors, making nine, and nine Liberals.

348. No, nine Liberal councillors and six Conservative aldermen. You must not count those people whose election you are discussing now as in the council; they were not in the council, but were the vacancies.

348a. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The day before the 31st of October, take that day. On the 31st of October 1868 there were in the council then?—Nine Liberals.

349. And nine Conservative councillors?—Yes.

350. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Six Conservative councillors went out?—Yes, they did.

351. Then there remained in the council nine Liberals and three Conservatives?—As councillors, yes. I understood your question as to the whole council.

352. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There were six Conservative aldermen, that is what this gentleman means.

353. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were counting the vacant seats as if they were full?—Practically they are so; you have an election immediately.

354. During this election if six Liberals had been returned, what then? There would have been 15 Liberals and nine Conservatives in the council?—Yes.

355. They were vacant for that purpose surely. There were nine Liberals and nine Conservatives in the council; the council was equally divided?—Yes.

356. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) At what date?

357. (*Mr. Barstow*). On the day of the election?—On the day of election, oh! yes. On the 31st of October; the election was the 2d of November.

358. (*Mr. H. Cox*). At and previously to the 2d of November they were equally divided?—No; previously to the 2d of November there were nine Liberals in the town council out of 24, including the aldermen.

359. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then on the day of election, 2d of November?—Then on the day of election six Conservatives go out and six Conservatives are re-elected.

360. Either party returning those six would have a majority in the council?—Clearly. Perhaps I ought to mention, too, that three of the aldermen would go out on the 9th of November.

361. Their places would be filled by the council?—By the council.

362. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They were filled?—Yes, they were.

363. (*Mr. Barstow.*) This was a very critical election?—It was to decide the balance of parties for some time to come.

364. I am speaking of the council?—In the council it was.

365. I will ask you more in detail about the council afterwards. They have a great deal of power in the town?—They employ a great number of people, one way and another.

366. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I should like to know how long had the balance remained in the town council nine to nine, how it came about?—There were six gentlemen came in; six Liberals came in by a mistake in the nomination paper.

367. When?—Two years before.

368. That is to say, six Conservatives had been elected, but in consequence of some informality they were debarred, and six Liberals came in?—Yes.

369. Two years before?—Two years before.

370. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was the character of the mistake?—The nominator who ought to have nominated for St. Mary's Ward nominated for the Minster Ward.

371. In fact it was a sheer mistake?—A sheer mistake.

372. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I assume the other three came in by regular election?—They did.

373. You think it is an object of great ambition to become a member of the town council?—Many desire it, there is no lack of candidates.

374. You say many people desire it?—Many people do.

375. It is an object of ambition for the townsmen in the town?—Yes, it is.

376. Are they usually tradesmen? — Generally, perhaps.

377. I suppose a person wishing to be in the council would profess the politics of the dominant party?—I do not know that.

378. You could not say whether they do or not?—Of course you must have candidates on both sides.

379. Supposing a person wished to be in the council, and the majority were Conservatives, I suppose a person would profess Conservative principles for the sake of securing his seat?—I do not know; as men of character they would not.

380. A man of character of course would not?—No, they would choose candidates out of their own political party; at the last election I have a gentleman in my mind, Mr. Hodgson; it by no means follows that a person who is nominated is willing to serve. Mr. Hodgson, if he had been elected, would not have served. He was put up in the hope, no doubt, that if elected, he might be induced to serve.

381. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The fact of his being put up is no evidence of his wishing to serve?—Not at all.

382. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Each party has his own ticket, and it is an object to get an influential man?—It is sometimes an object to get the use of his name connected with others on the voting paper.

383. And as a prominent man they vote for Mr. A.'s ticket, and he brings in his more, perhaps, inferior colleague?—Precisely. Three persons are generally chosen by each party, and one has an influence in carrying another with him.

384. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you had an opportunity of observing the conduct of municipal elections?—I have endeavoured as much as possible to avoid knowing or attending to the municipal elections for several years. I never attend an election.

385. You do not interfere at all?—I am anxious to keep out of it.

386. Perhaps you are not a person who we should get any information about bribery from?—Certainly not.

387. You know bribery has existed?—I know by reports.

388. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Long before the last election?—No doubt there has been, but I never have assisted.

389. You have no doubt there has been bribery at municipal elections?—No doubt.

390. Long anterior to last year?—No doubt.

391. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How do you mean "long anterior;" do you mean for eight or ten years?—For municipal elections, yes.

392. Where a borough is not divided into wards and the mayor presides, the aldermen do not?—No.

393. The mayor is elected on the 9th of November?—Yes.

394. The mayor every year?—The mayor every year.

395. When have you had a mayor professing Liberal opinions?—I do not know, several years ago.

396–7. How long?—Mr. Brereton was elected in 1856; he was the last Liberal mayor.

398. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What was he in his profession?—A medical gentleman.

399. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The town council have considerable property?—Yes, they have.

400. What is it?—It consists of houses and land.

401. What property in houses and land have the corporation?—I have had a schedule prepared. The gross seems to be about 900*l.* a year; in houses and land, 915*l.* 8*s.* This belongs to the corporation in fee. In addition we have the Beck dues in trust.

402. For laying out the money for repair of the roads?—It is under the control of the corporation entirely.

403. They have gasworks?—They have.

404. Do they derive any profit from them?—None; they are in the hands of the local board.

405. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How is that property of the corporation in the hands of the local board?—They are identical.

406. (*Mr. Barstow.*) They have the control and repair of highways?—They have.

407. Have they navigation dues?—They have.

408. What do they amount to a year?—600*l.* or 700*l.* a year. I have an account with me.

409. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is that net?—No, gross.

410. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now, then, first of all about the houses and land. To whom generally is the property let?—The land has latterly been let by tender.

411. What is lately?—For some time past.

412. I mean is it now let by tender?—Yes.

413. The houses, to whom are they let?—Merely as any ordinary landlord would.

414. Are they used for the purpose of influencing people?—No. I think the last house we had let was by tender.

415. Well, then, people are employed at the gasworks?—They are.

416. Is it your opinion that they are used for political purposes?—No doubt the men employed at the gasworks are under the influence of a committee of the corporation who manage those works. Mr. Arden knows more about the management of the gasworks than I do.

417. I should very much rather have it from you?—I do not wish to mislead the Court. I do not want to say what I have not the means of knowing.

418. We shall examine Mr. Arden I daresay. Do you know the men who are employed at the gasworks?—No. I should know scarcely any of them.

419. Are they freemen?—There are many voters amongst them, I should say; I really do not know the names of the men employed there. As town clerk it does not come before me; I do not pay them their wages.

420. Can you tell us which way they vote?—I really cannot.

421. You do not know?—I do not.

422. Then there comes the navigation dues. Are people employed to collect them?—One man is employed to collect them. There is little except the employment of tradesmen for repairs. It mixes itself up very much with the management of the highways.

423. The corporation contract and repair the highways?—Being the local board they are the repairers of the highways.

424. And in that capacity they have the employment of men?—Yes, they have the employment of many people, and they have the Beck dues. They are mentioned in the account I have handed in here.

425. Where is the Beck?—It runs from the town, and communicates with the river Hull.

426. What number of persons do you suppose the corporation employ in the management of the highway?—I have no notion at all.

427. You have no notion of their politics?—Not at all.

428. I suppose the corporation of Beverley is a rich corporation?—Their property is considerable.

429. What property have they exclusive of what they levy by rate?—We have no borough rate; we have a general district rate, but the income is not so great as perhaps might be thought.

430. I think I have got it here. There are four heads. I must add the borough fund and the Beck account to get the independent income of the borough corporation?—The Beck is not independent, because it must go in the repair of the roads.

431. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You have given us the income of the corporation in houses and land 915*l.*?—Yes.

432. Navigation dues 600*l.*?—Yes; but I have an account here; I have not handed it up.

433. Then the total receipts of the borough fund seem

to be 2,093*l.* 7*s.* 0½*d.*?—Yes; but that included a sum from the Treasury towards the cost of the police.

434. That we cannot tell.—It amounts to 1,900*l.* a year net.

435. Then the receipts from the Beck?—That is 733*l.*; I said 600*l.* or 700*l.*

436. That is net?—No, gross.

437. I will just direct your attention to another item. Interest of money 139*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*, on the other side charities and bequests, 178*l.* 9*s.* 1*d.*—Those are funds principally in the name of the corporation, but distributed by the charity trustees. They merely pass through their hands.

438. Rents and arrears, 897*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*?—Yes.

439. Tolls, fairs, and markets, 225*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.*?—Yes.

440. What is the watch rate for?—That is a rate levied for the cost of the police.

441. Then I do not want that.—No, I was merely going to give you the item.

442. Admission to freedoms, 21*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*?—The total amount of receipts is not so large as you might suppose.

443. Over 1,000*l.*?—Yes, that is so.

444. About 1,900*l.* a year?—Yes.

445. You take the amount to be about 1,900*l.* a year?—I do, with the Beck dues.

446. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I have nothing more to ask you.

447. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I will ask my questions as briefly as I can. You gave us the number of voters on the register, and a large proportion of them are freemen. Would those come on the register as householders?—They often do.

448. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Excuse me, but the late parliamentary election I want to ask you about. I have indirectly asked both the questions I wish to before. Did you hear anything of any systematic bribery at the parliamentary election?—None.

449. Were you about in the town during the time?—No.

450. You could not speak of the state of affairs?—No; indeed I may say I have consistently abstained from hearing a speech for several years.

451. You have the election accounts?—Yes, I have.

452. Will you hand them up, please?—(*They were handed in.*)

453. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is the number of freemen who would be entitled to vote as rated householders if they had not the first qualification?—571 would. Many may be on three times.

454–7. And the others rely exclusively on the freeman qualification; is that so?—Yes, they do.

458. In the judge's report to the House of Commons, under the Parliamentary Elections Act of 1868, he says there with reference to the pasture masters, "When Mr. Wreghitt became the agent of Sir Henry "Edwards the practice was that the pasture masters "were equally divided between the two parties, the "Conservative and Liberal, six of each, but that "afterwards, by means of money supplied by Mr. "Wreghitt, the same system of bribery was resorted "to in the election of pasture masters as in the elec-"tion of town councillors, and by this corrupt expen-"diture it has resulted that the entire body is now in "the Conservative interest." Is it within your knowledge that that statement is correct?—I should certainly not go to that extent. I have not the means of knowing.

459. First of all he says that the pasture masters were divided into two, Conservative and Liberal, when Mr. Wreghitt became the agent to Sir Henry Edwards?—I have never said so.

460. No. I wish to know whether you of your own knowledge know that?—I should think that was very much the case up to a recent period.

461. Up to what period?—I really cannot say.

462. Was it five or six years, or 10?—I think the last five or six years.

463. Up to that time they were equally divided?—No.

464. Then what do you say?—The last five or six years certainly they have been all of one party, and probably for a longer period.

465. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You mean all the pasture masters were of one political feeling?—They have been.

466. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) But not pledging you exactly as to time, it has not been so at an earlier date?—No doubt.

467. They have been half and half?—Yes.

468. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was there no agreement between the parties?—I am not at all aware.

469. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What influence have the pasture masters? The judge refers to the amount that they have. First of all you say that they have no political influence, only letting to freemen the privilege of pasturage?—No.

470. You say that is not the means of influence?—I do not see how it can be.

471. And also as regards the surplus fund?—No.

472. They are also trustees of Walker's charity?—Yes.

473. That would give them the opportunity of exercising political influence?—No doubt it would.

474. In what way?—By the selection of persons for it.

475. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you heard any suggestions that these selections have been made in favour of particular parties?—I have heard passing allusions. I have heard comments; a man buying an old horse and expecting it to die soon, and then going for assistance.

476. I want you to explain why it was made a matter of moment that the pasture masters should be of a particular party?—Nothing, excepting the men putting themselves prominently forward.

477. You mean they would increase their chance of being town councillors?—If they could not get in the council they might like to be pasture masters.

478. How can they exercise political influence?—It would be very slight in a pecuniary point of view, nothing but the labourers who are employed and the objects of charity.

479. Had they the employing of considerable numbers of labourers?—No, I should say very few.

480. With regard to voting papers, do I understand you to say that practically it was not possible for a man to vote as it were by ballot; that is, that when he gave his vote at the municipal election that he could not conceal the nature of his vote?—I have never known it done.

481. It has always been known from time to time which way each individual voted?—Yes.

482. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The question was could he conceal it if he wished to do so?—He must deliver an open voting paper, and, considering the assessors are there with an agent attending, I do not see even then how you can possibly keep it from the by-standers.

483. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Practically, at any hour it is known how he voted?—It is.

484. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I want to ask you some questions with regard to the action of the town council, and what is the nature of their political influence. I have been reading a portion of the evidence given before the judge. One of the witnesses, Mr. Hodgson, says—the question is put to him, "Will you tell me "this: the town council in this borough, as con-"stituted, have a particular amount of patronage "amongst the tradespeople, have they not?—Yes, a "great amount of patronage. Can you shortly point "out to my lord how it is that they have that "patronage?—They have the control of the gasworks, "in which they employ a great many people; they "also have the control of the repairs of the roads "and the highways. Are they great employers of "labour in reference to that?—Yes." Have you

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any idea how many persons are so employed?—I really have not.

485. Very roughly, will you number them by tens or twenties?—I have not thought of it.

486. How shall we get at the number of persons who are so employed?—The tradesmen would vary from time to time, but as to labourers there will be no trouble in obtaining that.

487. What record would give us that?—I think I can get you that information.

488. I think we ought to have it. Now there are those employed in the gasworks. Are the gasworks directly under the control of the town council, or are they farmed out?—Directly in the hands of the town council, by a committee.

489. It is not done by contract?—No.

490. Are the roads done by contract?—No.

491. The paving?—No.

492. But in many corporations things of that kind are put up to contract?—It is not so with us. In fact both plans have been tried, and it is, I have no doubt, to the benefit of the corporation to have a regular pavior.

493. These paviors are under the control of the town council?—Of course they are.

494. And if so disposed they would be able to give the employment to members of their own political opinions?—Undoubtedly. I do not see much in that, because they are only getting the same daily wages as any ordinary employer would give them.

495. They would have an opportunity of exercising a certain amount of patronage by employing other men, as a matter of fact?—Yes, but I take it that as a labourer merely having the ordinary daily wage may be employed elsewhere, he could not be open to much influence.

496. Yes; but a witness says that there was a considerable amount of patronage exercised. I should like to hear your opinion.—The patronage meant there is the employment of paviors and labourers.

497. And the patronage acts to a certain extent in influencing them?—It puts very little influence on them; they are employed by the various committees of the corporation.

498. Tenders are not used?—No; they are for some purposes connected with the local board; they must necessarily tender by law.

499. Yes, so I thought.—That is the case.

500. And therefore in that case I presume there would be no opportunity of exercising political influence?—No.

501. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The pasture masters are appointed on the 1st of March?—They are.

502. By the freemen?—By the freemen.

503. Has it ever come to your knowledge that these men were bribed?—I certainly heard the report.

504. The pasture masters themselves?—Yes.

505. At the last election of pasture masters?—Yes.

506. You made use of an expression which struck me forcibly. Mr. Barstow asked you about the politics of the freemen, and you said the last election was exceptional. What did you mean by that?—I made reference to what took place at the municipal election.

507. That is to say, you meant that how they voted at the last election would be no test of their general practice?—I should think not.

508. That is to say, the money they received operated upon their minds?—I should think it would.

509. That is what you meant?—Yes.

510. Had you ever known of anything like that amount of money before for an election of town councillors?—I really cannot say.

511. I mean the election on the 2nd of November 1868?—I really cannot say that I have known one way or the other.

512. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When you said it was exceptional, you meant, did you not, that it was an unusual amount of money spent?—I mean what took place at the municipal election was thought to have operated on the fortune of the parliamentary election.

513. Did you not also mean it had reference to the unusual amount of money spent?—A considerable sum appears to have been spent; but I have never doubted that of any money going into the hands of a man to distribute amongst voters a considerable part would stick.

514. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Another phrase you made use of was, "the town council consisted of nine and nine on the 1st of November"?—With the aldermen, yes.

515. You said it was a critical election; in what sense?—Because there were three vacancies of aldermen to be supplied; the council would settle who would be the aldermen.

516. Had you in your mind any reference at all to the parliamentary election in reference to that?—No.

517. It was pending at the time?—Yes.

518. The three aldermen, as you tell me, were three Conservative aldermen?—They were.

519. Who were returned?—Mr. Cussons, the son of the retiring alderman, Dr. Walker, and Mr. Barkworth.

520. What were they?—Conservatives.

521. When was the mayor elected?—The 9th of November.

522. After they were elected?—No; the first business is the election of mayor.

523. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I understand there is more than one class of freemen?—There are three.

524. What are they?—The first class comprises all freemen, wherever resident.

525. Wherever resident; have they a right to partake in the division of pasture funds?—No, they have not.

526. We know they cannot vote.—No. Then we have freemen on the parliamentary register; that is, within seven miles. Of those there are 865. Then we have also the freemen on the pasture roll, who are entitled to stock the pastures, and who must reside in one of the three parishes of Beverley—the old borough.

527. Then the pasture roll men must live in one of the parishes?—In one of the parishes. The roll is made out annually under the authority of the Pasture Act, which I have handed in.

528. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you think it worth while to keep up the roll of all the freemen of the borough?—We must; because if a man has gone away he may come back to reside in Beverley. And it is not only that, but the rights of pasturage are considered extremely valuable.

529. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) If he loses his right by going away he may come back and re-acquire it?—Yes.

530. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I did not get from you the date of the last parliamentary election?—I think on the 17th of November.

531. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When was the declaration of the poll?—The same day.

532. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I may as well ask you what are the colours of the candidates?—The Conservatives are crimson, the others are yellow.

533. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are the same colours used for voting papers at the municipal elections?—No; we have pink for the Conservatives and white for the Liberals.

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Mr. ISAAC MONKMAN sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

534. You are clerk of the pasture masters, are you not?—Yes.

535. I think you are also clerk in the mayor's office?—Yes.

536. The mayor is a solicitor?—Yes.

537. How long have you been clerk to the pasture masters?—From 1859.

538. And of course you are well acquainted with the management ?—Yes.

539. Can you describe to me how the pastures are managed. Who are the governors, to begin with ?—12 freemen chosen on the 1st of March.

540. Chosen by whom ?—By the freemen.

541. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They must be freemen, I suppose ?—Yes, and two auditors.

542. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The two auditors are also freemen ?—Yes.

543. What are their duties ?—There are four chosen for each pasture ; four for Westwood, four for Swinemoor, and four for Figham.

544. Each of these four is chosen by the whole body of freemen ?—No, by the 12 pasture masters.

545. I was asking how the pasture masters were chosen ?—Those four have the management of each pasture.

546. But do I understand you to say that separate pasture masters are chosen for each of these particular pastures ?—No, pasture masters chosen out of their own body.

547. That is, the 12 are divided into three batches by arrangement among themselves ?—Yes.

548. And each batch of four manages one pasture exclusively ?—Yes.

549. What have they to do in reference to the management ; describe their duties ?—They have to look over the management, the ditches and hedges, and so on, and to set workmen on.

550. To set workmen on ; are they occupied in keeping the ditches and hedges clear ?—No, there is a neatherd chosen for each pasture to look after that.

551. What other workmen do they employ ?—Bricklayers.

552. What should the bricklayers be employed for ?—There are houses in the pastures which they have to keep in repair.

553. Then the pasture masters employ a considerable number of persons ?—Yes.

554. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) About how many ?—For carting ?

555. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You are asked how many are employed ?—I cannot tell you exactly ; the accounts will show.

556. If you can get at it perhaps you will tell me. I suppose the number employed is different at different seasons of the year ?—Yes.

557. Cannot you tell me roughly how many would be employed at the present season ?—I am sure I cannot do it.

558. A dozen ?—Oh, yes, there would be more than that.

559. A dozen to the whole of the three pastures ?—Yes, there would be more.

560. Thirty or 40 ?—Not so many as that I think. I have not counted them.

561. Something between 20 and 30, perhaps. Now, do you know whether the pasture masters have any reference to the politics of these people in selecting those whom they will employ ?—Sometimes I think they have a little.

562. I suppose Conservative pasture masters would be inclined to choose Conservative labourers ?—Generally.

563. That is the practice at the present time ?—Yes, I think it is.

564. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are they voters whom they employ ?—Generally.

565. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There would be a preference for voters, would there not ?—Yes.

566. Those persons are employed for the management of the pastures ?—Yes.

567. And the work connected with the pastures ; that is to say, the hedges and ditches and the repairs of the houses ?—And the repairs of the houses.

568. Is there anything else ?—There are nurserymen for the trees.

569. What are the nurserymen wanted for ?—For some of the trees, at least to plant trees.

570. To plant trees for ornamental purposes ?—Yes ; and a blacksmith.

571. What is he wanted for ?—For repairs of gates and that sort of thing.

572. The roads ; there are some very handsome well kept roads that I have seen this morning ?—That does not belong to the pasture masters at all.

573. They have nothing to do with that ?—No.

574. Who have the management of the roads ?—A different body.

575. Does the surveyor of highways look after them ?—Yes.

576. They are under the highway board ?—Yes, they are.

577. Are they turnpike trusts. Can you tell me whether they are turnpike trusts ?—Yes, York Road is.

578. Have you got the local Acts relating to the pastures ?—Yes.

579. I want you to put them in.—(*The local Act was put in by witness.*)

580. Those are the local Acts ?—That is the Act of Parliament.

581. There is only one ?—Only one.

582. Passed in 1836 ?—Yes.

582*a*. The pasture masters also have a power of arranging, as I understand, what freemen shall depasture their cattle on the land ?—Yes.

583. Supposing a freeman wants to pasture his cattle ; what is his course, does he go to one of the pasture masters ?—He goes to the treasurer.

584. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who is the treasurer ?—Mr. Thomas E. Turner.

585. What is he ?—A banker's clerk.

586. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He goes to the treasurer and states that he wants to pasture his cattle ?—Yes, on the 14th of May he comes to that room with the clerks.

587. Who comes to that room ?—He brings two or three clerks with him.

588. The treasurer does ?—Yes; and they pay head money, 10*s*. 6*d*. apiece.

589. Freemen who want to pasture their cattle come into that room and apply to him and pay him a fee of 10*s*. 6*d*. each ?—Yes.

590. Do you mean each freeman, or each head of cattle ?—For each head of cattle.

591. Then may he pasture as many as he likes at 10*s*. 6*d*. a head ?—No.

592. What is the limit ?—There are two at Westwood in his own right at 10*s*. 6*d*.

593. He pays 10*s*. 6*d*. a head for them ?—Yes.

594. You say in his own right ; may he pasture more in somebody else's right ?—Two in Figham as well, and six in Swinemoor, at 10*s*. 6*d*. each.

595. Then he may pasture altogether 10 in his own right ?—Yes. Then there is another. He has one gate to five gates at 12*s*. 6*d*.

596. What do you mean by he has one gate ?—That is to say, he would have seven ; two at 10*s*. 6*d*., then they go on from one to five gates at 12*s*. 6*d*.

597. What do you mean by having a gate ?—We call them gates here.

598. A gate I suppose means a right to pasture his cattle ?—Yes.

599. I never heard the word before. You tell me there are 10, two in each of the first two pastures, and 10 in the other ?—We will take Westwood as one pasture ; he has two at 10*s*. 6*d*. in that pasture, and one gate to five gates at 12*s*. 6*d*. That makes 1*l*. 2*s*. 6*d*. each.

600. I do not understand you how many cattle he may put on ?—I will go on.

601. How many cattle may he put on the whole of the three pastures ?—Five to ten at 15*s*. and one at 10*s*. 6*d*. each ; 10 to 20 at 1*l*., and no more. That would be 1*l*. 10*s*. 6*d*. for each head.

602. That is as regards the amount he would have to pay. I want to know how many cattle he can put on the land on the whole of the three pastures ?—22.

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603. He cannot put more than 22 cattle on the whole of the three pastures?—No, on Westwood alone.

604. How many may he put on the others?—In Figham it comes up to 10 at 15*s.*; 10 in the same way; 10 and 2, that would be 12.

605. How many may he put on that land?—Then, on the other 16.

606. He may put 16 head of cattle on that?—Yes.

607. How many on the third one?—That is the third one.

608. Then, as I understand you, he may put on some 30 or 40 cattle altogether on the three pastures?—Yes.

609. He makes application in the next room?—To Mr. Turner, the treasurer.

610. On the 12th of May?—The 14th of May.

611. Is that application granted as a matter of course?—Yes.

612. Never refused?—No.

613. If he pays the proper fee a freeman as a matter of right, and as a matter of course it is granted to him, receives permission to pasture those cattle?—Yes.

614. That is so?—It is.

615. The pasture masters are also trustees, as I understand, of Walker's gift?—Yes.

616. What is Walker's gift?—I have the codicil here.

617. I should be glad to see it.—(*The same was handed in.*)

618. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What is the date?

619. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) So recent as 1853. He left a sum of 1,400*l.* in railway stock in trust to the pasture masters upon trust to distribute it amongst such of the poor freemen of the borough of Beverley as are on the pasture freemen's roll, or the widows, or sons or daughters of such pasture freemen, as required the same by reason of losses they have sustained by the death of their cattle, "or in order to enable them to "purchase stock or carts, or other necessary things "of the like nature, or otherwise to help them on in "the world"?—Yes.

620. "Or in paying the entrance money for one "gate only for any poor pasture freeman, his widow, "sons, or daughters who shall not stock beyond one "gate." Is that the way the money has been applied?—Yes.

621. Do you know of any instance in which the money has been applied otherwise than is provided for in this codicil?—No. I have the accounts.

622. I have not time now to look at it, but I think in some part Mr. Walker directs that the money is to be expended not in small sums?—Yes.

623. Is there not some provisions of that kind?—Whereabouts is that?

624. (*Mr. Barstow.*) (Reading): "It being, how-"ever, my wish and intention that such payments and "assistance should be made in such substantial sums as "will effect the object."

625. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What page is that?

626. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Page 5.

627. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) (Reading): "It being, however, "my wish and intention that such payments and "assistance should be made in such substantial sums "as will effect the object I have in view, and that "they should not be made and given in any small "amounts so as to embrace a greater number of "objects."—Now, I rather think that the judge who was here found that that direction of the will had not been complied with?—But he did not read on further; he did not read that clause about the 10*s.* 6*d.*

628. Let us see what that is. Is that also in page 5?—No, it is further on; you have just read it.

629. About 10*s.* 6*d.*?—10*s.* 6*d.* for one gate only.

630. That would be 10*s.* 6*d.* you say?—Yes.

631. But he says, the payments shall be made "in "such substantial sums as will effect the object I have "in view." Has the money been given in large sums or small? First of all, before you answer, I will tell you what the judge says. Quoting that passage of Mr. Walker's will, he says, "An account of receipts and "payments for the year ending February 1869 was "put in evidence, by which it appears that the net "income of the year was distributed among 42 "persons. Of these, six were women, and of the "remainder, all except two were parliamentary "voters. The sums paid were all small."—It was larger first of all. You will see by the first paper there was 6*l.* one woman got.

632. The first one I see here gets 2*l.*?—That is the last you are alluding to. I think the first man, Brown, got 4*l.*

633. "John Brown, Kelgate, 3*l.*?"—I beg your pardon.

634. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I see in 1860 the payments are large.

635. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In 1860 Mary Peckson who was the largest donee, the person who got the largest amount, she got 6*l.*?—Yes.

636. Then two persons got 5*l.*, others got 3*l.* or 4*l.*, or 2*l.* 10*s.* Do you tell me that after that time the amounts became smaller?—Yes; you have your hand upon the paper.

637. Yes, but it requires a little study to look at all these figures. Is that the case of your own knowledge that the amounts have run smaller since that time?—Yes, and I will tell you how.

638. Do, I should like to know?—We had very few applications at first. Then they began to increase, and the pasture masters did not know what to do. They did as well as ever they could. I have the applications here now.

639. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who are the pasture masters? You will give us their names by-and-bye.

640. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He had better do that at once. Who are the pasture masters now?—Mr. James Dawson, Mr. Samuel Findlater, Mr. William Catterson, jun., Mr. Thomas Marshall, Mr. William Cook, Mr. Nathaniel Kemplay, Mr. Francis Burrell, Mr. William Pipes, Mr. Richard Arnott, Mr. John Robinson Bentley, Mr. Charles Arnott, and Mr. George Smelt.

641. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How many of these are town councillors?—Two of them.

642. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Which are the two town councillors?—There is only one, I beg your pardon.

643. Who is that?—Mr. Findlater.

644. Mr. Catterson, is he not on the town council?—No.

645. They are all Conservatives?—Yes.

646. These 12 gentlemen, have they all been long in office?—Most of them from 1859.

647. Who are the new comers?—No, it is not so either; from 1863 and 1864 they have been all alike.

648. They have been all alike from 1863?—And 1864.

649. Then there was a change?—There was a change then.

650. Who came in in 1864? I want to know out of these 12 how many are new men, and how many are old men. Mr. Dawson, has he been long on the list of pasture masters?—He was elected in 1866.

651. When was Mr. Findlater elected?—In 1864.

652. Cannot you give me some idea of how many of them are new men, and how many are old on the list?—There was a change in 1863.

653. You were going on to explain about this Walker's gift, that the amounts were larger in the first instance than they were subsequently. Now, give me your explanation about that.—We have a great many more applications now than we had before.

654. When the money was first left the number of applications was not so great as it is now?—No. We have about, I should think, 50 or 60 applications in a half-year.

655. Applications for this money to be applied to the freemen, or freemen's widows and relatives?—Yes.

656. Now, answer me carefully this question : the pasture masters being all Conservatives I suppose there is an inclination to give to Conservative applicants the preference ?—Not particularly so, I think.

657. But there is a preference ?—Not much of that, I think.

658. But some. There being 12 pasture masters, may I take it from you that those 12 pasture masters give the preference to Conservative applicants ?—I think not, sir.

659. You said just now you thought there was not much of it, that there was a little, that there was some. That is what you have just said, you know ?—They read the applications, and I think they never look to the party.

660. You told me just now that there was not much preference for Conservative applicants ?—They make them all alike.

661. Do you mean to say there is no preference? Do they not regard the politics of the party at all ?—I have never heard the word at all.

662. You think not ?—No.

663. Why is there such an anxiety to get a Conservative body for pasture masters ? At all events there is a strong political feeling among the pasture masters, that is clear, because you are able to tell me point blank that they are all Conservatives. You have no hesitation in telling me that ?—No.

664. You know that ?—Yes.

665. It is a matter about which you cannot hesitate for a moment. Therefore, I presume there is a strong political feeling among them ?—I do not think there ever was about that.

666. Not about that particular matter ?—No.

667–8. They keep their politics entirely out of sight when they are exercising their office ?—Yes.

679. You have already told me that in employing labourers connected with the pastures there is a preference for Conservative labourers ; that you have told me. I should therefore suppose also that when persons come and make applications for Walker's gift, there would be the same kind of feeling towards them. If the pasture masters choose Conservative labourers, they would be likely to choose Conservatives to receive Walker's gift ?—I do not know anything at all about that. I know when they have come to me——

670. When who have come to you ?—The applicants send applications to me, and they have said some of them that they would support the pasture masters.

671. What do you mean by supporting the pasture masters ?—Vote for them.

672. Vote for them ?—Yes.

673. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) At the next election ?—Yes. And I said to them that had nothing to do with it.

674. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did they ever say anything about the parliamentary elections ?—No.

675. I suppose you know pretty nearly all these applicants personally ?—Yes, nearly all of them.

676. Now, as a matter of fact, have not many of them been Conservatives that have received the money? —Yes, there is no doubt about that.

677. Eh ?—Yes, they have been Conservatives, there is no doubt about that.

678. More of them than of Liberals ?—I have never counted them at all.

679. Do you think the majority of them have been Conservatives ?—No, I do not think they have been.

680. A majority ?—Yes.

681. Do I understand you to say that a majority of them have been Conservatives or not ?—I do not know whether it has or not, because I have never counted them ; I have never taken notice of them.

682. I suppose you have read the comments of the judge who was down here examining into the validity of the election ?—I have never read it.

683. But you have heard the result of it, and I suppose you know he pointed attention to the fact that the pasture masters exercised great political influence ?—I think I heard him say so, at least it was said in evidence.

684. Now, was that correct or not ; what do you think ?—I think not.

685. I should like you to answer the question fully? —I really do not know.

686. What do you think ? I must get you to answer the question plainly and fully.—I cannot say at all.

687. You cannot say that it was incorrect ?—No.

688. Or can you say the contrary ?—I do not know.

689. You heard the evidence given here that the pasture masters exercised their office for political purposes, and you cannot contradict that. Is that so ?—I can say they never had anything to do with Walker's gift in a political way as far as my knowledge is concerned. I do not know what the pasture masters thought.

690. What was the number of persons you say that applied for Walker's gift lately ?—I am sure I do not know.

691. You just now told me the number who applied for Walker's gift annually ?—With written papers I mean ; about 50 in the half year.

692. Fifty in each half year ?—Yes, that is what I mean.

693. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There are about 33 or 34 gifts ?—About 40 or 50.

694. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were some of those applications refused and some granted ?—Certainly.

695. A great many were granted ?

696. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) About 43 ?—43 last year. It is in that paper.

697. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Can you tell me on what principle were the refusals made ?—I do not know at all.

698. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You had not the determination of the applications ?—No, I merely read the papers over ; I merely read the applications over.

699. You did not decide upon the applications ?—No.

700. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) But you are present in the room when the applications are decided upon ?—Certainly.

701. Upon what principle are the applications decided ?—I am sure I do not know.

702. If they have less to give away than there are persons who ask, there must be some principle adopted of refusing one and yielding to another ?—I do not know what principle there is.

703. Is it done by mere caprice ? There must be something more than mere caprice, you know.

704. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We will have some of them before us.

705. When these applications are heard by the pasture masters, who is present ?—Nearly all of them.

706. They are all present ?—Not all ; nearly. Sometimes they are all there. There is sometimes 10, sometimes 12, sometimes nine.

707. Are there any strangers present ?—No.

708. The applicant comes into the room ?—No ; I bring them papers and read them. Then they grant a certain sum of money as it is there, and they are told to go away and return, and to take a receipt from them.

709. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I suppose you give a cheque upon the treasurer ?—The chairman does. 18th April 1865 it commences. Here are all the receipts here.—(*The receipt book was handed in.*)

710. For what year is that ?—From 1865 it is.

711. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Has any person taken any part in giving away these sums of money, the Walker's gift, except the pasture masters ?—No, not that I know of.

712. When the election of pasture masters takes place, how is it conducted ; it is conducted here ?—Yes, the mayor is the presiding officer. They take them in that room.

713. And all the freemen come in ; and do they present a voting ticket such as we have heard described ?—It is a paper.

FIRST DAY.

Mr. I. Monkman.

24 Aug. 1869.

714. Is it a printed paper?—It is a printed paper.

715. The names of the candidates are printed on the paper?—Yes.

716. The colours?—Pink generally.

717. That is the Conservative?—I think, perhaps, once it was green.

718. At all events the Conservatives have their colour?—Yes.

719. And the Liberals have their colour?—Well, I think they are generally white.

720. When was the last election?—On the 1st of March last.

721. Is it on the 1st of March in every year?—It sometimes falls on a Sunday, and then it is usually held on the 2nd.

722. And in 1868 of course it was done in the same way; they were elected in the same way by voting papers then?—Yes.

723. Persons brought the Conservative ticket or the Liberal ticket?—We generally call them papers here.

724. Who was present; any assessors?—No assessors. Only the mayor, or one of the aldermen if the mayor had to go away.

725. Was the mayor the person to count the votes?—Mr. Crust, or Mr. Mills his clerk, used to come and count the votes.

726. Was anybody else present?—Yes, generally.

727. Who was present?—I do not know the men.

728. Was Mr. Wreghitt present?—No, I never saw him there.

729. Did you never see him at an election of pasture masters?—I do not know; I never did that I know of.

730. Is anyone present who is not a freeman, besides the officials?—Well, I cannot swear that; but I know there is always one appointed here to take the votes on both sides.

731. But the persons present at the election are generally, I suppose, freemen: nobody but freemen has anything to do with it?—Sometimes there has been a clerk that was not a freeman.

732. Ah, yes; I say except the officials?—No, not the officials.

733. You do not remember ever having seen Mr. Wreghitt at the election?—I do not remember him being up here.

734. Did he ever take any part in the election?—I do not know that I have ever seen him. He has certainly inquired about the election.

735. How was it going on during the day, do you mean?—I do not remember whether he has during the day or not.

736. Now, a witness was asked this question before the judge when he was here, with regard to the pasture masters: "At that time did Mr. Wreghitt, to your "knowledge, interfere with the election?—He had "on following elections. He said that there was one "of the pasture masters that had lifted him up with "one hand and knocked him down with two, and "that was I." Is that the case?—I am sure I do not know; it is not likely I could know.

737. Were you ever present at the dinner that is given?—Which dinner?

738. The Walker's gift dinner?—Yes, I have been.

739. Whom is that confined to; is that confined to freemen?—Yes.

740. Did Mr. Wreghitt come to that dinner?—I think he did once.

741. Do you know when that was?—Yes, he did, I know.

742. When was that?—I think it was the last. I do not know whether it was the last, or the last but one. I really cannot tell, but he did come.

743. What time in the year is the dinner?—In February.

744. You do not mean February of the present year: February 1868, is that what you mean? Did he come to the dinner in February 1868?—I am sure I do not know.

745. Which was it you said he came to?—I said he did come to a dinner.

746. But you cannot remember whether February 1868?—No, I do not. I know he did come.

747. Was it the present year? Not this year 1869; that is so recent that you would remember if he came to that.—I should think it would be 1868.

748. It was 1868?—I won't swear that.

749. But you think so?—It is very likely.

750. You know it was not this year?—It was not this year.

751. It was some year before this year?—That he came to a dinner there.

752. He is not a freeman, is he?—He is not.

753. How is it he came to the dinner?—I do not know; he was invited.

754. Who invited him?—I did not. I am sure I do not know who did.

755. Who has the power of giving an invitation?—Some of the pasture masters.

756. Some of the pasture masters?—Any of them.

757. Can anyone give an invitation?—I am sure I do not know who it was.

758. I do not ask you that. You told me you did not know; I want to know whether any pasture master can give an invitation?—I am sure I do not know.

759. You have been managing all their affairs?—I said Wreghitt was at a dinner, who invited him I do not know.

760. That I quite understood you to tell me?—I know nothing more about it.

761. Who had the power of inviting, not Mr. Wreghitt, but anybody?—They very seldom invite anyone.

762. It was a very rare event Mr. Wreghitt coming. Do you know of anybody else coming who was not a freeman?—Yes; Mr. Norfolk came, but not to that dinner, I think.

763. It is a charitable dinner, is it not?—I do not know that he came to that dinner.

764. Who pays for the dinner?—It comes out of the fund.

765. I know that under Walker's gift there is 5*l.* allowed?—It is all here.

766. There are 5*l.* allowed for the dinner. Is the whole of the expense of the dinner paid out of Walker's gift?—No.

767. Where does the rest come from?—Out of the pasture accounts.

768. That pays for the rest. How many people come to that dinner?—13 or 14.

769. Do you know what would be the cost?—About 12*l.*

770. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are the pasture masters paid for the trouble they take?—No.

771. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know of any other person, not a freeman, who has come to the dinner?—I do not know.

772. Do you remember Mr. Alderman Cussons coming?—Yes, I believe he did; I cannot tell when.

773. But he did come?—He did come, I believe.

774. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I suppose the treasurer and the clerk and the mayor are all invited?—The mayor is generally invited to the dinner.

775. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is Mr. Cussons one of the executors?—He is; I did not think about that. Mr. Forge, he is one of the treasurers too; they are invited to the dinner.

776. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is the case with Mr. Cussons, he is trustee?—Yes, he is.

777. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your employment besides being clerk to these pasture masters?—I am clerk to Mr. Silvester.

778. Is that your only employment?—Yes.

779. Clerk to Mr. Silvester and clerk to the pasture masters?—Yes.

780. You have no other employment?—Well, I am

secretary to the Working Men's Association, one of them.

781. I did not mean that. You have no other employment that brings you profit. My reason for asking is, I thought I had heard you were secretary to some of the iron foundries in the town.—Oh, no.

782. Can you tell me whether the labourers employed by the pasture masters are paid different or higher rates than other labourers would be?—They are about alike.

783. You have the accounts, I believe?—I will give you all the accounts.

784. The accounts relating to the payment of labourers?—They are all here.

785. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you put in those accounts?—I will do so. They are all in different headings; rents, taxes, tradesmen's bills, and so on.

786. Are they paid, as far as you know, the same rate of wages that other employers pay?—Just the same.

787. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And the pasture masters look after the interest carefully?—Yes; four of the pasture masters have each his own pasture, and they look after that and attend to the hedging and ditching and all that.

788. (*Mr. Barstow.*) A labourer or tradesman employed by the pasture masters has no advantage over what he would have if employed by anybody else?—Not at all. (*The accounts were handed in.*) There are also the byelaws.

789. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We will take them as put in.—And here is the non-stockers list.

790. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Men who receive payment?—Do you want them?

791. I think we should like to have them in. (*The same were handed in.*) The pasture masters arrange how the pasture should be stocked?—They do, and they are published in these byelaws.

792. Is that in any open court?—No; we have our meetings up in this room. They are read over.

793. Have you ever heard any complaint that a Liberal was excluded?—From what?

794. From stocking the pastures?—Never. All the——

795. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) All what?—I do not know; I never knew it; I never heard it.

796. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Has anyone complained to you, the pasture masters' clerk, that the pasture masters have been unfair to him on account of his politics?—No, not that I recollect at all.

797. We have heard that these people who have the benefit of Walker's fund are parliamentary voters. They must be freemen; is not it so?—Yes.

798. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You have the minute books of the proceedings of the pasture freeman's gift?—We have no minute books belonging to Walker's gift.

799. What minute books have you?—The pasture minute book.

800. Is that the minute book?—Partly that; afterwards there were so many applications that we did not take any minutes at all.

801. Is that the only minute book on record you have of applications for Walker's gift?—That is all. (*The same was handed in.*)

802. Now the pasture masters' minute book?—(*The same was handed in.*) Those are the only minute books you have of the pasture masters. There are some odd ones.

803. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I just want to ask you a question; you see this gift is upon trust to divide it amongst the poor freemen, "by reason of losses they may have "sustained by the death of their horses, cattle, sheep, "or pigs," and the poor people who shall stock not beyond one gate. It is a substantial gift; what would you call the value of a sheep or pig?—There was a man applied once for a pig; he had lost a pig; about 2*l.* or 30*s.*; he wanted 2*l.* 10*s.*

804. But 1*l.* or 30*s.* would be substantial with reference to the loss of a pig?—It just depends. Pigs are very dear now. Last year you would get a pig for a deal less than you can now.

805. As far as you know, has this money, distributed under Walker's gift, been distributed according to party favour?—No.

806. To your knowledge has it?—To my knowledge it has not.

807. And belief?—And belief.

808. It has been fairly distributed to applicants without reference to party?—I think so.

809. Now you have been asked about Mr. Wreghitt, and we know pretty well whom he is. I will just ask you this: has he ever been present and taken any part in the distribution of Walker's fund?—Never.

810. You have been present always as clerk?—I believe I have. I do not know that ever I was absent; I might have been.

811. I presume, as you are clerk, it is your business to be there?—I may have been out of town.

812. If so, have you seen Mr. Wreghitt there?—Never.

813. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) These gentlemen were in office when you were appointed clerk in 1859?—Who?

814. The majority of them; the majority of the pasture masters were in office when they appointed you, were they not?—Yes.

815. Were you then clerk to the mayor, Mr. Silvester?—I was.

816. Is Mr. Silvester a man of any politics at all?—He generally votes for the crimson party.

817. Have you yourself a vote?—Yes.

818. Do you vote Conservative?—Always.

819. You have said in the early part of your examination that the pasture masters generally employ voters, and generally look to their politics?—I believe that is the case.

820. And they generally employ, I suppose, I do not say it is unnatural, but they generally employ tradesmen of the same politics, the same colour?—Generally.

821. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is there anything like exclusive dealing in the borough?—I do not know; the Conservatives generally go to the Conservative tradesmen.

822. Do the Liberals go to the Liberals also?—Yes, you may depend upon it, just the same way as the others.

823. That is what I mean?—There is no mistake about that.

824. That is what I call exclusive dealing. Tell me, the pasture masters are elected by voters on the pasture roll?—Yes; I have the pasture roll.

825. They are proposed, I suppose, and seconded. When was there a contest for the pasture masters?—It is some time since.

826. In fact the Liberals have given up contesting it substantially?—I don't know for that.

827. Twelve is a large number, all being Conservatives; they must have given it up?—I think so.

828. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) They have given it up as hopeless?—I don't say exactly they have given it up.

829. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Could you tell me the date of the last contest?—There was a contest in 1867.

830. There was one, was there?—Yes; it was only a sort of sham concern.

831. I don't want that. When was there a real one?—We would fill the papers up first.

832. I know; was there a contest is what I mean. What advantage have the pasture masters besides the privilege of looking over the charity and dining once a year?—They have dinners quarterly.

833. That is not a great thing. What other advantage have they?—They have nothing that I know of.

834. But it is a mark of distinction?—Yes.

835. They are elected out of the men on the pasture roll, and they are confined to the three pastures?—They are elected from the pasture roll.

FIRST DAY.

Mr. I. Monkman.

24 Aug. 1869.

836. How are they elected; are they proposed and seconded?—Oh, no, not at all.

837. Their names are written down on paper?—It is quite distinct from anything else. Mr. Crust keeps it, and before the 21st of February, I think it is, all that is on this roll can vote.

838. I know, but how do they vote?—We generally have Dickinson's room, and they come there to get the papers filled up.

839. And they put down the names they want to have?—We write them in; it is a printed form of 12 names and two auditors.

840. The names are printed?—No, there is a blank left for the name. When the man comes up we put in the name.

841. Did you ever know men to receive a bribe for voting for a pasture master?—I do not know that I ever did see it.

842. But you have heard it?—There is no mistake about that.

843. You have heard it?—Oh, yes; I never give any.

844. I am not imputing anything to you, but you have heard that men have received it?—I have.

845. And you have no doubt it has been so?—I have no doubt of it.

846. Has that been so long?—Oh, yes.

847. Since you were appointed. I do not wish at all to get anything out from you but what you are bound to give. Has that been so during the time you were in office?—Yes.

848. And before you were in office?—Certainly.

849. Could you tell me at all?—It is what I have heard, you know.

850. Oh, I know. Can you tell me at all how many; what proportion of them, a third or a fourth, have been bribed to vote?—How much?

851. No, how many out of the number?—I cannot say that.

852. About a hundred, perhaps?—Oh, yes, there would be a hundred, I should think.

853. Well-known men in fact; men whom you could go to and give their shilling or half-a-crown?—They expected it.

854. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What did they get?—Sometimes, I have heard——

855. Tell us what you have heard?—Perhaps 2*s.* 6*d.*

856. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was for the pasture masters?—Yes.

857. That was all the time you were in?—I do not——

858. I know, only what you have heard. Now about the municipal elections. I suppose the same class of voter would expect to be paid for voting for a town councillor?—Yes, and a little more; men that are not freemen.

859. Exactly; the householders or ratepayers also expect something; those that have a vote for the municipal men?—Yes, most of the freemen have, but there are a great many on this list that are not householders; apprentices, and so on.

860. What is the general pay for voting for the town councillors; what do they expect?—I should think on an average 5*s.*; some labouring men would not come up without, and some less than 5*s.*

861. And some men who are others than labouring men, some small tradesmen, shopkeepers?—Well, I should think so.

862. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a member of the Working Men's Conservative Association?—Yes.

863. Have you ever been present at any meeting where the pasture masters were proposed, where it has been discussed who should be pasture masters?—I have.

864. Is it your belief the party generally arranged there what pasture masters they would put forward?—They did.

865. They generally did?—Well, three or four times, I think. At least I won't say three or four times, but they have done.

866. It is the general place where they arrange such matters?—It has been there two or three times.

867. The pasture masters are all Conservatives?—There are a great many of the freemen that are members of the Working Men's Association.

868. Who paid the money to the voters, do you know that?—I do not know exactly, but some of the pasture masters.

869. I mean what man paid the voters the money?—I do not know.

870. I want to know the name of the man who paid the money?—I don't know him.

871. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You only said you heard it?—I was in the room filling up the papers.

872. (*Mr. Barstow.*) No doubt. You told us that you have heard that the people who voted for the pasture masters received 2*s.* 6*d.*; have you also heard who paid that 2*s.* 6*d.*?—I am sure I do not know.

873. It is not unnatural that the man who heard one should hear the other?—They paid outside.

874. The half-crown does not find their hands, who gives it them?—I do not know.

875. Do you mean to say before all these people you never heard the name?—Some of the pasture masters would.

876. Just give us the name of the pasture master who would pay the money?

877. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Not that you know of; that you heard?

878. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There are only 12 of them. Some pasture masters would pay, let us know who?—I could not tell you the names.

879. Have you never heard?—Some of the pasture masters would generally pay it.

880. You have told us that before. What pasture master?—I do not know exactly.

881. You heard that it was received; you know quite well who paid it?—I never was there.

882. So you have told us, and so I daresay; your business was elsewhere. We want to know who paid this half-crown; we want the name of the man who paid it?—I am sure I do not know.

883. It was one of the 12 pasture masters. Why do you say it was one of the 12 pasture masters?

884. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I do not think he said it was one; I think, if I understood him rightly, he meant more than one.

885. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Some pasture masters would pay it?—Some pasture masters would pay it.

886. That is still stronger, because there must be more than one out of the 12?—I never saw anything paid.

887. Do you know who paid it?—No.

888. Have you never heard who paid it?

889. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We feel for your position as clerk of the pasture masters, but as you are telling it very fairly, tell us what you heard. It is a difficult position for you to fill. It is no fault of yours that you are here as a witness. Was it a regular thing that they were paid when they came up to vote?—They were paid.

890. As they came up to vote for the pasture masters?—Yes.

891. A regular tariff of half-a-crown a man; about that?—2*s.* 6*d.*, and more sometimes.

892. In fact, substantially they were all paid?—I don't know who paid it.

893. Substantially they were all paid; who came up while you were making out the list of names?—I expect they were.

894. Can you tell me at all where the fund came from that paid them?—I do not know.

895. I think you do, if you recollect yourself?—There is one year I believe I got 15*l.* for cab hire and expenses.

896. From whom?—Mr. Wreghitt; between 14*l.* and 15*l.*

897. You are doing yourself credit by telling us everything you know ; it is a painful position for you. —That was for expenses. It was stopped, was that election.

898. Do you recollect what year that was ?—I think it was in 1862.

899. About 15*l.* ?—About 15*l.*

900. That would give 120 votes. There was more than that spent ; where did the rest come from, do you recollect ?—Not in that year ; there was another contest and the pasture masters subscribed, I think, but I do not recollect now, something like 3*l.* 10*s.* each.

901. Of course, that was given out in half-crowns ; did they ever rise beyond 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes, they did that time.

902. How much did they come to then, 3*s.* or 4*s.* ?—I have not calculated, but it is 3*s.* or 4*s.*

903. Can you tell me at all what year it was ?—I do not know.

904. The Liberals were all beaten, were not they ? —Yes.

905. And they did not contest it after that, that was a settler for them ?—I won't say that.

906. When they came up to vote without a contest they would get their 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—There was no voting.

907. I mean signing the papers ?—Yes, when they sign the papers.

908. How long have you been in the borough ?—I was born in 1822.

909. And you have been in the borough ever since ? —Yes.

910. Did you ever know a municipal election in the borough without there being bribery from the time you became a man ?—Very seldom.

911. Never, is not it ?—I did not say never.

912. But if there was a contest now, we will take it if there be a contest, did you ever know a municipal election in Beverley where there was a contest without bribery ?—Scarcely ever.

913. Never a contest ?—Yes.

914. On both sides ?—On both sides.

915. The Liberals as bad as the Conservatives ? —Bribed the Conservatives ?

916. No, as bad, the bribery ; as good if you like ? —As good.

917. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did the Liberals bribe as much as the Conservatives ?—Yes, I think so.

918. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Till they were beaten out of the field. We will take it in 1865, they were utterly beaten out of the field, were not they, in the municipal election ?—I don't know whether they were beaten out of the field, but they were beaten.

919. There were 15 to 3 ; 15 Conservatives to 3 Liberals at the time of the accident ?—In the town council ?

920. Yes ?—Well, I should think so.

921. At the last municipal election the votes ranged high, did not they ?—I do not know what they were.

922. In November ?—I do not know what they were.

923. I don't mean from your knowledge.—I filled up papers, at least superintended filling up papers, and filled them up myself.

924. You are an official in some measure ; but the votes ran high ?—I believe they did.

925. Much higher than on any former occasion ?— I heard so.

926. And you have no doubt they did ?—I have no doubt.

927. Supposing that 800*l.* was spent on one side at the last municipal election, what do you say would have been spent on the former election—what proportion ?—It is a very extraordinary thing if there was 800*l.* spent.

928. Supposing there was at the last election of 1868 800*l.* spent, would you say there would be 400*l.* spent on the former election ?—Oh no, I should think not. I don't know ; I don't think it would be that.

929. The parliamentary election was close at hand, if you recollect ?—Yes.

930. From what you had heard, do you think that raised the price of votes at the municipal election ? I know I shall have an honest answer from you.—I don't think it made any difference.

931. Just consider. You told me on former elections 5*s.*, 6*s.*, and 7*s.* were paid : at this election was it run up to 1*l.* or 17*s.* ?—I never heard of 1*l.*

932. 17*s.* or 15*s.* ?—Yes.

933. How would you account for the difference, if it was not the nearness of the political election ; how do you account for the rise in the price of a vote ?—I don't think it had anything to do with the borough election, because there were 60 men came up before Baron Martin, and they said they all voted the other way, excepting four or five.

935. I want to know your opinion.—My opinion is that there was very little difference in the voting before the election.

936. Why ?—I do not think it made any difference.

937. Why did the votes run so high ; why did they pay so much for them ?—They wanted to get in, and when they commence here, they mean it.

938. (*Mr. Barstow.*) If six Liberals had been returned instead of six Conservatives, the Liberals would have had a majority in the council ?—I am sure I don't know. Very likely they would.

939. It is quite clear. If that were so, would that raise the price of votes ?—It would be just about the same way. When they were going out the Liberals would try to get in, just the same as the Conservatives.

940. Do you know how those who received Walker's gift voted at the last parliamentary election ?—I am sure I don't know ; I never looked at the poll book.

941. Have you read the report ?—I have not.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, 25th August 1869.

SECOND DAY.

T. Duffill.

25 Aug. 1869.

THOMAS DUFFILL sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

942. Are you a voter for this borough?—Yes.

943. When did you become a voter?—I believe I became a voter in 1854; I think so.

944. As a householder or freeman?—As a freeman.

945. Have you voted at former elections?—Yes.

946. And you voted at the last election?—Yes.

947. For whom did you vote at the last election—what colour?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

948. At the last election?—Yes.

949. What other elections did you vote at; did you vote in 1865?—I believe I voted at every election since I was a voter, barring Hastings and Gordon.

950. Who did you vote for in 1865?—If you say who put up, I will tell you.

951. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Edwards, Sykes, and Mr. Keane.—Keane.

952. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You voted for Mr. Keane?—Yes.

953. And you voted Liberal in 1860?—Yes.

254. Walker and Gridley, 1860?—Yes.

955. And you voted for Walker?—Yes, Walker.

956. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He was Liberal.

957. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Conservative, I think.

958. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Can you tell me who you voted for in 1859?—Edwards and Walker.

958. That was 1859. Mr. Edwards I think was the present member?—Yes.

960. You voted for him in 1859?—Yes.

961. Do you recollect how you voted in 1857? I will tell you who the candidates were—Denison and Glover. Do you know how you voted?—I voted for Denison and Wells.

962. And you voted for Mr. Wells after that?—I voted for Mr. Wells, I believe, single handed after that; since, Mr. Denison and Mr. Wells put up together.

963. Then you voted in 1865 for the Liberal candidate, Mr. Keane, and in 1868 you voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

964. That is so?—Yes.

965. You are a freeman?—Yes.

966. Where do you work; have you work of your own, or where do you work?—I work at Grove Hill, but I have been away—the manure works.

967. I believe that is an extensive work?—Yes.

968. You are not working there now?—Yes, at Grove Hill, but I was away on some business.

969. Are you on the pasture roll?—Yes.

970. And you have a right of pasture?—Yes.

971. How long have you been on the pasture roll?—Ever since I took my freedom up.

972. Have you any cattle?—No.

973. You are one of those who come in and receive some money, I suppose?—Yes.

974. Tell me how much money did you receive out of the surplus having no cattle?—Sometimes 7*s.*, but I have had as much as 10*s.*; that was the highest, and I had that only once.

975. At what time of the year is it distributed?—The latter part of the year—October.

976. I suppose you receive an order from the secretary, and go to the treasurer and receive the money?—No, the bellman goes round, and we have to come over for it.

977. I suppose you get your proper share?—I do not know, I am sure.

978. Well, I do not know; I wish to know from you. Do you think you get your proper share?—I think myself we ought to have more than we do get.

979. You personally. I only mean you individually. You get as much as other people?—Yes.

980. Of course you think you ought to get more?—Yes, yes.

981. It is a valuable pasture?—Yes.

982. Now we will come to the last election; but I will ask you this, did you vote every year at the municipal election?—Yes.

983. I will not take them throughout entirely, but I will ask you whether every year you have been paid for voting at the municipal elections?—I have not got anything from anybody not lately for voting at the municipal elections.

984. I do not say lately. You were a freeman in 1854, and you voted some time after that; were you paid for that?—For voting at the parliamentary?

985. No, the municipal; we have not come to the parliamentary as yet.—No, I was not paid anything there.

986. About how many have you been paid for of the municipal elections?—I should say not over two.

987. You voted freely. I do not say it offensively; you voted freely without being paid at all municipal elections, save two?—Yes.

988. Which were the two?—When I lived in this St. Mary's.

989. When about was that?—Six or seven years ago, but I could vote for the municipal before I took my freedom up.

990. Were you paid after you took your freedom up, or before?—It was before I took my freedom up.

991. How much were you paid?—I believe it was three half-crowns.

992. On the Liberal side?—No.

993, On what side?—It was on the Conservative side. I should tell you it is about 15 years since.

994. Was money going pretty freely then?—Yes.

995. On both sides?—I cannot say.

996. I suppose you were canvassed on both sides?—No; I was not canvassed by the Liberals that year. I can remember very well about that.

997. I suppose you know if money was going on one side it would be going on both?—I cannot say; I was poorly at the time, and I got home as soon as I could.

998. And that was the only money up to this last election?—Yes.

999. Was money going then?—Not this last.

1000. No, no, we are far away as yet from the last. Was money going freely?—If you will tell me what election you are asking to; there were some of them.

1001. I do not know. I came to get information from you, and I am sure you will give it me.—I will, as far as I can.

1002. In 1865 was money going then?—On a municipal election?

1903. Yes, that is it.—Was money going then?

1004. Yes, quite so.—Yes.

1005. Who canvassed you?—I was not canvassed then at all.

1006. Who went round to you, who spoke to you? Were you at the works at Grove Hill yourself?—Mr. Edwards and Mr. Walker spoke to me.

1007. I see you remember and know very well about it. Were a number of your men coming out from work, and these gentlemen came round?—Yes.

1008. Who came round?—Mr. Edwards and Mr. Walker, and a gentleman or so; I cannot say. Mr. Arden, who is there (*pointing to a gentleman in Court*) was there.

1009. Of course you have been canvassed for Mr. Keane ?—I was not canvassed.

1010. You did not promise them at first in fact ?—No.

1011. What did they say ?—They asked me if I would support them.

1012. We know that; what else passed ?—I told them I should not promise.

1013. Anything else ?—I cannot say.

1014. Any offer ?—No.

1015. I only wish to arrive at the truth, understand we do not wish anything in the world but the real truth.—I was paid when I voted for Mr. Walker.

1016. At the last election you were not paid ?—No, I never got a penny.

1017. And you were not offered anything ?—No, not a penny.

1018. Mr. Walker was returned in 1859 or 1860 ?—Yes.

1019. You were paid then ?—Yes.

1020. Who paid you ?—I believe it was Mr. Moore. I think it was him at the "Dog and Duck."

1021. Be kind enough to give us his address ?—He did live in Toll-Gavel, and kept a pot shop.

1022. Cannot you tell us where he lives now ?—He has failed; I do not know whether he lives there or not.

1023. What did you get ?—I think it was 2*l.*

1024. Was that the only occasion when you received money at a parliamentary election for this borough ?—No. I got something for voting for Mr. Keane. I got 2*l.* then.

1025. Who canvassed you ?—I was not canvassed at all.

1026. Did nobody speak to you ?—No.

1027. Who paid it ?—I cannot tell; I got it upon a piece of board.

1028. Where did you get it ?—In the Mechanics' Hall, on the election day.

1029. What time of the day ?—About 2 o'clock.

1030. Yes, I could have told you that.—Could you ?

1031. Yes; you came up with a number of others.—I came up with three or four.

1032. And there was a man standing in the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

1033. You did not know him ?—No.

1034. He was not a native of this place ?—No.

1035. He was a stranger ?—Yes.

1036. I suppose he asked you which way you were going to vote ?—He never spoke.

1037. Who took you there ?—I went myself.

1038. Who told you to go ?—It was rumoured they were being paid at the Mechanics' Hall.

1039. Where was it rumoured ?—All over the town.

1040. It was a matter of notoriety all over the town there was money being paid on behalf of Mr. Keane at the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

1041. And you hearing that went there about 2 o'clock with three or four men ?—Yes.

1042. Who are the men, can you give us their names ?—A man of the name of Brusby I think, but I cannot tell.

1043. You must know; you went to be paid ?—Yes, that was so, but I forget.

1044. What was Brusby ?—A Liberal.

1045. I did not mean that, but by trade ?—He is a wright (carpenter).

1046. Does he live here ?—He lives at Woodmansey.

1047. How far is that off ?—About two miles.

1048. Besides Walker and Keane, did you receive any money from anybody else from any election ?—No.

1049. That was all ?—No.

1050. From Walker and Keane ?—Yes, those were them.

1051. Now I will ask you about the municipal election; you have told me of Maxwell and Trollope. Did you receive any money at that election ?—No.

1052. You received nothing at the parliamentary election, then ?—No.

1053. You are a parliamentary voter also ?—Yes.

1054. Were you canvassed at all about your vote for the candidates ?—Yes.

1055. You were ?—Yes.

1056. Were you canvassed at the works ?—Yes.

1057. Who came to canvass you there ?—Mr. Norfolk.

1058. Is he the gentleman who has ironworks here ?—Yes.

1059. Who else ?—Mr. Bainton.

1060. Anybody else ?—A young man of the name of Carrington.

1061. Now you will tell me about how many voters, persons who voted for town councillors, went up with you ?—About eight or nine.

1062. Were you at all canvassed by those gentlemen when you came out ?—Yes.

1063. How many days before the election; you recollect the election was on Monday ?—Yes, I believe it was.

1064. Did they come out on a Saturday ?—I should say it would be a week or two before.

1065. Did you promise them at first ?—No.

1066. When did you promise them ?—Not till the election day when they were giving money.

1067. Then I suppose you came into the town ?—Yes.

1068. On the election day you came into the borough ?—Yes.

1069. Did you vote ?—Yes, I voted.

1070. For whom ?—Mr. Lowther, and Catterson, and Usher.

1071. For the three town councillors who were on the Conservative list ?—Yes.

1072. What time did you vote ?—Between 1 and 2 o'clock.

1073. Had you received any allowance for voting ?—15*s.*

1074. Had you been promised that before you voted ?—Yes, there was a man came and promised us before we went to vote.

1075. Who was it ?—They call him Vernom, and he is one of our town lamplighters.

1076. Where did he meet you ?—In the square here outside.

1077. Were you alone ?—No, there were three or four of us together.

1078. He came to you ?—Yes.

1079. What did he do ?—He came up and he said he could get us 15*s.* apiece.

1080. For what ?—For voting. I was dubious of it, for the Liberals had stopped; they had not taken any votes.

1081. You thought it was a joke ?—Yes.

1082. Because you had heard the Liberals had stopped polling ?—Yes.

1083. That they were beaten hollow, had given up the fight ?—Yes.

1084. What did you say ?—I said I thought it was a queer case; but one of us was persuaded to go.

1085. To make the trial ?—Yes, and he got it.

1086. Which of them went ?—We call him Wilson.

1087. And he came back with the six half-crowns in his hand ?—He said he had got it, that it was all right.

1088. He told you of it ?—Yes.

1089. And then your disbelief vanished ?—I thought the best way was to go before the tap was stopped.

1090. Where was the tap which you enjoyed so ?—The "Golden Ball."

1091. Who keeps that ?—Mr. Ramshaw.

1092. How many of you went there ?—There was a lot; there were four of us went into the room together.

1093. You saw a number of others ?—Some 30 or 40.

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1094. Some 30 or 40 ?—Yes, we could hardly get upstairs.

1095. Who did you find in the room ?—There was Mr. Watson the auctioneer ; he was the money payer.

1096. He had the money ?—Yes. Mr. Lowther was in the room.

1097. One of the candidates ?—Yes.

1098. And who else ?—Mr. Stothard.

1099. What was he ?—He was a runner ; he calls himself a runner, to get the voters up.

1100. What is he in business ?—A patten maker.

1101. Anybody else ?—Mr. Watson, the painter.

1102. They were in the room ?—Yes.

1103. And four of you went in ?—Yes.

1104. Give us the names of your companions ; were they from the works ?—There were two from the works besides myself.

1105. Who were they ?—Thomas Hazzlehurst.

1106. Tell us who spoke to you ?—Mr. Watson wanted to know whether we had voted. Mr. Stothard said it was all right, so that the three of us got 4*l.*

1107. Had you voted at this time ?—Yes.

1108. You had voted ?—Yes, they would not pay without.

1109. How do you know they would not pay you without ; did anyone tell you ? Come, I wish to know everything ?—They said as soon as we went out we should get the money of Mr. Vernom.

1110. One man went out to vote, and as soon as he came into the room he got the money, he was paid ; and you would not have gone and voted unless that had been so ?—No.

1111. Was anything said to you at the time about the parliamentary election ?—No, except this : I said, "Why keep the polling on ?" and he said "They were keeping on for both events."

1112. Tell us that again ?—They were keeping the poll open ; he said they were going to carry both events.

1113. What did you understand by that ?—Both the municipal and parliamentary.

1114. You knew the parliamentary was coming on ?—Yes.

1115. Were they canvassing, placarding up ?—No.

1116. You had not seen any placards up on both sides ?—No.

1117. Did you know who was coming forward to contest the borough at that time ?—Not the least.

1118. When you came in I suppose your name was called over ?—We went to a room, Mr. Watson was there ; there were three persons.

1119. And he asked you your name ?—Yes.

1120. Was it put down ?—Yes.

1121. Who put it down ?—Mr. Watson the auctioneer.

1122. Mr. Watson put it down ?—Yes.

1123. And did he put down the names of the other three ?—Yes.

1124. Could you see whether he had any books by him ?—He had the books and a bag, and all on the table ; he had a book with all the voters names in.

1125. Do you know whether he had a book containing the list of voters for the parliamentary election ?—I could not say.

1126. Did he put down your name in one place or in two places ?—Only in just one place.

1127. When he put down your name he then handed you I suppose, or some one else for you, three sovereigns, to be divided amongst the four ?—Yes.

1128. He put down the names of all the others ?—Yes.

1129. Was anything said ?—No, there was nothing else said.

1130. Did they say anything to you ?—No ; as soon as we got the money we came out.

1131. Did those gentlemen there say anything ?—No.

1132. They asked you had you voted ?—Yes.

1133. And you said you had ?—Yes.

1134. Then the only person who said anything to you about the double events was the runner ?—Yes.

1135. Nobody else ?—No.

1136. Did he say that to the other men ?—Yes, not to all the four ; he did not say anything of the sort to Thomas Hazzlehurst, he was not with us then.

1137. He only said it to you men who were from the Grove Hill Works ?—Yes, two or three of them.

1138. From the Grove Hill Works, from the same place ?—Yes.

1139. Were you canvassed at all by Sir Henry Edwards, or anyone on his behalf, for the election between the election and the time you voted for the borough ?—Yes, after the municipal election I was canvassed by him.

1140. Who canvassed you ?—Mr. Edwards and Mr. Kennard, and Mr. Arden there, and Mr. Cleaver there was one.

1141. Did Mr. Lowther or Mr. Watson, or any of them canvass you ?—Mr. Watson did not ; I cannot say whether Mr. Lowther did, I will not be sure of that.

1142. Well, recollect yourself.—No, I cannot.

1143. Oh, yes, you can.—I cannot.

1144. Did you see anyone who canvassed you when you were in the room, when you were paid the money ?—I cannot say whether Mr. Lowther did, to speak surely.

1145. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did he canvass you ?—I believe Mr. Lowther did ; I cannot say, I will not be sure.

1146. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are giving your evidence as fairly as any man can give it. They canvassed you ?—Yes.

1147. When and where did they canvass you, at the works ?—Yes.

1148. I do not mean Mr. Lowther ; you say you do not know about Mr. Lowther ; what I meant was Mr. Kennard and Mr. Edwards and a gentleman you say here. What time did they canvass you, you voted on the Monday ; how soon after the Monday did they canvass you ?—Perhaps a week.

1149. And of course you did not promise them ?—No.

1150. You expected a little more of course ; you had received 2*l.* for voting for Mr. Keane, and you had received 15*s.* for voting for the town council, and I suppose you expected you ought to be paid something additional ?—No, I did not.

1151. Did you not ?—No, I should not have voted for them if I had been paid that election.

1152. You did not expect anything ?—No.

1153. You received 2*l.* for voting for Mr. Keane ?—Yes.

1154. Now, supposing you to be offered 5*l.*, why should not you take it as well as in 1865 ?—Why should I ?

1155. Why should you not ?—I should not have voted for the Conservatives, because I thought that Mr. Maxwell was a proper man for the candidature, that made me think I would not vote for them.

1156. You made up your mind to vote for Mr. Maxwell ?—Yes.

1157. Had you known he was a candidate before you received the 15*s.* for voting for the town council ; had you known Mr. Maxwell was up ?—No, not when I voted for the town councillors.

1158. You did not know at that time ?—No.

1159. I am obliged to ask you about this ; the man told you he was here for the double event. Did you receive the 15*s.* as a kind of instalment for the double event ?—I should think so ; as he said, if we should see him on the morning of the parliamentary election day that we should get from him some more money.

1160. Then you received that as a part ?—That was for voting for the town council.

1161. You said he told you ——?—That if we should see him on the parliamentary election day morning he would get us some more money to vote for the Tories.

1162. What do you mean for ?—If we voted for the Tory candidates.

1163. More than the 15*s.* ?—Yes.

1164. Is that what you understood ?—Yes.

1165. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Who said that to you ?—Vernom.

1166. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) On the morning when the parliamentary election would come on ?—Yes.

1167. Did you see him on the morning of the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

1168. Did he speak to you ?—Not to me, he did not.

1169. Was he about ?—Yes. I was coming down, and met him coming down to Grove Hill; he did not speak to me, but he took a young man with me aside, and was talking to him.

1170. What is that young man's name ?—John Atkinson.

1171. He took him aside and spoke to him ?—Yes, he never spoke to me.

1172. He was going up towards Grove Hill ?—Yes.

1173. Now I wish you to be accurate, I do not wish to put anything into your mouth at all. Do not imagine you would gratify me in the slightest degree, or any of the Commissioners, by saying anything about this man that is not the truth ; quite the contrary.—I have said nothing but the truth.

1174. Tell me again what Vernom said to you ; what you understood him to mean ?—When he came and asked us if we had voted, we said "No ;" he said if we would go in he could get us 15*s.* apiece.

1175. I do not want that, we have the whole of that; what I meant is, he said something about getting more money ?—He said, if we saw him on the parliamentary day, the morning of the election, he would get us some more if we voted for the Tory candidates.

1176. Was that at the same time he told you about the 15*s.* ?—It was after he told us he could get us more ; it was after we had voted ; he said, "Now if you "see me the parliamentary day election I can get you "more if you vote for our side."

1177. After you voted ?—He said they were keeping the poll open, they were carrying on both events.

1178. I may have omitted to ask you many questions ; do you remember anything else within your own knowledge what you know ?—No, I cannot say anything else.

1179. Is there anything you recollect ?—No, I think not.

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1180. Did you see Vernom on the day of the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

1181. He did not give you anything more ?—No, he did not speak to me.

1182. Did anyone whatever give you any money on the parliamentary election ?—No.

1183. Did anyone offer you any money ?—No.

1184. Have you heard of anyone receiving any money on the parliamentary election ?—No.

1185. Is there any rumour in the town that people were bribed at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

1186. What have you heard about that ?—I heard the election day there was bribing at Clowes' house.

1187. Who told you that ?—I cannot say ; there were plenty of men.

1188. Yes, but we want some names.—I believe it was a man of the name of Benjamin Thompson that I heard say so.

1189. What is he ?—He is either a joiner, or something of that sort.

1190. Is he a Beverley man ?—Yes.

1191. Where does he live ?—Sigston Street, I believe.

1192. What is Clowes' house ?—It is a saddler's shop, in the market.

1193. It was the Conservative committee rooms, was it not ?—I do not know what it was ; there were two or three rooms.

1194. I see somewhere here it is charged three or four guineas. Do you know as a fact it was the Conservative committee room ; you heard Benjamin Thompson say they were bribing in Clowes' house ?—He thought there was a mill there ; they were paying.

1195. A mill means a place where you bribe ?—Yes.

1196. What was it Thompson said ; say it in so many words ?—He said he thought there was bribing there, and we went to see.

1197. Did you go there ?—I found Mr. Cussons there and Mr. Barkworth.

1198. Mr. Cussons is an alderman of the town ?—Yes.

1199. And Mr. Barkworth, what is he ; a magistrate here ?—Yes.

1200. Did you speak to either of them ?—No.

1201. They are supporters of the Conservative party ?—Yes.

1202. You did not speak to them ?—No.

1203. Did you go into the committee room ?—There was another upstairs ; the room downstairs was occupied by the two gentlemen.

1204. You went in ?—I did not go into this downstairs room.

1205. The door was open ?—Yes.

1206. You looked into the room ?—Yes.

1207. There you saw Mr. Cussons and Mr. Barkworth ?—Yes.

1208. Did you see any freemen there ?—I do not know about freemen, there were plenty of voters there ; a lot of us went in.

1209. A lot together ?—Yes.

1210. Had you voted at the time you went there ?—I could not say whether I had or not.

1211. Now let us hear ?—I believe I had not.

1212. After Benjamin Thompson told you there was bribery at Clowes' house you went there ?—Yes, and a lot more.

1213. Did you receive any money ?—No, not a penny.

1214. Did anyone with you receive a penny there ?—We did not go to get any.

1215. What did you go for ?—We went to see.

1216. Did you see any money paid ?—No. We went upstairs to another room, and they had the door fast.

1217. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Could you tell what time of the day it was ; what hour ?—It was in the morning, between 10 and 11 perhaps.

1218. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What time did you vote that day ?—About dinner time I should say.

1219. Then it was clearly before you voted you went ?—Yes.

1220. Then have you told us all you saw at Clowes' house ?—I saw Mr. Cussons and Mr. Barkworth.

1221. And a number of voters ?—Yes. I did not see any money paid, or nothing.

1222. Is that all you saw ?—Yes.

1223. You did not go into a room as you did on Mr. Keane's election ?—No.

1224. There was no stranger ?—There was a bag found in the room.

1225. You saw a bag there ?—I saw a man with it in his hand as he came out.

1226. What sort of a bag was it ?—One of these short bags, about that size (*illustrating*), a money bag.

1227. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was empty ?—Yes.

1228. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Has any individual person told you he was paid at that election for voting ?—No.

1229. No one has ?—No.

1230. It was an empty bag you say ?—Yes. I was very sorry I had to go in there.

1231. Is that all you can tell us about paying the voters at the election day ?—At the borough ?

1232. The borough of course ?—Yes.

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1233. That is all ?—Yes, I did not see anyone paid anything there.

1234. Did you get a sup of drink ?—No. I have not had anything to drink for six years.

1235. You are a teetotaller ?—Yes.

1236. Who is your employer at the manure works ?—Mr. Wharton.

1237. How long have you worked there ?—Rather better than 15 years.

1238. What are Mr. Wharton's politics ?—I do not know I am sure what he is ; he never bothers his head with us about politics.

1239. He does not trouble you at all ?—No, he never bothers his head at all.

1240–1. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now, there were with you when you were paid these 15*s.* you say, Collinson and Hambleton ?—Yes, and Atkinson.

1242. And Wilson had been with you and was paid first ?—Atkinson was not with us when we were paid the 15*s.*

1243. He was with you when Vernom spoke to you ?—Yes ; I do not know whether he was there all the time when Vernom spoke to us.

1244. Was he within ear-shot ; could he hear what was said when Vernom spoke to you ?—I do not know ; he is here as a witness.

1245. I want to know from you could he hear ?—I could not say what he heard.

1246. You could say what distance he was off ?—I do not know ; he was not far off.

1247. You understand what one means by a man being in company ?—If he was listening he might hear.

1248. He was in company ?—Yes, with a lot of others ; there were plenty of us.

1249. Would it be fair to say you were all together at the time ?—No.

1250. Atkinson was not near enough ?—I cannot say whether he could hear or not ; I have had no conversation with him about it.

1251. I daresay not. Wilson went first, and you speak only about Hambleton and Collinson ?—Hambleton and Collinson heard it.

1252. Vernom told you he could get you the 15*s.* each ?—It was to vote for the councillors.

1253. It was to vote for the Conservative candidates for the council ?—Yes. I asked him the reason why they were going to keep the poll open ; he said they were going to carry both events.

1254. You recollect distinctly that ?—Yes.

1255. Did he say, "I will get you this money for voting at the parliamentary election ?"—No, he did not ; he came up after that. He said, "Now, you "would not believe me, that I could get you 15*s.* "Now, if you see me on the parliamentary day election "morning, I will get you some more if you vote for "our side."

1256. Now, you are above taking a bribe, I hope ; but on the day you voted for Mr. Keane and Mr. Walker you would not have taken 15*s.* for voting at a parliamentary election ?—The 15*s.* I took was for the municipal election.

1257. 15*s.* is very much below the price of parliamentary votes, according to Beverley experience ?—I have voted for nothing.

1258. Yes, and you voted for 2*l.* ?—That is all I got ; the highest.

1259. I suppose you consider 15*s.* a very inadequate bid for a parliamentary vote ?—It is better than getting nothing at all.

1260. But if a man had offered a 15*s.* bid for a parliamentary vote you would not have taken it without some chaffer ?—Well, you may have different opinions to me, perhaps.

1261. But I want to know your opinions ?—I cannot say.

1262. Do you mean to say that there was no more on either side ?—I mean to say that there was more ; but when Edwards and Wells put up there was money given, and I voted for nothing for Wells.

1263. You told it us yourself you once received 2*l.* ?—Yes, I have ; and I cannot make three of it.

1264. Do not be flippant.

1265. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No ; for we wish to treat you with every respect.

1266. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In your opinion, is 15*s.* an adequate bid for a parliamentary vote in Beverley ?—It seems very little.

1267. I suppose if it had been offered, a man would not be very willing to take it ?—I should say not, if he heard some more was being given.

1268. You would have made some comment on it ?—Yes.

1269. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What wages do you receive ?—19*s.* a week.

1270. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now you voted, as you have already told us, for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

1271. Do you know how Hambleton voted ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

1272. And he voted for the Conservatives at the municipal election ?—Yes.

1273. Spence Collinson, he voted for the Conservatives at the municipal election ?—Yes.

1274. How did he vote at the parliamentary ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

1275. Wilson voted for the Conservatives at the municipal election ?—Yes, he was the first man that went.

1276. How did he vote at the parliamentary election ?—I believe he voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

1277. Do you know how Atkinson voted ?—He voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

1278. At the municipal election he voted for the Conservatives ?—Yes. I believe Wilson voted for Maxwell and Trollope ; I am not sure.

1279. Do you mean to tell me you and all these men received money to vote for the Conservatives at the parliamentary election, and all voted for the Liberals ?—Hambleton and Collinson got the 15*s.*

1280. Do you tell me you received this money to vote for the Conservative candidates at the parliamentary election ?—I never got the money to vote for the parliamentary ; the 15*s.* I got was to vote for the town councillors.

1281. Now I wish you to be plain and distinct as to your answer.—Yes.

1282. Then you got the money to vote for the town council ?—Yes.

1283. Is that what you understood at the time you received it ?—Yes ; and he said if we would see him at the parliamentary election he would get us some more if we would vote for the Conservative candidates.

1284. I have already asked you whether he did give you more ?—He did not ; he never spoke to us on the parliamentary election day.

1285. When you voted for the municipal election, did you consider you had performed your part of the contract, the bargain, and that nothing more was expected of you ?—Yes, I did.

1286. Did any of these gentlemen who were in the room at the municipal election—their names seem to be Lowther, Stothard, and two Watsons ; did any of those come canvassing you with the candidates ?—Mr. Lowther came round at the municipal election.

1287. I am asking now, did he come round and canvass you with Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard ?—I would not swear that Mr. Lowther was there.

1288. Was Mr. Stothard there ?—No.

1289. Or either of the Watsons ?—No, neither of them.

1290. Or any gentleman you know. Did any person who was in this room, or concerned in the municipal election, come to canvass you for the parliamentary election ?—I cannot say whether Mr. Lowther did or not.

1291. Except Mr. Lowther?—None of the others —did.

1292. And you are not sure of Mr. Lowther?—I will not swear if he was.

1293. Of course we shall have Mr. Lowther and the other gentlemen here. You do not know?—I cannot swear whether he was there or not.

1294. There was another, Hazzlehurst; was he in your company that day?—Yes.

1295. Was he paid with you at the "Golden Ball?" —Yes.

1296. How did he vote at the parliamentary election?—For Maxwell and Trollope, I believe.

1297. You all voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—I think so.

1298. The whole batch that were paid together with you voted for the Conservatives at the municipal election, and for Maxwell and Trollope, the Liberals, at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

1299. You say that Vernom told you, after he gave you the 15*s.*, he could get you money if you would vote for the Tory side at the parliamentary election; where did he say that?—In the square.

1300. That was after you got the 15*s.* You had come away from the place where you got the 15*s.*?—Yes.

1301. Did anybody hear him besides yourself?—Hambleton and Collinson.

1302. Did anybody else?—I cannot say that they did.

1303. What did you say in reply to that when he said he could get you more if you voted for the parliamentary?—We told him that we should most likely see him.

1304. Where?—At the parliamentary election.

1305. You did not say that you would not take money for the parliamentary election; you left the matter open?—We left the matter there with him.

1306. Open?—Yes; we did not want to bother with the parliamentary election then.

1307. When he said that he could get you money for the parliamentary election your answer was —— ?—When he said that he could get us more money for the parliamentary election than we had in the morning, I told him I most likely should see him.

1308. Did you say what you would see him for?—No; I told him most likely I should see him.

1309. You say you went into a room between 10 and 11, where you saw a man with a money bag at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

1310. An empty bag?—Yes.

1311. I heard you say you were sorry you went in?—Yes, because they summoned a lot of us up for it.

1312. Where?—Here.

1313. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For trespass?—Yes; there were a lot of us up.

1314. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is all I have to ask you.

1315. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who is Vernom?—A lamplighter.

1316. Is that the only occupation he has?—I do not know whether he works for his father-in-law or not. I believe he does a little for him.

1317. Do you know Vernom well?—Yes, quite well.

1318. He knew you were a Liberal?—I do not know whether he did or not. I vote as often for the Conservatives as the Liberals.

1319. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When Vernom offered you money for the parliamentary election, you said you left the matter open?—I told him I most likely should see him.

1320. You gave him to understand that you would leave the matter open for further consideration?—Yes.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

1321. Who appoints the lamplighter?—I cannot say whether it is the corporation or not.

1322. Where are you now?—I want to go back to Middlesborough.

1323. When did you leave this place?—A week last Saturday.

1324. You received your summons here?—I did not know there was one.

1325. When did you receive your summons?—It was after I went away.

1326. What is the date of the summons?

1327. (*The Messenger.*) Last Saturday he received it.

1328. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did you leave?—A week before.

1329. Did you leave work over at Middlesborough?—I could have got my business done if I could have stopped till Friday in this week. It is not work. I have very particular business there made me to go. It has been a deal out of my way.

1330. Private business?—Yes.

1331. How did you know you would be required to be here?—My missus sent me word.

1332. When had you received notice that you should be wanted?—On Monday morning.

1333. From your wife?—Yes.

1334. The expenses were paid out of your own pocket for coming here?—Yes.

Spence Collinson sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

1335. Are you employed at the Grove Hill Works?—Yes.

1336. Do you remember the municipal election here?—Yes.

1337. That was on the 2nd of November last?—Yes.

1338. Do you remember seeing a man named Wallis?—Yes.

1339. Now, then, are you a freeman or an occupier? An occupier.

1340. How long have you been an occupier?—I have been one the last two years on the voting list.

1341. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—Maxwell and Trollope.

1342. Was that the first parliamentary election at which you voted?—Yes.

1343. For whom did you vote at the municipal election?—The Conservative candidates.

1344. Have you ever voted before at the municipal election?—The year before.

1345. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You voted for Mr. Lowther and the others?—Yes.

1346. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The three Conservative candidates?—Yes.

1347. For whom did you vote the year before?—The Liberal candidate.

1348. Was there a contest the year before?—Yes.

1349. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For the town council?—Yes.

1350. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you paid anything for voting the year before?—No, sir.

1351. Nothing?—Nothing.

1352. Which party was successful the year before, the Conservatives or the Liberals?—The Liberals.

1353. Was that the year that we hear about, that the Conservatives got in and the Liberals were seated afterwards?—No, I believe not; the Liberals got in.

1354. For what ward was it, the Minster Ward or St. Mary's Ward?—For the Minster Ward.

1355. In 1867 the Liberals were returned for the Minster Ward?—Yes.

1356. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How many vacancies were there?—I do not know.

1357. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We will come to the municipal election. On the morning of that election you saw Robert Knaggs Wallis?—Yes, I saw him.

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S. Collinson.

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1358. Where was that?—At the Grove Hill Works.

1359. Had you any conversation with him?—I just saw him when he was going away.

1360. Did you speak to him?—He asked me about something, but I told him I would see him when I got to the town; that was all I said to him.

1361. What time was this?—Betwixt 11 and 12, I will not be sure.

1362. A little before dinner time?—Yes.

1363. Did you go into the town?—Yes.

1364. At what time did you reach the town?—It would be about 1.

1365. That would be after your dinner?—Yes.

1366. Was anyone with you?—Duffill, Hambleton, and James Atkinson.

1367. Did you see anyone in the town?—Yes.

1368. Did you see a man named Vernom?—Yes.

1369. Did you speak to him, or he to you?—He came to us and spoke to us first.

1370. What did he say to you?—He said if we would go and vote he could get us 15*s.* a piece.

1371. What did you do upon that?—I believe there was a man went and got the money, and we went after.

1372. Was there a man named Wilson in your company?—Wilson, yes; he went and got the money.

1373. What was his christian name?—Thomas Wilson.

1374. He was with you when Vernom spoke to you?—Yes.

1375. How did he go and get the money?—He went away with Vernom or somebody else, I believe.

1376. Before he went away, I suppose you and the other men and Vernom had some talk together?—Yes.

1377. Was the conversation about the election?—They were talking about we could not get the money.

1378. Some of you said to Vernom that you thought he could not get the money?—Yes.

1379. How was it that Wilson went?—I believe some of them told him to go and get it.

1380. Do you remember who told him to go?—No, I cannot say.

1381. Was it Vernom or somebody else in the company?—I do not know.

1382. He went and came back to you?—Yes.

1383. When he came back, what did he say?—He said it was all right.

1384. Was anything said about how the municipal election was then going?—I believe he said that they were 200 or 300 ahead.

1385. Who do you mean by "he"?—Vernom.

1386. Vernom said that the Conservative candidates were 200 or 300 ahead?—Yes.

1387. Did any of your men who were together say anything upon that?—I believe Duffill said, "What "was the reason they kept the poll open when they "were so many ahead."

1388. Did Vernom make any reply?—I forget whether he did or not, I am sure.

1389. I must endeavour to remind you we must have the truth. Just consider if you can recollect if Vernom made any reply?—He said to Duffill something about the two events, something about going into the two events, but I cannot swear the exact words which he said.

1390. He said something about the two events?—Yes.

1391. Now just think if you can remember the words that he made use of?—I believe, as near as I can tell, the words that he used were, "They were going in for both events;" but I cannot swear to the distinct words that he used.

1392. What did you understand by both events?—I suppose it meant the parliamentary election also.

1393. I suppose we may take it he meant the municipal election that was going on and the forthcoming parliamentary election?—Yes, that was what we thought.

1394. Do you remember any other conversation at the time with Vernom?—No; I think there was no other at the time.

1395. I may take it that as soon as Wilson said it was all right, you went and got the money at the "Golden Ball?"—Yes.

1396. You went up there and you saw a Mr. Watson?—Yes.

1397. And other gentlemen were in the room, Mr. Lowther, Mr. Stothard, and Mr. Watson the painter?—Yes.

1398. How were you paid?—Thomas Hazzlehurst got 3*l.*, and divided it amongst the four of us.

1399. Did you see him get the money?—Yes.

1400. From whom did he get it?—From Mr. Watson.

1401. Mr. Watson the auctioneer?—Yes.

1402. And he afterwards paid you your proportion, 15*s.*?—Yes.

1403. Was that before or after you voted?—After; after I got the money.

1404. Be accurate; are you sure of that?—Yes.

1405. Who went with you to vote?—I went by myself.

1406. At the time you got the money, in your own mind for what was the money paid you, do you think?—For voting for the municipal election, I expect.

1407. When you had voted for the municipal election did you conceive that you had done all you had bar gained for with Vernom?—Yes.

1408. And you felt at liberty to do what you chose after?—Yes.

1409. Your contract was fulfilled?—Yes.

1410. I think you had some conversation with him afterwards?—Yes.

1411. Where was that?—Just in the square after we had voted.

1412. Afterwards you saw him in the square?—Yes.

1413. Had you any conversation?—Yes, three or four of us stood together, and he came up and said, "You would not believe that I could get you the money."

1414. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He said that to all the three or four?—Yes, three or four of us stood together.

1415. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Go on.—He said, "If you "see me on the borough election day morning, if we "give more I will get you it."

1416. Did you see Vernom on the election day?—No, I never saw him.

1417. Did you go to him?—No.

1418. You did not then inquire after him?—No; I never saw him to have any talk to him.

1419. Did you ever any day between this and the day of the parliamentary election inquire if there was any money going at the parliamentary election?—No.

1420. You told us you voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

1421. Did you get any money?—No.

1422. Do you know any person on either side that were paid for voting?—No.

1423. Has anybody on either side told you that they have been paid?—No.

1424. Have you heard any rumours that anyone was paid?—No.

1425. Did you talk at all with anyone on the election morning, or previous, as to what would be doing?—No.

1426. You had no conversation with anyone as to what would be doing at the parliamentary election?—No.

1427. May I ask you what are your politics? You told us you have voted for the Conservatives and the Liberals; what do you call yourself?—I am partly Liberal, I think.

1428. Did any of these gentlemen whom you saw at the "Golden Ball" canvass you for the parliamentary election?—No, I do not remember any of them doing so.

1429. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I suppose we may take for granted they did not?—No.

1430. Did anyone canvass you on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

1431. For anybody else?—Yes, Captain Kennard and some other gentleman, I do not know.

1432. This gentleman who is sitting here (*pointing*)?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

1433. Did Duffill in your presence ask Vernom anything ?—He asked why he was keeping the poll open.

1434. On the second conversation did Duffill ask whether he was engaged as a runner?—Yes, I believe he did.

1435. What did Vernom answer ?—I believe he said he was engaged as a runner for the parliamentary election.

1436. Could you tell us what Duffill meant, for which election he asked Vernom whether he was engaged as a runner ?—I believe he meant for the parliamentary election.

1437. What did Vernom answer ?—He said he was engaged as a runner.

1438. Did he add something to it ?—I cannot say whether he did or not.

1439. I have reason for thinking that you have said that he added something more: just think; do not hurry yourself; just think over what he said ?—He said that if we would see him on the borough election day morning, if they gave more he would get it us.

1440. Do you remember him saying "I am going "to canvass all the week, and there will be no chance "for the orange party now ?"—Yes; but I believe that was for the municipal election.

1441. No, that is impossible, because the municipal election was practically over, and he said, "I am going "to canvass the whole week, and there will be no "chance for the orange party now." If that is what he said, just remember; is that so ?—He said something in that way; but when he said there was no chance for the orange party, I believe he meant the town council.

1442. Have you said so before ?—I have not.

1443–4. Just recall your mind to the time. Did he say anything about there being no chance for the orange party now ?—He said there would be no chance for the orange party; but I took it for the town council.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

1445. You only voted once, I believe ?—Once for the parliamentary.

1446. And twice for the municipal ?—Yes.

1447. What wages do you get ?—20*s.* a week.

1448. You did not receive any money the first time you voted at the municipal election ?—No.

1449. Was there money going ?—I do not know; no one never offered me any.

1450. Did you hear whether there was any money going ?—I cannot say that I heard it.

1451. Did you not know the price of a vote; was it not known ?—I never voted before.

1452. Did you not know from others what they generally got ?—They never told me anything about it.

1453. You thought 15*s.* was not too much for voting for the town council ?—No; and I was very thankful for what I got.

1454. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I do not think you ought to be thankful at all; you never received a worse 15*s.* in your life.

1455. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When you got to the "Golden Ball," I understood you to say Mr. Lowther was there ?—Yes.

1456. Did he say anything to you or any of the others who went with you ?—He spoke to Duffill.

1457. What did he say ?—He said he was surprised to see Duffill there. I do not know any more.

1458. When you were about going into the room, did not Mr. Lowther threaten you, and tell you to wait ?—Duffill was going into the room, and he pushed him back. He said, "Keep back a little while."

1459. What was that for ?—There were some in the room that had not got done with.

1460. You mean had not got their money ?—Yes.

1461. And he kept you partly back till the others were got rid of ?—Yes.

1462. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a freeman ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

Robert Hambleton called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

1463. Are you employed at the Grove Hill works ?—Yes.

1464. Did you vote at the last election for the parliamentary borough ?—Yes.

1465. Whom did you vote for ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

1466. Did you vote at the election for the town council ?—Yes.

1467. Whom did you vote for at that election ?—Lowther, Usher, and Catterson.

1468. Are you a freeman or an occupier ?—An occupier.

1469. How long have you been on the list ?—Ten or 11 years, I should say.

1470. Ten or 11 years on which list ?—On the town council list.

1471. How long have you been a voter for the parliamentary borough ?—The last election was the first time.

1472. When you went to vote for the town council on the last occasion, whom did you go with ?—Duffill, Collinson, and Atkinson.

1473. You remember meeting Vernom ?—Yes.

1474. Where was that ?—In the square.

1475. What did he say to you ?—He asked us to go and vote.

1476. Well, go on ?—We would not go just then.

1477. He asked you to vote for somebody ?—Yes, for Lowther, Catterson, and Usher.

1478. And you would not do it ?—We would not go just then.

1479. You said that to him ?—Yes, at first.

1480. Did you give any reason ?—We gave no reason; we stood talking among ourselves.

1481. What more passed between you ?—He came back again, and took Wilson out of the crowd, and got him the 15*s.*; and he came back and showed it.

1482. After Wilson got this money did Vernom come to you again ?—Yes.

1483. What did he say about money to you ?—He said he could get it for us if we would go, and we went.

1484. You agreed to go ?—We went with him then.

1485. Did he mention the sum ?—Yes, 15*s.* he would give us if we would go.

1486. Did you go and vote before you got the 15*s.* ?—Yes.

1487. Did he go with you to see you vote ?—Yes, he went with us to see us vote.

1488. And you voted for the Conservatives ?—Yes.

1489. Then after that?—We went to the "Golden Ball."

1490. That is all three of you went ?—No, I did not go with Duffill into the "Golden Ball," I went on with Wheldrake.

1491. Whom did you see at the "Golden Ball" ?—Mr. Lowther, and a man named Stothard, and Watson.

1492. Did you see Watson ?—Yes, he was at the table delivering money out.

1493. He was delivering money out of a bag ?—Yes.

1494. What did you do; did you go up to Watson ?—Mr. Wheldrake went up to the table, and he set our names down.

1495. Is that Watson the auctioneer, or Watson the painter ?—Watson the auctioneer I think it was.

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R. Hambleton.

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1496. He put your names down ?—Yes.

1496. I suppose Vernom brought you up to him ?—Yes, Vernom took us there.

1497. He seemed to be master of the ceremonies. Then he gave you the money ?—He gave Wheldrake a sovereign and a half for us two.

1499. We have heard a great deal about the two events. Can you tell us anything about that ?—Yes, I stood with Duffill, Collinson, and Atkinson in the square when he came back to us after we had polled, and Duffill asked him why they were keeping the poll open with so many ahead.

1500. He asked Vernom that ?—Yes, and he said they were going in for the two events, or something to that effect.

1501. By that you understood him to mean both elections, parliamentary and municipal ?—Yes.

1502. But you voted for the Liberals at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

1503. You considered that you had done what you had bargained for ?—Yes, to vote for the municipal election.

1504. Did Vernom say anything to you about more money to be had ?—He said if we saw him on the morning of the borough election day he would get us more, or something to that effect, if there was any more to get.

1505. He said if there was any more to get ?—He would get it for us if we polled for him that morning.

1506. What did you say ?—We said we would see about it.

1507. And there you left that matter ?—Yes.

1508. At all events you thought the 15*s.* was merely a payment for the municipal election ?—For the municipal election.

1509. And the other matter was to stand over ?—Yes.

1510. Did you get anything for your vote at the parliamentary election ?—No, not a penny.

1511. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You seem a respectable man, what wages have you ?—18*s.* a week.

1512. How long have you been a voter of the municipal borough ?—10 or 11 years.

1513. Have you voted before ?—Yes.

1514. Have you been paid for your votes before ?—No. Many a time I have not come down when they have been polling.

1515. Have you ever been paid before ?—No. Sometimes I have come down when they have been polling.

1516. How often have you voted at the election for the town council ?—I recollect coming two or three times; I cannot say to a time or two.

1517. You did vote two or three times ?—Yes.

1518. Were you paid on those occasions for your vote ?—No, only once.

1519. I am putting aside 15*s.* you got. Were you ever paid any money before or after that ?—No.

1520. Never before ?—No.

1521. Is that so ; you were never paid any money before ; just recollect yourself ?—I do not recollect getting any.

1522. I know you will answer me ; were you ever paid any money before ?—I cannot recollect ever getting any. I cannot recollect anybody taking me anywhere to get me a penny before.

1523. You are an intelligent and respectable man ; you came to vote and received money for it, and you would recollect that as well as you recollect being here to-day ; just tell me on your oath whether you have not received money on former occasions. It is not the slightest use trying to evade it ?—I may tell you the papers came to our office where we work to be filled up.

1524. Then you used to receive some money for putting your name to the paper, is not that so ?—I believe there was a little some 12 years since ; it is so long ago I would not swear to it.

1525. The papers used to come where you were at work ; I suppose, there are a good many workmen there ?—Yes.

1526. And you would write your name ?—It is so long since that I can hardly speak to the fact, I am sure.

1527. How much did you receive ?—I cannot say the sum, I am sure.

1528. I do not want it to a penny ; was it half-a-crown or 5*s.* or 7*s.* or something of that kind, that is what I want to know ?—(*No answer.*)

1529. About ?—I believe there was a little money once the first time, I can hardly remember what the amount was.

1530. Was it half-a-crown or 5*s.* ?—I can hardly swear.

1531. On any other occasion ?—I do not recollect, I am sure.

1532. The moment you told me you did not come down to the town to vote, I knew perfectly well what you meant ; I knew the papers went up to where you work and you signed them ?—Sometimes I have not come.

1533. Did you think it was right to accept money to vote for men who would have the government of the town and who would have great patronage ? Did you, a respectable man in the town, think it was right to accept money for voting. I want to know what you and your brother workmen think of that ? — (*No answer.*)

1534. What do you think ?—That a working man should get all he can.

1535. That's what you thought ?—Yes.

1536. You did not think there was anything wrong in it, that is so, is it ?—Yes.

1537. You do not think there was anything wrong in receiving money for a parliamentary vote ?—No ; I do not think there is. I do not know, I am sure.

1538. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is one question I want to ask you. When you spoke to Vernom did you notice whether he had been drinking at all ?—I think he had a little beer, but I did not see him get any.

1539. I do not mean that. Was he quite sober or was he fresh with drink ?—He had a little, I think.

1540. Could you see that he had had a little ?—Yes, I think I could.

1541. Could you tell that by his speech ? Was his speech that of a man who had been drinking ?—Yes.

1542. From that did you conclude that he had been drinking ? — Yes ; in talking with a man you can mostly smell that he has had drink.

1543. Could you smell that he had had drink ?—Yes ; I could smell that he had had a little, but he was not really the worse for drink.

1544. You could not go so far as to say what he had been drinking from the smell ?

1545. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He said it was beer.

1546. (*Mr. Barstow.*) All these men that you were with voted for Conservatives at the municipal election ?—Yes.

1547. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did Vernom say anything about his canvassing ?—I am sure I do not recollect him saying anything about that.

1548. Did he say anything about there being no chance for the orange party ?—I am sure I cannot recollect ; I cannot say whether he did or not.

R. Sawney.

ROBERT SAWNEY sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

1549. Are you a voter of the borough ?—No.

1550. You are not a voter ?—I did not vote at the borough election.

1551. But you are a voter ?—Yes.

1552. I asked you whether you were a voter : you are a voter ?—Yes.

1553. Are you a freeman or a householder ?—Householder.

1554. How long have you been on the householders list ?—Somewhere about seven years.

1555. Did you vote at the election of 1865 ?—No.

1556. How was that ?—I never thought it was worth my while to come.

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R. Sawney.

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1557. Were you canvassed?—No, I do not know that I was ever canvassed.

1558. You did not vote in 1867?—No.

1559. How was that; you were not canvassed?—I do not know that I have ever been canvassed at all.

1560. Nobody ever came to ask you to vote?—No.

1561. Where do you work?—I work at the trustees of Mr. Sawney.

1562. You have not voted and have not been canvassed?—No.

1563. You have never voted at all?—Only at this last municipal election.

1564. For whom did you vote at the last municipal election?—I voted for the Conservatives.

1565. For Mr. Lowther?—Yes.

1566. We do not know of any distinction of parties here. You voted for Mr. Lowther?—Yes.

1567. Did you get money?—Yes.

1568. Had you ever voted at a municipal election before?—I do not remember that I ever did.

1569. You never voted except when you got money. How much did you get?—I got 15*s.*

1570. Who canvassed you?—No one.

1571. How was it you came up to vote at the last municipal election?—I heard they were giving money.

1572. It was a notorious fact throughout the town that they were giving money?—Oh yes.

1573. Where did you come to?—I came up to the square here.

1574. Well, you got into the square and you saw a number of people there who were going to sell their votes?—Well, they were trying what they could get.

1575. About how many were there, 100 or 200?—There might perhaps be 100 round about.

1576. What time did you go?—It would be about one o'clock as near as I can remember.

1577. Where did you go to?—I wandered about, and eventually I went into the "Golden Ball."

1578. You wandered about, and at last you saw the crowd going in, and you followed the crowd?—Yes.

1579. Was any one with you?—Yes.

1580. Who went with you?—Robert Everingham.

1581. Where did you meet him?—I met him in front of the "Golden Ball."

1582. And you two went in?—Yes.

1583. Had you voted at that time?—No.

1584. Had any one told you positively that you were to receive money up to that time?—No.

1585. You went into the "Golden Ball" and you saw some gentlemen there (I will not ask their names) what did they say to you?—They asked us if we had voted, and we said, No. They asked how much we wanted. We said the same as other people were getting.

1586. Who spoke?—A man of the name of Richard Mallans.

1587. He said, how much do you want? Had you known at that time what the price of a vote was?—I heard it was 15*s.*

1588–9. That was the current price in the market?—Yes.

1590. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He asked you how much you would take, and you said as much as other people were getting, and then he said 15*s.*?—No, he did not state the price, but he says, "How much do you want?" We said, "We wanted 15*s.*"

1591. You had known the price; and then I suppose he handed you or your friend a sovereign and a half?—He handed it to Mr. Everingham.

1592. That is the gentleman who was with you?—Yes.

1593. You brought your two votes to sell and received 30*s.*?—He did not give it us. This Mallans did not give us the money.

1594. No, there was a treasurer in the usual way, but you received the money?—Yes.

1595. From Mr. Watson?—Yes.

1596. Then you went and voted?—No, we voted before we got the money; they would not give it us beforehand.

1597. They asked you and then you went and voted, and then came back?—Mallans brought us there, and then he took us to vote, and then he brought us back.

1598. That is something new. He would not trust you. Who received your vote?—We delivered the papers in here at the Town Hall.

1599. Who took them from you?—I cannot tell you who took them from us.

1600. He came with you from the "Golden Ball" down here, and then took you back again?—Yes.

1601. And then I suppose he told them that you were all right, and you received the money?—Yes.

1602. You were never canvassed before?—No.

1603. And were not canvassed this time?—No, I was not canvassed at all.

1604. At the last election of 1865 did you take any interest in it?—No.

1605. The parliamentary election of 1865?—No.

1606. Did you ever vote before at the municipal election?—No, I do not believe I ever did.

1607. You do not believe. Just recollect?—I do not recollect ever voting before.

1608. Did you ever vote?—No.

1609. Never received any money before?—No, never a penny.

1610. At the last parliamentary election in 1868 did you come and vote?—No.

1611. Did you take any part at all?—No.

1612. You did not think it worth your while?—Well, I was ill at the time, and I could not come.

1613. Was anything said to you about where you were to get the 15*s.*?—What, before I came up here?

1614. Yes?—No, never a word.

1615. Did any one take down your name when you went into Mr. Watson's?—Yes.

1616. They took down your name?—They took down my name.

1617. Entered it in a book?—Yes.

1618. Are you sure of that?—I saw it entered.

1619. Did you see the figure opposite to it?—Yes.

1620. 15*s.* opposite to it?—Yes.

1621. What are you?—A warehouse salesman.

1622. What is your salary? what do you receive a week?—30*s.* a week.

1623. Do you know where this man lives that spoke to you?—What, this Mallans?

1624. Yes?—I believe he lives somewhere in Railway Terrace or Riding Field.

1625. What is he, do you know?—I do not know what he is; he is something in the foundry.

1626. What foundry?—The Waggon Company.

J. Atkinson.

James Atkinson sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

1627. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—An occupier.

1628. How long have you been an occupier?—I am not one at present.

1629. You were at the last election?—Yes.

1630. Have you ever voted before the last election?—No.

1631. Neither municipal nor parliamentary?—No.

1632. How did you vote at the last municipal election?—For Mr. Lowther, Mr. Usher, and Mr. Catterson. I believe they were the three.

1633. And at the parliamentary election?—Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Trollope.

1634. Where do you work?—At Mr. Wallis', at Weel.

1635. At the time of this election where did you work?—At Mr. Wharton's.

1636. Did any one speak to you at the works about your vote at the municipal election?—Yes.

1637. Who was that?—Mr. Lowther.

1638. Did he ask you to vote for him?—Yes.

1639. Did you make him any promise?—Yes.

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J. Atkinson.

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1640. Then on the election day you went into the town, I suppose ?—Yes.

1641. Anyone with you ?—Matthew Walker.

1642. Did you see anyone there ?—Yes.

1643. Who was that ?—Robert Wallis.

1644. After you saw Wallis you went and voted ?—Yes.

1645. Then, when you came out from voting did you see Wallis again ?—Yes.

1646. Did you go with him anywhere ?—Yes, just aside a passage end beside the "Golden Ball ;" or just inside the passage it might be.

1647. Did you receive any money ?—Yes.

1648. How much ?—15*s.*

1649. Who gave it you ?—Mr. Robert Wallis.

1650. Did he say what he gave it you for ?—For voting.

1651. For voting when ?—At the municipal election. He told us to vote and he would give us 15*s.* a piece. He never said what it was for when he gave it us.

1652. You understood it was for the municipal election ?—Yes.

1653. Did you understand you were at liberty to vote as you liked at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

1654. Nothing was said about the parliamentary election ?—No.

1655. After that, after you had been paid, did you see Vernom ?—Yes.

1656. Where was he ?—He was standing some few yards from the "Golden Ball."

1657. Had you any talk with him ?—Yes.

1658. What was that ?—He asked me if I had voted, and I said yes. He said, Come in and get your money. I said, I have got it. He asked me what payment. I told him what payment. He said, "As you have "come up to vote for us, if you meet me in good time at "the borough election day morning I will get you 4*l.*"

1659. Go on and tell us what you said ?—He said he was a runner. I said I did not understand what a runner was. He said he was engaged to get the voters up.

1660. Were you with Duffill, Collinson, and Atkinson afterwards ?—Yes. I was standing nearly aside of them.

1661. Did you see Vernom again ?—Yes.

1662. Did you overhear any conversation between him and Duffill ?—I heard him telling them that if they would come the borough election day morning, he would get them some more money.

1663. Did you observe in what condition he was in at this time ?—Well, he was a little the worse for drink, but not but what he knew what he was doing.

1664. Did you hear him say anything more about these elections ?—No, I did not.

1665. Who is this Mr. Robert Wallis ?—He is a cooper I believe, by trade.

1666. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is he a man in business on his own account ?—Yes.

1667. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you see Wallis any day after the election ?—Not to my knowledge I did not. Only that day ; I do not know that I saw him any other day.

1668. After you voted that day did you see Wallis ?—Yes.

1669. After you got the money did you see Wallis ?—Yes.

1670. Did any conversation take place between you then ?—Yes, I was merely walking down the flags, he told me there were two men at Grove Hill who had only got 10*s.* a piece.

1671. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Two men of your body ?—He did not say who they were ; two men of Grove Hill.

1672. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were working at Grove Hill then ?—Yes.

1673. Well, go on. He said they had only got 10*s.* ?—And he had got the other 5*s.* in his pocket for them.

1674. Did he say what that 5*s.* was for ?—For their voting.

1675. What did you understand by "for their voting" ?—I understood they had only got 10*s.* a piece instead of 15*s.*

1676. Did Wallis say anything then about the parliamentary election ?—No, he did not to me.

1677. He did not say anything about the parliamentary election ?—No.

1678. Was that all you got ?—He said I was to tell all the men that he was coming down to stand a drop of allowance.

1679. He never came ?—We got it, but I never saw him.

1680. You got your allowance next morning ?—At night.

1681. That same night ?—I think it was the same night.

1682. Was that on the 3rd of November, after the municipal election ?—I believe it was the day after. He said he was coming down the next morning, and we got it.

1683. You got a drop from some one the next night ?—Yes.

1684. What did you get ?—I believe it was ale and rum.

1685. Plenty of it ?—I think I heard them say 5*s.* worth.

1686. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Among how many of you ?—I cannot say how many.

1687. About 20 ?—There were some that did not stay to get it and some were teetotallers.

1688. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How many men were working there ?—At Grove Hill ?

1689. Yes ?—I should think 14 or 15.

1690. Are you aware whether all the workmen got it, or only voters got it ?—I cannot say.

1691. Did you hear what that drink was given for ?—No, he never said what it was for.

1692. Did you hear from any one what it was for ?—No I did not.

1693. You just had your drink given you and there was an end of it ?—That was all.

1694. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say Vernom told you he was engaged as a runner ?—Yes.

1695. Did he tell you who engaged him ?—No.

1696. Did you hear who who engaged him ?—No.

1697. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Wallis said he would come down the next day and order some drink for you ?—Yes.

1698. Did you tell that to the men ?—Yes.

1699. Did Wallis tell you to announce it to the men that they would have drink ?—He said I was to tell them.

1700. And you did tell them ?—Yes.

1701. Where did you get the drink ?—I believe it was fetched from Mr. Lundy's. I did not fetch it.

1702. Was it brought to the works ?—Yes.

1703. Who brought it ?—I do not know, but I believe Matthew Walker was one that helped to fetch it.

1704. One of your men ?—Yes.

1705. He is a voter I suppose ?—Yes.

1706. He fetched the rum and ale and brought it to the works ?—Yes.

1707. You think about 5*s.* worth ?—Yes, I think Wallis said 5*s.* worth.

1708. You know the public-house where it was brought from ?—Yes.

1709. When Wallis said that, did he mention the name of anyone ?—No, he did not mention the name of anyone.

1710. And said nothing about the parliamentary election at all ?—No ; I do not know that it was ever mentioned.

1711. He said it was a treat for the men ?—Yes.

1712. In addition to the 15*s.* ?—Yes.

1713. Did the overseer or overlooker of the works know you had liquor there ?—No, I should think not.

1714. What time did you have it, after the overseer left ?—Yes, after work time.

SECOND DAY.

M. Walker.

25 Aug. 1869.

MATTHEW WALKER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

1715. What are you?—A labourer.

1716. Where do you work?—At Grove Hill.

1717. Are you a voter for the town council?—Yes.

1718. And for the parliamentary borough?—Yes.

1719. How long have you been a voter?—Only once.

1720. How long have you been qualified?—Only once.

1721. How long have you lived in the place?—Four years.

1722. Are you an occupier or freeman?—Occupier.

1723. Whom did you vote for at the last election for the town council?—For the Conservatives.

1724. Was that Lowther and the other gentlemen?—Yes.

1725. And at the parliamentary election?—For Mr. Maxwell and Trollope.

1726. When you voted for the town council, who asked you for your vote?—Robert Wallis said I was to go and vote.

1727. First of all, did Mr. Lowther ever ask you for your vote?—Yes.

1728. Did he say anything about money?—No.

1729. Did Wallis come after Mr. Lowther?—It was on the election day.

1730. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He met Mr. Wallis in the square.

1731. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You met him in the square?—Yes.

1732. What did he say about money?—He said we were to go and vote, and he would give us 15*s.* a piece.

1733. I think you got that?—Yes.

1734. Where did you get it?—In the "Golden Ball" passage.

1735. Who gave it you?—Robert Wallis.

1736. You are also qualified to vote for the borough?—Yes.

1737. Did Wallis or anybody else say anything about money to be had for voting at the parliamentary election?—No.

1738. You heard the evidence that was given just now about the going for drink that was given to the men afterwards?—Yes.

1739. Did you have any of it?—I think I had some, but I am not perfectly sure.

1740. Did you go for it?—Yes, I went for it, me and another.

1741. Do you know what that drink was for?—No.

1742. Who paid for it?—I got the money to pay for it.

1743. Where did you get the money from?—From William Hazzlehurst.

1744. Did he give you the money?—Yes,

1745. When did he give you the money for it?—Just before I fetched it.

1746. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did he tell you where he got it from?—No.

1747. How much did you say it was?—Five shillings' worth.

1748. Had Wallis or anybody promised you this drink previously?—No, I never heard anything about it until Atkinson told us that there was going to be some given.

1749. Did Atkinson tell you where it was coming from?—Yes, he, Wallis, was going to give it us.

1750. What do you suppose it was for?—I do not know what it was for; I could not suppose.

1751. You know people do not give 5*s.* worth of drink for nothing, what was it for?—I cannot tell you what it was for. I could not think what it was for.

1752. You must have some idea what it was for?—Well, I have not the least idea.

1753. Nonsense!—It was not to go and vote for the municipal election because we had voted, and he never said anything about the parliamentary election.

1754. Then do you think it was in gratitude for your having voted?—I think it would be for that, but I never got to know what it was for.

W. Wheldrake.

WILLIAM WHELDRAKE called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

1755. Are you a voter?—Yes.

1756. Do you work at Grove Hill?—Yes, at Grove Hill works.

1757. What are you?—Engine driver.

1758. What are your wages?—A pound a week.

1759. How long have you been a voter?—About three years.

1760. You voted at the last parliamentary election?—Yes.

1761. For the Liberals, Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes, Maxwell and Trollope.

1762. And you voted at the last municipal election?—Yes.

1763. For Mr. Lowther?—For Lowther, Mr. Usher, and Mr. Catterson.

1764. Were those the only votes you ever gave in your life?—Yes.

1765. You never voted before?—Only once before; the year before that I voted.

1766. At the municipal election?—Yes.

1767. For whom?—For Mr. Daniel Boyes.

1768. Was there more than one candidate?—There was only one vacancy.

1769. Were you paid anything then?—No.

1770. For loss of time?—No, I never got anything.

1771. Then you never received any money except what you received for voting for Mr. Lowther?—No, that's all.

1772. How much did you receive?—15*s.*

1773. Where did you get it, at the "Golden Ball?"—At the "Golden Ball."

1774. Through that man we hear so much of, Vernom. What did he say to you?—Vernom came two or three times and asked us if we would vote for their side, and he would give us 15*s.* a piece. We would not go at first. He stopped perhaps for 10 minutes, and then came back and took one of the men from us, and he went to vote, and he gave him 15*s.* He came back and showed it us. He went away a bit, and then he came back, Vernom did, and said, "You would not believe I could get it you; you had "better come while you have the chance." We went, and he gave us 15*s.* a piece. Then we went up to the "Golden Ball," and we got it. Mr. Lowther was there, Watson the auctioneer, and Robert Hambleton.

1775. Did you see Vernom afterwards?—No, I never saw him afterwards. I left and went away.

1776. Did not anyone canvass you at all at the last election to vote for the parliamentary candidates. Did they not come and ask you to vote?—Yes.

1777. Who came?—Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Trollope.

1778. Did not any on the other side?—Yes, they canvassed on the other side.

1779. Who came on the other side?—Mr. Edwards and Mr. Kennard.

1780. They canvassed you?—Yes.

1781. You did not promise them?—No.

1782. Did any others come on their behalf?—No.

1783. Only these gentlemen. Did they ask you how you had voted at the municipal election?—No, they did not ask anything how we voted.

1784. Neither side asked you?—No.

1785. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At the time you got this money was anything said about the parliamentary election?—No.

1786. For what did you take the money?—I took it because I went to the poll; I was up half a day.

1787. For what did you consider you were paid?—I was paid 15*s.*

1788. That was the amount, but for what?—For voting for Lowther, Catterson, and Usher.

1789. And for nothing else whatever?—No.

SECOND DAY.

J. Rawson.

5 Aug. 1869.

JOHN RAWSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

1790. You are a voter; are you a freeman or an occupier?—Occupier.

1791. How long have you been an occupier?—14 years.

1792. You have been a voter for the municipal elections all that time?—No, I do not know that I have.

1793. How long have you been a voter for the municipal elections?—I have never voted but twice.

1794. How long have you been a voter?—I do not know how long it is since I came on the roll.

1795. When was the first time you voted?—Two years since, I believe.

1796. Have you ever voted before at a parliamentary election?—No.

1797. How did you vote at the municipal election?—For the Tories.

1798. You voted for the Liberals at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

1799. Where do you work?—At Grove Hill.

1800. Who has spoken to you about voting at the municipal election?—When they were canvassing at Grove Hill, Lowther and Co.

1801. Lowther came down there?—Yes.

1802. When you speak of Lowther and Co., who was with him?—There was Robert Wallis, and there were several more.

1803. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is that Mr. Robert Knaggs Wallis?—Yes.

1804. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you name any others? Mr. Catterson or Mr. Usher?—There was Mr. Norfolk, I believe.

1805. Can you name any others?—No, I think not.

1806. Did you promise then to vote for them?—Yes.

1807. Now, on the election day when did you go to vote?—About 9 o'clock in the morning.

1808. Whom did you see there?—I come here to a place in this hall, and I gave my vote; I did not see anybody.

1809. You came into this hall and voted?—Yes.

1810. As you went away did you see anyone?—No.

1811. Then, did you get any money?—No.

1812. Have you never said you got money?—I never got any money at parliamentary elections, if that is what you are asking me.

1813. None at municipal elections?—Yes, I got some there.

1814. That is what we are speaking of, you know. You said that Lowther, and Wallis and Mr. Norfolk canvassed you. For what election did they canvass you?—For the municipal election.

1815. That is what we are talking about; you know that quite well. Is it the fact that you came into the town at nine in the morning to vote at the municipal election?—No; you asked me if I voted at the parliamentary election.

1816. I did first. But I am now asking you what time did you come into the town at the municipal election?—Between 12 and 1.

1817. Did you see Hambleton?—Yes.

1818. And Wheldrake?—Yes.

1819. Had you any conversation with them?—I do not know that I had.

1820. Did you see Vernom?—Yes.

1821. Had you any conversation with him?—No.

1822. Well, you went to the "Golden Ball" and got 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

1823. Who gave you that?—Mr. Lowther.

1824. Did Mr. Lowther give it you himself?—Well, he gave orders for it; I do not know whether he handed it to me or not, I am sure.

1825. Did Mr. Lowther speak to you?—Yes.

1826. What did he say?—He said I had come to vote as I had promised, and I had as much right to have money as anybody else, and he gave me that.

1827. He gave it you?—Yes.

1828. With his own hands?—Yes, I believe he did.

1829. Is that the account you have always given, that you got it from Mr. Lowther?—I think so.

1830. Now, think; who gave you this money at the "Golden Ball?"—Well, I cannot say more than I have said. I believe it was handed to me.

1831. Is that what you have always said?—Yes, for anything I know it is.

1832. How did Mr. Lowther give it you?—There was a man sitting at the table, and Mr. Lowther spoke to him. That man I think would give it to Mr. Lowther. I cannot say who gave it me, but I got it.

1833. There was a man at the table, and Mr. Lowther spoke to him, and you got the money, and you do not know how?—Yes.

1834. What did you get that for?—Because I had come to vote as I had promised.

1835. That is to say you had voted for the Conservative candidates at the municipal election?—Yes.

1836. That is what you had promised to do?—Yes.

1837. You considered that was what you got the money for?—Yes.

1838. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are you by trade?—A labourer.

1839. You never voted before?—Not at parliamentary elections.

1840. You voted at the municipal elections before?—Yes.

1841. When?—Once.

1842. When?—A year or two before that; I could not say the exact time.

1843. For whom?—It was for the Tory party. Mr. Akrill was one of the candidates at that time.

1844. Did you get any money then?—Yes.

1845. How much?—5*s.*

1846. You were content with that? that was the tariff at that time?—I was content to be without it: I did not seek it neither time.

1847. Were others getting 5*s.* at that election?—I do not know.

1848. Who gave you the 5*s.*; where did you get it?—I got it in Dickinson's shop?

1849. Who took you into Dickinson's shop?—I went in myself to vote for the Tory party.

1850. Did you sign the paper at Dickinson's shop?—Yes, that was filled up in Dickinson's shop.

1851. Did Mr. Dickinson himself give you the money?—I do not know.

1852. You cannot tell me that?—Well, I cannot.

1853. You went into the shop and filled up the paper. You can tell me who handed you the money?—I do not know the gentleman who handed it to me; it was handed to me, but I do not know the gentleman.

1854. Was Mr. Dickinson himself there?—I did not see him.

1855. Who was in the shop?—There were several gentlemen in there.

1856. Who were they?—I do not know any of them in particular that I could name just now.

1857. That is a singular thing?—Well, it is right.

1858. You went into the shop: why did you go into the shop?—To vote for these men.

1859. Who told you to go in there to vote?—That was the place to go in.

1860. Who told you so?—I do not know that any body told me so.

1861. You are going down the street, and you go into Dickinson's shop to vote, and you meet a number of strange gentlemen you do not know. Is that your story?—I came from Grove Hill to vote that day.

1862. You went into that shop, and you met a number of gentlemen there, and you do not know any of them?— No, I cannot say that I do, not any that was in that shop that day.

1863. Who was there? You may as well tell us

at once the name of any one man there?—I do not know.

1864. Tell me the name of some man who was there?—I do not know, I know a man that met me when I came out, and asked me if I had voted.

1865. Who was that?—That was Mr. Akrill.

1866. What is his christian name?—Esau Akrill.

1867. Where did you meet him?—He was at the shop door when I came out.

1868. You saw him before you went in, did you not?—No.

1869. He was at the shop door when you came out?—Yes.

1870. You told him you had voted, of course?—Yes, but I had got the 5*s.* then.

1871. You got the 5*s.* in the shop, I suppose?—Yes.

1872. Now, did you not think 17*s.* 6*d.* rather a large price for a vote at the municipal election at a time when the contest was over?—Well, Mr. Lowther said that that was what they had been giving the other men.

1873. I am not asking you what Mr. Lowther said, my question was, do you not think it was rather a large price?—Well, I thought it was a good bit of money.

1874. More than you ever heard given for a municipal vote before?—Yes.

1875. A good deal more?—Yes.

1876. You thought that was given to you because you had gone and voted?—Yes.

1877. That you swear?—Yes.

1878. No reference in your mind to parliamentary elections?—Never a word was mentioned to me.

1879. I did not ask you about that. It had no reference in your mind to the parliamentary election?—No.

1880. You voted for the Liberals, Maxwell and Trollope, at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

1881. I may take it you are a man who would vote for money. You voted twice, and you were paid for it?—Yes.

1882. How was it you voted this time without money at the parliamentary election?—Because I promised Maxwell and Trollope when they canvassed me that I should vote for them, and I did so.

1883. You did not promise them the first time they canvassed you?—Yes, the first time they asked me.

1884. Had you known them before?—No. There was Mr. Crosskill with them when they met me in the street.

1885. Is that gentleman here?—Yes.

1886. He was with them?—Yes.

1887. And the moment they asked you you promised them?—I cannot say that I did at the moment. I did in a minute or two

1888. What day was it, how long before the election?—It was before the municipal election. It would be a fortnight before the election day, that would be.

1889. How long before the day of election were you canvassed by Mr. Maxwell and his friends?—A fortnight before.

1890. Before the municipal election?—Before the municipal election.

1891. Had you canvassed for Mr. Lowther and his friends before you were canvassed for the other?—No.

1892. It was after you voted?—It was before I voted for Mr. Lowther.

1893. You had promised them before you voted for Mr. Lowther, had you?—Yes.

1894. You had promised them?—Yes.

1895. Did you tell anybody, any political party in the town that you had received 17*s.* 6*d.* before you voted for the parliamentary election?—No.

1896. You did not tell Mr. Maxwell?—No I did not.

1897. You did not tell anybody?—No.

1898. You had promised them before?—Yes.

1899. Nobody canvassed you on Mr. Edwards' side?—Yes.

1900. Mr. Edwards himself?—Yes.

1901. Did you tell him you had promised?—No.

1902. You did not tell Sir Henry when he came to canvass you that you had promised the other side?—No, I did not; he never spoke to me personally. We were all there gathered together, was all the men, and we heard what Sir Henry Edwards had to say.

1093. What did he say?—His principles and all that.

1904. Were your names called out or anything in that way?—No, not the time I was there. I was called away before Edwards left the company altogether.

1905. Who brought you in; were you all brought together into a room?—Yes.

1906 Then he addressed you?—Yes.

1907. Who was with him?—There was Mr. Pease was one gentleman. Several I did not know. Mr. Cussons I believe was another.

1908. Anybody else?—I cannot say.

1909. None of your municipal friends were there were they?—No, I think not; I don't know.

1910. Men that you had seen. Mr. Lowther, was he there?—No, I think not; but I don't know.

1911. Or Mr. Wallis?—Not that day.

1912. Did you see Mr. Wallis canvassing with Sir Henry Edwards before?—Yes.

1913. Did you see Mr. Lowther canvassing?—No.

1914. How often did you see Mr. Wallis canvassing?—He came to my house himself the election-day morning.

1915. Mr. Wallis came to your house the election-day morning?—Yes.

1916. Into your house?—He came to the house door.

1917. Before 8 o'clock in the morning I dare say?—About 9 o'clock.

1918. What time do you go to work?—At six.

1919. Then you were home for breakfast?—Yes.

1920. He came to you: did he come with anybody?—No, he was with himself.

1921. Had he ever visited you at your house before?—Mr. Wallis? Yes, several times he had come to our house, but not on business.

1922. Why did not you tell us that before?—You did not ask me.

1923. I did not know it. What did he say?—He said "Are you going to support us, John, to-day?" I said, "I think not." He said, "I thought you would." I said, "I shall not; I have promised "the other side, and I shall vote for them." I think that was all that passed. I cannot recollect anything else.

1924. There was a good deal more than that passed. He said, "John, are you going to support us?"—Yes.

1925. Anything else?—No, I told you all I can think of.

1926. Did not he refer to what took place at the municipal election?—No.

1927. He did not refer to it at all?—No.

1928. He did not refer to your vote?—He said, "I "thought you would have supported us.

1929. Did he say why he thought you would?—No, he did not.

1930. Had he your name down?—He did not tell me that.

1931. Did not you ask him, "Mr. Wallis, any "money going?"—something of that kind. Did not you say, "Is there any money going? I'm a poor man, "I want my day's work." Did not you say anything of that kind?—No sir, I did not.

1932. Why was it you did not?—Well, I did not.

1932. We shall have Mr. Wallis by-and-bye. Will you swear now you did not ask for any money?—I can.

1933. In any way, directly or indirectly?—I did not say nothing to him about me getting any money for voting in no shape.

SECOND DAY.

J. Rawson.

25 Aug. 1869.

1935. What time did you vote ?—I had to start away about nine o'clock in the morning, me and another man from Grove Hill. We came straight away to this hall and voted.

1936. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you voted at the time Wallis spoke to you ?—No.

1937. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You got 17*s.* 6*d.* for your municipal vote ?—Yes.

1938. We have heard several of the other of the Grove Hill people say they got 15*s.*, do you know what was the reason there was a difference made to you ?—No sir, without it was that I promised him.

1939. Because you promised it him beforehand ?—Yes, I don't know any other reason.

1940. You promised Mr. Lowther, did you not ?—Yes.

1941. You promised him himself. Mr. Lowther came to you beforehand, before the day of the municipal election you made this promise ?—Yes.

1942. When he came to you on that occasion did he talk in anyway about the parliamentary election that was coming off?—Not at all.

1943. He did not refer to that subject at all ?—Not at all.

1944. You have said Mr. Trollope and Mr. Maxwell canvassed you before the municipal election ?—Yes.

1945. Did Sir Henry Edwards or any of his friends ever canvass you before the municipal election ?—I think it would be after the municipal election when Sir Henry and his party were at our place.

1946. They never asked you before the municipal election ?—I think not; I think it was after.

1947. He was not in the town then ?—I think not.

1948. When Mr. Wallis came to your house that day you have told us very plainly, and I believe you, that you did not make any suggestion that you should be paid for your vote at the borough election. Now tell me plainly, did Mr. Wallis say anything to you ?—He said that he did not believe that there was a penny a going on their side, and I said, Well, I was going on the other, when he asked me.

1949. He did not hold out any hope of giving you money to vote ?—No, he said he believed they were not paying a penny.

1950. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was that on the morning ?—Yes.

1951. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That day when he came to your house about 9 o'clock the only reference to money matters was, now do let me know this,—the only thing that he said was that he believed that there was not a penny going on their side ?—Yes.

1952. I suppose you asked him whether there was money going on their side ?—Yes.

1953. You asked him whether there was money going on their side ?—I said to him "I suppose there will "be money going on your side," and he said, "Not a "penny, John, I believe."

1954. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I asked you whether you said or made any suggestion about money at the interview, and you told me you did not; what do you mean ? I asked you whether you made any suggestion about money—I did not say about that side that I was going to vote for.

1955. I asked you in the interview between you and Wallis whether you made any suggestion about money, and you told me you did not; how do you explain that ?

1956. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) First of all you have said that you asked Mr. Wallis whether money was going on their side ?—I said, "I suppose there will be money "going on their side ?" and he says "Not a penny." I had never been at Beverley, and never a man said anything to me about the election.

1957. When you said that to him did you say that with the idea that he should offer money to you ?—No.

1958. What did you say it for ? For your own character's sake you ought to explain it. You say that Wallis said to you nothing about money matters and you opened that subject to him ?—Yes.

1959. It is a curious thing; you may have an explanation. I don't want to impute anything to you if I can help it, but you suddenly opened that subject of money matters and said, "Is money going on your side ?" What did you do that for ?—I cannot say just now. I says, "I suppose there will be money going on your side." I expected there always had been.

1960. And he gave you no idea that you were to get money ?—He said he believed there would not be a penny.

1961. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And then you started off and voted for the other side ?—Yes.

1962. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Now you ought to explain that ?—

1963. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It does not require any explanation.

1964. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He ought to if he can ?—I should not have voted for the Tory party if they had given me ever so much.

T. Hazzlehurst.

THOMAS HAZZLEHURST sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

1965. Are you a voter for the borough ?—I am a free man.

1966. How long have you been a free man ?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

1967. I don't mean to a month; 10 or 12 or 14 years or more. I don't want it particularly ?—I polled at Mr. Wells' election—Lawley and Wells.

1968. That was your first time polling ?—No.

1969. That won't help us ?—Mr. Towneley's last election I polled at.

1970. That would be 1847. You are about 20 years a free man ?—Yes, and more I dare say.

1971. Have you voted at every election generally since then ?—Yes.

1972. And at all the municipal elections ?—Not at all the municipal elections.

1973. At some of them ?—Yes.

1974. I suppose you are one of the freemen who have a right to the pastures ?—Yes.

1975. And you use that right ?—Yes.

1976. Have you stock there ?—No, I am what they call a non-stocker; receive the benefit.

1977. As other persons ?—Yes.

1978. I want to ask you a general question upon that. You knew the pastures while the pasture masters were some Liberals and some Conservatives, did you not ?—Yes.

1979. And you know them when they are all Conservatives ?—Yes.

1980. In your opinion is the mode of conducting the business the same ?—Yes, about the same.

1981. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—The borough or municipal ?

1982. The borough, the parliamentary ?—I polled for Maxwell and Trollope.

1983. Now the election before, in 1865, for whom did you vote ?—Mr. Keane.

1984. You polled what we call Liberal on both occasions ?—Yes.

1985. The time before that, in 1860, did you always vote Liberal ?—Yes, for a member of Parliament.

1986. I mean for a member of Parliament always voted Liberal ?—Yes.

1987. Were you in the habit of getting anything ?—Yes, 2*l.*

1988. Did you receive always 2*l.* from voting for the member of Parliament ?—Yes, all but the first one, when I got a sovereign.

1989. We will take it from 1847 when you voted for Towneley you got 1*l.* ?—Yes.

1990. And at the other elections you got 2*l.* ?—That was the general going.

1991. On these occasions, I suppose, you were only one out of many, a great number received the

same ?—Yes, it was a general thing ; I never asked for anything more than other people were getting.

1992. You were content with the 2*l.* ?—Yes.

1993. At the last election I am afraid it was not so good, was it ?—No, sir ; I got nothing then. I never was asked for my vote.

1994. And you never voted for the Conservatives ? —No.

1995. Before I go to that I must ask you was there any drink going at the time ?—No, I never tasted anything.

1996. No public-houses open or anything of that kind ?—Not that I got any.

1997. But I mean your general knowledge ; were there any public-houses open besides the 2*l.* ?—I am sure I cannot say. People talked about going to different public-houses, but I did not go.

1998. I did not catch what you were in occupation ? —I am a shipwright.

1999. And may I inquire what you earn a week ? —24*s.*

2000. And at the election you got 2*l.* ? You voted often, I suppose, at the municipal elections besides ? —Yes.

2001. How used you to vote generally at municipal elections ?—I have crossed them.

2002. Sometimes for the Liberals and sometimes for the Tories ?—Yes.

2003. According as the —— ?—According as it suited.

2004. According as the money was going ?—Well, to a certainty I polled for money.

2005. And I may take it from you, I suppose, that most of the freemen did the same ?—Yes.

2006. Have you a vote for the pasture masters ?— Yes.

2007. The same thing ?—When there was any contest.

2008. What used you to get for voting for the pasture masters ?—Sometimes 2*s.* 6*d.*, sometimes 5*s.*

2009. According as it was sharp, like the market rising ?—According to the handling of it.

2010. Sometimes 5*s.*, sometimes 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

2011. The pasture masters are elected annually ?— Yes.

2012. Do you get it yearly, or only when there is a contest ?—When there is a contest.

2013. What was the last time there was a contest for pasture masters, do you recollect ?—I don't know.

2014. A year or two ago ?—I cannot say.

2015. I suppose we may understand there was some kind of contest in 1867 ; do you recollect whether you were paid for that ?—I am sure I cannot say.

2016. Did you ever vote for pasture masters without being paid ?—Not for the Tories I have not.

2017. Not without being paid ?—No.

2018. And now at the municipal election was there a contest in 1865, do you recollect ?—I am sure I do not know.

2019. Did you receive any money in 1865 for voting on the 1st or 2d of November ?—I don't know I am sure.

2020. When was the last time you received money before 1868 ? You received money in 1868 ?—The last money I recollect receiving was the first time Mr. Lowther was elected. I received 10*s.*

2021. For voting for the municipal ?—Yes.

2022. How many years ago is that ?—12 years.

2023. What was Mr. Lowther ?—He was a candidate.

2024. What were the other sums you received ?— 15*s.* for the last.

2025. I know the last, but I am putting that out of the question ; the other sums you received ?—I cannot say.

2026. Five shillings ?—I did not go every time.

2027. I mean when you did go, when you thought it worth while to come ?—I cannot say I am sure. The two I have kept in my mind have been the two largest sums.

2028. We will take it the other sums were small. I will be content with that if you will tell me how often ?—I am sure I cannot say.

2029. Every second year. I only want to know from you ?—Well, if I knew the candidate I could tell you.

2030. Used you to vote every second year and receive money for it ?—I am sure I cannot say.

2031. Who can say if you cannot ?—Well——

2032. Tell me about ; I want to know about. We don't want to go into particulars. Was it about every time you voted ? Did you ever vote at a municipal election without getting some money ?—Oh yes I did. I voted last time for Mr. Boyes when he put up for nothing.

2033. Mr. Daniel Boyes ?—Yes, on several occasions.

2034. On several occasions without getting money ? —Yes.

2035. You say you voted often for the Liberals ; were you bribed upon those occasions ?—What, for the Liberals ?

2036. Yes ?—No.

2037. You voted for the Liberals without a bribe ? —Yes, voluntarily. If they chose for to give me anything it was all well.

2038. Did they choose to give you anything ?—Yes, sometimes they gave me 2*s.* 6*d.*

2039. Your price was higher when you voted for the Tories ?—Yes.

2040. If you are a Liberal it is 2*s.* 6*d.*, and if you are a Conservative it is 7*s.* or 8*s.* Now, at the last municipal election you received 15*s.* ?—Yes.

2041. How came that ; who canvassed you about it ?—Nobody canvassed me ; I was not canvassed.

2042. You came to the Square ?—Yes.

2043. They all came to the Square ?—I heard the going price and I took it.

2044. Did you come to the Square ?—Yes.

2045. And there you had it ?—Yes.

2046. Had you had it before ?—Not till I got to the Square.

2047. You live a little out of town ?—At Grove Hill.

2048. How far ?—A mile.

2049. From the Square where did you go ?—To the "Golden Ball."

2050. Who handed you the money ?—Mr. Watson, he handed me 3*l.*

2051. For what ? What were the three sovereigns for ?—For polling for Mr. Lowther.

2052. Three sovereigns you were to divide between whom ?—Duffill, Collinson——

2053. You were one with Duffill ?—Yes, four of us went into the room together.

2054. You got 3*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* I understand, or 3*l.* ?— Three sovereigns.

2055. Had you seen that man they called Vernom ? —Yes.

2056. Did you hear what he said ?—Yes, I heard what he said.

2057. You heard what he said before you voted ?— Yes.

2058. Had not that something to do with your voting ?—No.

2059. Did you hear what he said after you voted ? —No ; I have had nothing no more to do with him in no shape that I know of.

2060. Don't be ashamed. He told you something when you went in before you voted, and he told you something after you voted, did not he ?—No. See him ?

2061. Yes, after you voted ?—He did not come with me ; his father-in-law went with me.

2062. Who is his father-in-law ?—Mr. Stothard. I had nothing to do with him.

2063. His father-in-law. He handed you over to a relative ?—Yes, he went into the room ; Mr. Stothard, not Vernom.

2064. He introduced you ?—Yes.

2065. Introduced you to Mr. Watson I suppose ?— Yes.

2066. Had you voted at that time ?—Yes.

SECOND DAY.

T. Hazzlehurst.

25 Aug. 1869.

2067. What was said when you were promised the 15*s.*?—There was nothing said.

2068. Nothing said at all?—No.

2069. Were you canvassed at all about the borough election?—No, sir.

2070. Not by either side?—No.

2071. Not by Mr. Maxwell or Mr. Trollope?—No.

2072. Nor by the others?—No.

2073. Did nobody call upon you to ask for your vote?—No.

2074. What time did you vote for Maxwell and Trollope?—It would be about dinner time.

2075. Nobody spoke to you?—No, sir; there was no one ever asked me for my vote.

2076. I suppose you knew there was no money going?—There was nothing on store I think, not with regard to money.

2077. And you knew that before you went up to vote?—Yes.

2078. In fact I may take it you inquired whether there was anything in store or not?—Well, that is the general thing.

2079. Then money not being going you voted. Of whom did you inquire whether there was anything in store, whether there was any money going?—It was bystanders. I did not go and ask any gentleman for any money. I never was in any committee room.

2080. You did not go to any of the committee rooms at all?—No. I had made up my mind whom I meant to vote for, and money did not——

2081. Oh no?—No.

2082. No money was offered to you?—No.

2083. When did you make up your mind?—I heard Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Trollope on several occasions in the Mechanics Hall speak.

2084. The speeches had an effect upon you?—Yes.

2085. In receiving the 15*s.* had that any reference in your mind to the parliamentary election that was going on?—No, when I voted for him I thought I had done my work for my money.

2086. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How was it the 15*s.* was given that time, which was so much more than on former occasions?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

2087. Have not you any idea in your own mind?—No, I have not.

2088. On former occasions you went down so low as 2*s.* 6*d.* sometimes?—Yes, the municipal.

2089. Had you not heard why it went so high as 15*s.*?—No.

2090. Have you ever known it go so high before?—No.

2091. That is the highest?—Yes.

2092. Do you know what was the going rate the time before, the municipal election before? What did a voter generally get?—I don't know I am sure.

2093. It was 15*s.* the last time. What was the general price the time before?—I polled, I believe, for Mr. Boyes the time before for nothing.

2094. Tell us about what was usual?—I don't know, I am sure.

2095. You have no idea why it was so high as 15*s.*?—No.

2096. Never heard it talked about the town?—Not particular.

2097. People must have been rather surprised at its being so high as 15*s.* What did they say?—That it had something to do with the borough.

2098. You thought so too, did not you?—Yes, I did.

2099. Just now you told me you had no opinion on the subject. You thought it had something to do with the borough. What do you mean by having something to do with the borough? That it was to induce people to vote for the borough members as well?—Yes.

2100. It had something to do with the borough. What had it?—To induce men to poll for Mr. Edwards and Mr. Kennard. I thought so.

2101. And you know that others thought so too?—I do not know if others thought so, but I thought so.

2102. Did you hear others say so?—I cannot say particular.

2103. Did you hear any other persons say so?—I cannot say that I did.

2104. You just now told me something of this kind: that there was an impression that the 15*s.* was to have to do in some way or another with the parliamentary election; did not you tell me so?—Yes, I believe I did.

2105. People thought so. You just now said something of that kind?—Yes.

2106. How do you know they thought so?—I heard one or two say so.

2107. That is what I want. Do you remember who they were?—I cannot say.

2108. Just try and think. I should like to know. Just give me any name of any person who said that. Just try and think of some one. You need not be at all afraid of telling us. If we don't get it from you we are sure to get it from somebody else. Who has said that to you? Tell me one or two names You have heard it from one or two that the 15*s.* had something to do with the parliamentary as well as the municipal election. Who has told you so? I must get you to answer me?—I heard Mr. Wallis say so for one.

2109. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did he say so?—On the night of the municipal election; the same day as the municipal election.

2110. What did he say?—He said to a young man of the name of Flint that got the money, he said if he did not poll for the borough members that he was a scoundrel.

2111. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) After getting 15*s.* do you mean?—Yes.

2112. He said that to Mr. Flint?—Yes.

2113. And in your hearing?—Yes, in my hearing.

2114. He said it I suppose for you to have the benefit of that speech as well?—Yes.

2115. It was a hint to you too?—I took it as such.

2116. Was there anybody else standing by who heard that?—I do not know that there was.

2117. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What was Flint's name?—Thomas Flint.

2118. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where did Wallis say that to you? He said that to you and Flint too?—Yes.

2119. Where did he say that?—Against Landress Lane end.

2120. Were there others with you?—No, there was nobody else.

2121. That is one person; you told me two or three persons have said that sort of thing. Now Mr. Wallis is one of the two or three; just try and remember somebody else?—I cannot.

2122. It is not so very long ago, and it is rather striking conversation; I am sure you must be able to remember?—I cannot remember anybody else.

2123. You did not remember Wallis till I pressed you a good deal. Just try and think of somebody else. Who else said that?—I cannot remember anyone else.

2124. When have you heard that said; I suppose it was soon after the 15*s.* was received?—It was the same day.

2125. That was as regards Wallis, but there were two or three others told you the same sort of thing, and that was just about the time when everybody was talking of the parliamentary election, I suppose?—Yes.

2126. Just as it was coming on?—The municipal election was over then?

2127. The municipal election was over, and then two or three persons said the 15*s.* had something to do with the borough?—I cannot recollect anybody else.

2128. Three or four minutes ago you said so?—It was a general talking among people, but that is the one I heard say them words.

2129. Wallis was the only person you remember that impressed upon you and Flint that having got the 15*s.* he thought you were bound to vote for their side in Parliament?—Yes.

2130. What did you say to that?—I made him no

reply at all. Flint made reply, and he said he should not poll for him.

2131. What did Wallis say ?—He said he would be a scoundrel if he did not.

2132. That is to say that he had not kept to his bargain ?—I don't know that he made a bargain with him.

2133. But you know he had made some sort of bargain with you ?—No, I had nothing to do with him in no shape.

2134. Who was it gave you the 15*s.* ?—Mr. Watson.

2135. But you understood what you got the 15*s.* for. However, it is evident you and Mr. Wallis did differ as to what the 15*s.* was got for, is that so ?—Differ ?

2136. Yes. Wallis thought the 15*s.* was to vote partly for the borough and you did not ?—I never said anything to him about it. Flint did.

2137. You don't remember anybody else ?—No.

2138. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where is Flint ?—He lives at Grove Hill.

2139. Is he there now ?—Yes.

2140. What is he by trade ?—A labourer.

2141. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When did you see Flint last ?—I saw him last night.

2142. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is his name Thomas ?—I think so.

2143. Is he a voter ?—Yes.

2144. For the borough or the municipal ?—Yes, he came in with this last Act.

2145. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What Mr. Wallis was this who said it to you ?—Mr. Robert Knaggs Wallis.

2146. What time of night ?—Eight o'clock, I should say.

2147. Where had you been after you had voted ?—I had been home.

2148. Gone home ?—Yes.

2149. To Grove Hill ?—Yes.

2150. And come back into the town again ?—Yes.

2151. Had you been anywhere drinking ?—No.

FRANCIS BOYES, sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner COX.

F. Boyes.

2152. What are you ?—A miller.

2153. Do you work at the Grove Hill works ?—Yes.

2154. In what capacity ?—Grinding.

2155. Are you a voter for the borough ?—Yes.

2156. And for the council ?—Yes.

2157. What is your qualification ; freeman, or occupier ?—An occupier.

2158. How long have you had that qualification ? I have been a voter for the council for these twenty years.

2159. How long have you voted for the borough ?—Only the last time.

2160. You came in under the Reform Act ?—Yes.

2161. You received money for your vote at the municipal election, did you not ?—I received 10*s.*

2162. At this last election ?—Yes.

2163. From whom did you get that ?—From Mr. Watson, the auctioneer.

2164. Where did you get it ?—At the "Golden Ball."

2165. What induced you to go to the "Golden Ball" ?—The other men said that they were paying so much there for the votes, and so I went there and saw Mr. Lowther, and he ordered Mr. Watson to give me 10*s.*

2166. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What time of the day was it ?—Nearly 3 o'clock.

2167. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) May I ask what are your wages ? Do you work for wages ?—Yes, 1*l.* a week.

2168. Were you in court when the last witness was being examined ?—Yes.

2169. You heard his evidence ?—Yes.

2170. What did you understand that 10*s.* was given to you for ?—Well, I had an idea that it was given to influence the borough election as well as the municipal.

2171. Had you that idea when you received the money ?—Yes, I had no doubt but what giving it at that time of day was to influence the borough as well as the municipal.

2172. You had it at 3 o'clock ?—Yes.

2173. When it was given you, did you consider yourself bound to vote ?—No, I did not.

2174. That was not your view of the bargain ?—No.

2175. But you thought those who gave you the money had that idea ?—Yes.

2176. For whom did you vote ; the municipal first of all ?—For Lowther and company at the municipal.

2177. And for whom did you vote at the borough election ?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

2178. Did anybody say to you that having got that money they thought you were bound to them to vote ?—No.

2179. It was only an idea of your own ?—Only an idea of my own.

2180. How did you get that idea ?—I do not know how it originated, I am sure.

2181. Did you hear people saying that sort of thing ?—I have no doubt but I heard people talk about it in that light.

2182. Who ?—I am sure I cannot say.

2183. Where did you hear them talk in that way ?—I heard several people on our works among themselves talking in that light, and several people in the street.

2184. Talking about what ?—They had no doubt but what the money given was to influence the borough elections, as well as the municipal.

2185. Did you hear Mr. Watson or Mr. Wallis, or any body ?—No I did not. I cannot say any one particular that I did hear talking about it.

2186, You voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

2187. Did any body ask you for your vote ?—They came round to canvass.

2188. Who came round to canvass ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

2189. Did the other side come round ?—The other side came round too.

2190. When did they come ?—I cannot say the exact time.

2191. Was it after or before the municipal election ?—It would be after the municipal election.

2192. Did any body come to you on behalf of the Conservatives ?—Only when the members came round themselves. There was nobody else came to me. The members came round to canvass and several of their friends with them.

2193. It was known for months beforehand that there was to be an election ? Nobody came to you on behalf of Edwards and Kennard before the election ?—No.

2194. Nobody asked you ?—I am sure of that.

2195. You said you had been for about 12 years voter for the town council ?—Yes.

2196. Have you had money for your vote before ?—Yes.

2197. Several times ?—Yes, several times I have had 2*s.* 6*d.* to 5*s.*

2198. When was that ?—I cannot speak to the exact time I am sure.

2199. Has it ever been higher than 5*s.* ?—I don't know that ever I got any more than that.

2200. And which way have you voted ?—I have voted both ways.

2201. Was it according to the current of money influencing the current of your opinions ?—Not exactly ; I considered by right there is no business to be a political feeling in the council, because I think they ought to choose men that would do the best for the town, and I have chosen from the principles of the men more than from their politics ; men whom I considered best qualified.

2202. Do you remember when you got 5*s.* ?—No, I don't I am sure.

2203. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Whatever your idea was

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about this money, you voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

2204. How many people are employed at these works?—There may be 20.

2205. How many voted for Maxwell and Trollope do you know out of the 20?—I think the majority of them voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

2206. We have not heard of any yet who did not?—I am sure I don't know.

2207. Are you aware that any voted for Kennard and Edwards?—I believe the clerk in the office did.

2208. As far as you know, only one voted for Edwards and Kennard?—I do not know that any of the men did.

2209. As far as you know, they all voted for the Liberal candidates?—I think they did, as far as I know.

2210. Did these men all vote at the municipal elections?—I dare say most of them voted.

2211. Do you know how they voted, most of them?—I think most of them voted for the Conservatives.

2212. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You mean for the 15*s.*?—Yes.

2213. (*Mr Barstow.*) Then we may say that whatever they thought that the money was given for they voted for the Conservatives, and they did not vote for the Conservative candidates of the borough?—No.

2214. Whichever way they thought the money was given, that remark applies to them all?—Yes.

2215. Were these the men whom you heard saying that the money was given to influence the votes of the borough?—I have no doubt but I might hear some of them say so.

2216. Of these people whom you saw in the room when you were bribed, did any come and canvass you?—Lowther did for the municipal.

2217. For the parliamentary election?—No, I do not remember any of them being with them when they came down for the parliamentary election.

2218. Did Mr. Wallis canvass you?—No.

2219. Did he come to your house at all?—No, but I saw him at the works.

2220. On the day of the parliamentary election?—No, I believe I met him in the lane that morning coming to Grove Hill as I was coming to town to vote.

2221. You met him on the way to Grove Hill as you were coming to town?—Yes.

2222. You did not speak to him?—I believe he did ask me if I was going to vote for their side, and I said I thought not.

2223. Did he say anything after that?—No, I think not; I cannot remember that he made any remark.

2224. Did you see Wallis again that day?—The borough election.

2225. The borough election day?—Well, I might see him, but I do not know that I had any more conversation with him.

2226. When you say you saw him, what was he doing?—He would be merely walking on the flags when I saw him.

2227. Do you know whether he was taking an active part in the election?—I believe he was getting voters up to vote for the Conservative side.

2228. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was that early in the morning?—Yes, the forepart of the day, betwixt breakfast and dinner.

2229. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What o'clock?—When he was going down to Grove Hill it would be nine o'clock.

2230. The poll for the parliamentary election opens at eight?—Yes.

J. Firth.

JOHN FIRTH sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

2231. Are you a voter?—Yes.

2232. A freeman or occupier?—Occupier.

2233. How long have you been on the voting list as an occupier?—15 or 16 years.

2234. And how often have you voted on parliamentary elections?—This last election; I was only put on this last time.

2235. And for whom did you vote?—Parliamentary?

2236. Yes?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

2237. You are at the works?—Yes.

2238. What is your employ?—A corn miller.

2239. Is it a fact that almost all the men voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—I think they did.

2240. How often have you voted for town and councillors?—I have voted for the last 15 or 16 years.

2241. Were you always paid when you voted for municipal elections?—I believe not always.

2242. But generally?—Three or four times.

2243. What did you receive?—I once received 1*s.*, once 2*s.* 6*d.*, once 5*s.*, once 7*s.* 6*d.*, and once 10*s.*, and this last time 15*s.* I think that is all.

2244. You did not often vote for nothing?—Not often I think.

2245. With whom did you go for the 15*s.*?—I met Vernom, who said I could get 15*s.*, and I went with him and I got it.

2246. What for?—For my vote for the municipal election.

2247. Anything else?—No.

2248. Did you understand it was only for the municipal election?—I understood it was for the municipal election.

2249. Did you understand they had any claim upon you for the parliamentary election?—I never thought they had.

2250. You never thought they had?—No.

2251. You would have expected more?—I did not think anything about it.

2252. You are speaking to one who has had some experience, and a man who states he has taken a shilling, half a crown, five shillings, seven and sixpence, ten shillings and fifteen shillings for his vote would be apt to think what would be given for a parliamentary vote if he had never voted parliamentary before that period; but you did not think at all about it?—I have no recollection of thinking anything of that sort. I got my fifteen shillings and came back to my work.

2253. And nothing was said to induce you to vote parliamentary?—Nothing was said. I do not recollect just now.

2254. If anything was said of course you would recollect?—I think so.

2255. I suppose you thought fifteen shillings was rather a high price?—It was a good deal more than I got before.

2256. You knew the parliamentary election was near at hand?—Yes, I knew the parliamentary election was near at hand, but it was always said nothing would be given.

2257. Who said that?—Different people about the streets.

2258. Before the municipal election?—No, after I think.

2259. You heard it said that nothing would be given?—Yes, I think so; that was the general talk I think.

2260. Then you voted for the liberals?—Yes.

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2261. How many of the Grove Hill men voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—I am sure I cannot say now.

2262. What time in the day did they do this?—I came up at dinner time. I came as I came back.

2263. Did the others go at the same time ?—I came by myself.

2264. Did the Grove Hill men go in a body from Grove Hill ?—No, they came as they got done from their work. I did so, and the others did the same, I believe.

2265. Was there any understanding they should vote for Maxwell Trollope ?—I did dot know there was an understanding, but I heard them say in the mill they would vote for them.

2266. Do you know why ?—No, they did not say why ; they mostly call themselves Liberals.

2267. Did any of them express their disgust there was no money given ?—No.

2268. It was known among them there was nothing to be got by voting the other way ?—They are most of them Liberals, but voted at the municipal election because there was money given, but they were all Liberals at heart.

2269. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You know men who will receive money at one time at an election will take it at another.

2270-5. (*The Witness.*) The money is very tempting.

The witness withdrew.

J. Brooks.

JOHN BROOKS sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

2276. Are you a freeman or an occupier ?—An occupier.

2277. How long have you been an occupier ?—I have voted for the last two municipal elections and one parliamentary.

2278. For whom did you vote at the last municipal election ?—I voted for Lowther and others.

2279. And at the parliamentary election ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

2280. What are you ?—A labourer.

2281. Where do you work ?—At the Beck side. I land goods from vessels chiefly.

2282. What are your wages ?—I am paid piece-work so much a ton for the work I do, and the more work we do the more money we get.

2283. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is the navigation ?—Yes. Sometimes I may make 10*s.* a day, and sometimes not more than 3*s.* or 4*s.* ; we are not at work every day.

2284. (*Mr. Barstow.*) On the 2nd of November last you came to the Square ?—Yes.

2285. About what time was that ?—It was between 9 and 10 when we came into the Square.

2286. You went to the Liberal committee ?—Yes.

2487. About what time was that ?—Between 10 and 11.

2288. Who is Boyes ?—Mr. Daniel Boyes who keeps the "Angel Inn."

2289. Did you go there by yourself, or did anybody go with you ?—There was a lot of them.

2290. Was Duffill one ?—No.

2290*a*. Thomas Duffill ?—We saw him at Mr. Boyes.

2291. Who were there ?—Wardell, Beattie, Ellis, Fox, and Tomlinson.

2292. Any others ?—Yes, and ever so many more went down with us as well.

2293. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You went in a body ?—Yes, there was a dozen of us.

2294. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At Boyes' who did you see ?—There was Thomas Duffill of Highgate.

2295. Who is Thomas Duffill of Highgate ?—That is the gentleman (*pointing out a person in court*).

2296. Who is he ?—He is a gentleman, I expect; he always goes by the name of "gentleman Duffill."

2297. Did you mention you had been to the Liberal committee rooms ?—Yes.

2298. To whom ?—To Duffill.

2299. What did he say ?—He said they had retired.

2300. That the Liberals had given in, they had given up ?—Yes ; we went down to the Mechanics Hall, where they were filling the voting papers up, and found no one there.

2301. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) About 11 ?—It would be between 11 and 12 when we went there ; we did not go direct from Boyes' house.

2302. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where did you go from the Mechanics Hall ?—We returned to the Square.

2303. Did you meet anyone in the Square ?—We met a young man in the Square.

2304. Do you know his name ?—No.

2332. Who canvassed you for the parliamentary ?—Nobody but Maxwell and Trollope.

2305. Whereabouts in the Square ?—Well on the flag edge, opposite Dickinson's shop.

2306. I suppose all the Square is flagged ?—No, it is not.

2307. Did you say anything to him ?—Yes, we asked what they were giving, and he said they were giving 17*s.* 6*d.*

2308. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who are they ?—The Tories.

2309. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you do upon that ?—We asked him if they could not give us 18*s.* They had offered us 18*s.* before, and we asked if they could not give us 18*s.* still.

2310. When did he offer that ?—Before we went down to Boyes.

2311. The same young man ?—Yes.

2312. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Before you went down to Boyes ?—Yes.

2313. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did he say ?—He said he would go and see Robert Thirsk. He said he would go into Dickinson's shop. He did so and returned and said it was all right, we were to have 18*s.*

2314. For which ward is this ?—The Minster Ward.

2315. He returned and said it was all right ?—Yes.

2316. And what did you do upon that ?—Seven of us went into the shop to get our papers filled up.

2317. Did you get them them filled up ?—Yes, we did before we came out.

2318. And as soon as the papers were filled up you came out ?—Yes. When we came out Mr. Lowther came up to me and said, "You have not got a vote," and then he said he would only give us 17*s.* 6*d.* each.

2319. Who said that ?—Mr. Lowther ; that man Mr. Lowther.

2320. Did Mr. Lowther say so ?—Yes, Mr. Lowther said we were to have 17*s.* 6*d.* or else we were to have nothing—17*s.* 6*d.* or we were not to have anything.

2321. Lowther said so ?—Yes.

2322. What was done then ?—We got our papers filled up and went and voted.

2323. Did you then return ?—Yes.

2324. And got your money ?—And got my money.

2325. Who paid you ?—Mr. Cleaver.

2326. Who is Mr. Cleaver ?—That is the gentleman (*pointing to a gentleman in court*).

2327. Was anything said to you what it was for ?—It was for the town councillors.

2328. Was anything said to you at the time about the borough election ?—Nothing was said at the time about the borough election.

2329. What did you take the money for ?—To vote for the town councillors.

2330. When you had voted for the town councillors did you think you had discharged your part of the bargain ?—Yes, as far as I had contracted.

2331. Did Mr. Cleaver or anyone whom you saw at Dickinson's shop canvass you for the parliamentary election ?—Not me.

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2333. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Kennard did not !—No, they never canvassed me; they called at my house but I was not in.

2334. You voted once before ?—Yes.

2335. What did you get on that occasion ?—Five shillings.

2336. For whom did you vote ?—For the Conservatives.

2337. What opinion did you form on receiving so much larger a sum ?—I formed no opinion, I thought it was a nice little bit for polling.

2338. You never voted for the borough ?—Only the last time.

2339. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know of others getting similar sums of 17*s.* 6*d.* ?—No, not personally ; I heard some say persons were paid 15*s.*, and I heard some say a sovereign.

2340. Do you know what the reason for the difference was ?—No.

2341. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You got your voting papers filled up ?—Yes.

2342. Did you see Mr. Cleaver after you had voted ?—Yes, he went back with me to Dickinson's shop and paid us, and I never saw him after.

2343. Did you leave him in the shop ?—I cannot say positively, we left him in the back room.

2344. Did he not go to the Town Hall with you ?—Yes, but that was when we came down to vote.

2345. Is Mr. Cleaver a member of the town council ?—No, I do not think he is.

2346. He came down with you, did he ?—Yes.

2347. And how many more were there ?—There were nine of them came down, and I think some said they would not vote till they had got the money.

2348. I think Mr. Cleaver made a kind of a speech, did he not ?—He said something about the sun shining brightly, and that the victory was sure.

2349. But he did not say what victory ?—No, he did not say what victory.

2350. He said the victory was sure ?—Yes.

2351. Did he mention any names ?—No, he never mentioned anyone.

2352. Whose was the victory ?—He never mentioned any names ; he said the victory was sure.

2353. Did he say anything about the sun of prosperity shining and what the prosperity was ?—He said something about the sun that it was shining beautifully or prosperously, or to that effect, but I did not exactly understand him.

2354. Was that after you got the 17*s.* 6*d.* ?—No, it was before we got paid, it was after we had voted and were leaving the Town Hall.

2355. And before you were paid ?—Yes.

2356. Were a great many voters there ?—Where ?

2357. In the shop where you were paid ?—Martin Lascelles sat in a chair in the room. There was a room full before we got there ; they had to put some of them out before we got paid ; they had to do that before they paid us.

The witness withdrew.

W. Thompson.

WILLIAM THOMPSON sworn ; examined by Mr. H. Cox.

2358. Are you a voter for the borough ?—This last time.

2359. This last time you came in as a voter for the borough ?—Yes.

2360. As an occupier ?—Yes.

2361. And not a freeman ?—Yes.

2362. Are you also a voter for the town council ?—I believe I only voted twice, this last time and the time before.

2363. How long have you been qualified ?—I have been qualified seven years, but I have always been away but these times.

2364. You have been on the burgess list these seven years ?—Yes.

2365. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

2366. And these last two times that you voted municipal who for ?—For Mr. Catterson and Mr. Lowther.

2367. Catterson and Lowther were together ?—Yes, this last time.

2368. And who the time before ?—Mr. Daniel Boyes.

2369. The time before you voted for Lowther ?—Yes.

2370. And this last time Catterson ?—Yes.

2371. On the morning of this municipal election did you meet Matthew Wilson and Robert Mann ?—Yes, in the Square here.

2372. What o'clock was that ?—Perhaps 11 or rather later, I could not say to half an hour.

2373. Was anybody there with him ?—Benjamin Moore.

2374. What did Wilson say ?—Wilson said " Come, " you may as well go and have a sovereign."

2375. Where were you to go to ?—Dickinson's. I said I should make enquiry; that I should not go unless I made inquiry. The Liberals they had shut up.

2376. First of all you said you would go and make some inquiry ?—Yes, I came up to see whether the Liberal party was open.

2377. Do you mean you were going to make inquiry whether there was money ?—No, I was going to make inquiry whether they were open for me to give my vote as I did the year before Liberal.

2378. When there what happened ?—I met with Wilson, Mann, and Moore. They said would I have a sovereign ? I said, " No." I stay half an hour and then it was said I should only get 17*s.* 6*d.*

2379. The price was going down ?—Yes. I said, " Come along," and I got it.

2380. Where ?—In Dickinson's shop. They went to take my name and Moore said, I will see you by-and-by ; I will get your hand signed. I gave my vote and he took me to the " Golden Ball."

2381. That is where you got the money ?—Yes.

2382. The " Golden Ball ?"—Yes ; he went with me to Dickinson's shop. Moore said, " Here is another man. I think Robert Thirsk gave him money, but what I did not see that I could not say. He brought me to the Town Hall. He said, There is another man or two I am going to bring you.

2383. What were you to do at Dickinson's ?—He took me there to see I was right. That was where the mill was where the money was grinding.

2384. Who was the man at Dickinson's ?—Benjamin Moore was the man at Dickinson's, and came with me here when I came to give my vote here.

2385. Moore ?—Yes, and he said there was another person or two he wished to bring in, and he would see me after, and after I had voted he gave it me in the " Golden Ball " yard 17*s.* 6*d.*

2386. For what did you understand you got that ?—For the town councillors.

2387. And nothing else ?—Nothing else.

2388. You voted for town councillors once before, what did you get then ?—Nothing, not one fraction.

2389. You knew 17*s.* 6*d.* was a large sum ?—I thought it a great lump of money.

2390. You understood that that was only for the town council ?—That was what I understood.

2391. Did not you hear anybody say it was with reference to the borough election ?—There was not a word mentioned.

2392. You never heard it said ?—No, not a word mentioned.

2393. Not by anybody ?—Not by any on their side.

2394. On their side ?—Not by any on their side.

2395. Not on the Tory side ?—No.

2396. But the others, what did you hear from them ?—I heard nothing.

2397. You said you heard nothing on the Tory side ?—That is what I mean.

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2398. What did you hear from the other side?—I heard nothing from the other side.

2399. Did not you hear people making remarks that it was a very unusual sum of money?—They might say so, but I did not take any notice, I took my money and cut off home.

2400. You just now yourself expressed surprise to me that so large a sum of money was given, had not you any idea in your own mind on that sum so much larger than usual being given of why it was?—I never got any before, it was the first time.

2401. You thought it unusually large?—Yes.

2402. Why did you think it so large that time—you knew the Parliamentary election was coming on, did you not?—Yes.

2403. Did not it force you to think it was something to do with that?—No, I did not expect it at all.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

2404. At the time you voted you knew the Liberals were done up, did you?—Yes, shut up.

2405. What use could it be to vote for the Tory side?—A few shillings were very acceptable.

2406. You knew it was a perfect farce your going to vote then, you knew it was perfectly useless and unnecessary; you knew they did not want your vote; the Liberals were shut up. Did not you know that?—It appears so.

2407. Did not you know it at the time you received the 17*s.* 6*d.*, you knew that your vote was not wanted?—My vote was not wanted.

2408. You knew that?—They pressed for me to vote.

2409. You knew that; did not you know it was not wanted for the benefit of that election?—I expected it was for the benefit of the election.

2410. The Liberals were shut up then?—Yes.

2411. That you knew?—It was unknown to me if it was for anything else.

2412. I thought you said so?—Then it was by accident.

2413. You said you knew the Liberals were shut up; did you go and make inquiry whether the Liberals were shut up or not?—Yes, I did.

2414. You have told me you knew the Liberals were shut up?—(*No answer.*)

At the request of the Commissioner the short-hand writer read the preceding question and answer.

Q. At the time you voted you knew the Liberals were done up?—*A.* Yes, shut up.

2415. You knew that perfectly well—they were shut up—you said you went to the Liberal committee-room?—Yes, I was going there.

2416. Did not you go to the Liberal committee room?—Did I go?

2417. Do not repeat the questions?—I did not go quite to them, I met some one coming away who said they were shut up.

2418. You went for the purpose?—Yes, I didgo for the purpose.

2419. Then you heard they were shut up?—Yes.

2420. Then you met somebody who told you you might as well vote for the Tories?—Yes.

2421. Your vote was useless, you knew perfectly well your vote was perfectly unnecessary then?—I was ignorant of anything of the kind; it was the first time I got any money.

2422. You knew perfectly well your vote was good for nothing, they did not want your vote?—It seems they did or they would not have paid me the money.

2423. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Not for that election; the election was practically over at that time.

2424. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You went to the Liberal committee rooms to make inquiries there then you were going to vote Liberal, I presume?—Yes, I was.

2425. But finding your vote would be of no good you went to the Tories, that is so?—Yes.

2426. Then you did know it was useless at that time?—(*No answer.*)

2427. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you know as a matter of fact whether the Liberals had ceased to vote at that time?—(*No answer.*)

2428. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You received the 17*s.* 6*d.* for your vote; you say you did not believe that had any reference to the coming election?—No; I did not think it had, I did not, really, sir; really, I was not asked a word about it.

2429. No, of course you were never asked?—Not one word was asked or mentioned.

2430. But you knew it as well as you do now?—(*No answer.*)

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

2431. Why did you go to the Liberal committee rooms? What were you going to the Liberal committee rooms for? You told me something in the first instance about making inquiries?—Well, I made inquiry, and they had shut up when I came up.

2432. What were you going to the Liberal room for?—What for, why to vote.

2433. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was to vote for the Liberals you mean?—Yes.

2434. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You found them shut up; did you suppose from that they had thrown up and given up the contest?—Yes.

2435. You thought they had given up the contest, and you knew the Tories were in a majority?—I was asked——

2436. You knew the Tories were in a majority at the time the Liberals had shut up?—Yes.

2437. The Liberals had given up, and the Tories were in a majority?—Yes.

2438. What good could your vote be to the Tories at that time if they had got the majority already, they could not do more than get in; you knew your vote could be no good to them for the purpose of the election?—It seems they pressed me for my vote.

2439. Then what did you suppose you got the 17*s.* 6*d.* for?—That was for the vote, the 17*s.* 6*d.*

2440. You now standing there mean to tell me on your oath that you think they gave you 17*s.* 6*d.* for a vote you believe to be useless?—The money was not useless.

2441. I am quite aware the money was not useless?—It did not make any matter to me about the other whether the vote was useless.

2442. I ask you as a man of common sense whether you believe people would give you 17*s.* 6*d.* for a thing they knew to be useless?—They got plenty of votes besides mine.

2443. What did they give you 17*s.* 6*d.* for?—To vote for them.

2444. Not to vote for them after?—Not anything was said I will be bound.

2445. Of course I know they were not quite such fools as to say anything?—Nothing was said.

The witness withdrew.

E. Beattie.

Edward Beattie sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

2446. What are you?—I am a farm labourer.

2447. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

2448. I suppose the last election was the first time you were a voter?—Yes, for the borough.

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2449. But you were a voter before for the town council ?—Yes.

2450. How long had you been a voter for the town council ?—Twice before the last time.

2451. Were you paid when you voted ?—Yes.

2452. On each occasion ?—Yes.

2453. What were you paid the first time ?—I got 5*s.* the first time.

2454. The second time what were you paid ?—7*s.* 6*d.*

2455. And the third time ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

2456. Well, the third time when you came in I suppose about 11 o'clock in the day, where did you go to; did you go to the Liberal committee room ?—I did.

2457. What took you there ?—We went to vote for the Liberals.

2458. Were you one of a party ?—We were about 12.

2459. You were one of a party of 12 ?—Yes.

2460. And you all went to the Liberal committee room intending to vote ?—Yes.

2461. How did you find the Liberal committee-room—open or shut ?—It was open, but there was nobody in, only two lads.

2462. Did they say anything to you ?—They said they had given over filling in papers.

2463. By the way how did you vote the two former elections ?—For the Tories.

2464. Then having done that I suppose you went to the Tory committee room ?—Yes.

2465. In a body ?—We came up as far as the Square.

2466. In a body ?—Yes.

2467. I suppose you had then made up your mind to vote Tory ?—A young man came to us and asked us had we voted. We said No.

2468. Who was that ?—I do not know the young man's name.

2469. Do you know him ?—No, I do not.

2470. Pray see if you can ?—I do not know the young man.

2471. Did he come out from Dickinson's shop ?—Yes.

2472. What did he say to you ?—He asked us had we voted. We said no. He asked us would we go and vote, and we said we were soon enough for our mark. He said if you come now there is 18*s.* if you come. We said we would not come quite then.

2473. You were waiting for the mark ?—Yes.

2474. Soon enough means let us see if more is to be got. Then he came and saw you again and told you you had better take 17*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes, but we asked him why not give us the same as before. He said he would go in and see what he could do for us, and he came out and said he would give us the 18*s.*

2475. It must have appeared strange to you at that time to receive so much money for nothing ?—I thought it was a good bit.

2476. It was not for a vote substantially ; you knew at that time the Liberals were shut up ?—They said so.

2477. Was anything said about anything else, about a double event ?—No one ever said anything to me at all.

2478. Did you hear anything said ?—There was a deal of folks talking about it in the body outside.

2479. That is what I mean ?—Yes, I did.

2480. What were they saying ?—They were saying it was for the double event, or something.

2481. You knew very well what the double event was ?—They never mentioned it to me.

2482. You knew what it was ?—Well, I did. I knew what they meant.

2483. I believe the double event is a sporting phrase. I am not a Yorkshireman, so I am not at all well up in it ; the one event was over ?—The council choosing was over.

2484. That was one of the events that was over then ?—Yes.

2485. There was only one event remaining, the parliamentary election, that is so ?—Yes, the other was over.

2486. And you went and got your money and went home ?—Yes.

2487. You voted I suppose for Maxwell and Trollope ; you voted for the Liberals at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

2488. You had heard of course there was no money going then ?—I had promised my vote at the first. I meant giving it to Mr. Maxwell.

2489. You had heard there was no money going ?—I did not hear whether there was or not.

2490. Did not you know ?—No, I did not. I came up the town and gave my vote.

2491. Did not you know long before the day of voting there was no money going ?—I did not.

2492. You heard there was no money going ?—I never inquired. I was always out in the country. I work out in the country and the neighbourhood.

2493. Of course you worked without any other voters being near you ; how far from town were you ?—Sometimes six or seven miles out.

2494. I mean at this time ?—Oh, I live in a house in the town, but I go to the country to work.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

2495. Who were these "deal of folks" whom you heard say it was for the double event ?—I could not say, there were about a hundred or more.

2496. Somebody must have said it, what were they. I do not ask their names, but what were they doing ?—They were all standing in a crowd.

2497. Where ?—In the Square.

2498. And people in the crowd said it was for the double event ?—Yes.

2499. You do not know who said it ?—No.

2500. Do you remember the words ?—They said it was for the double event.

2501. Did they address themselves to you ?—No, I heard them talking amongst themselves.

2502. Do you remember the very expression they used ?—That was the very expression they said.

2503. You cannot say what was in connexion with the double event ?—No.

2504. Did anyone say to you, or did you hear them say, "This money is for the double event"?—No, they did not say for such.

2505. It was only what was said in the crowd ?—That was all.

2506. You voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

2507. May we take that for a proof. You did not think it was for the double event ?—No, I did not think it was.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

2508. You understood then what was said—this rumour in the crowd—had reference to the money that had been given ?—Yes, I expected that was what it meant.

2509. That is what you understood the rumour to mean ?—Yes.

2510. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you never inquire whether there was any money going at the parliamentary election ?—I did not.

2511. Had you heard of anything ?—No, I never did ; I never heard of a halfpenny being given.

2512. You never heard of any money being given ?—No.

2513. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you ever voted at a parliamentary election before ?—No.

2514. Are you an occupier ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

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J. Ellis.

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JAMES ELLIS sworn ; examined by Mr Commissioner Barstow.

2515. Are you a freeman or an occupier ?—An occupier.

2516. How long have you been an occupier ?—I have been eight years in the town, but I never was allowed to vote before last year.

2517. Now whom did you vote for last year at the municipal election ?—For Mr. Lowther and company.

2518. And who for at the parliamentary election ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

2519. On the day of the election we have heard you were with Thompson and Beattie and these other men ?—Yes, I was.

2520. Did you go with them to the Liberal committee rooms at the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

2521. I suppose you found two lads there ?—There were two.

2522. And what did they say to you ?—They said they had closed the books.

2523. Where did you go to then ?—We went into the square.

2524. Were you there when the young man came out of Dickinson's shop ?—Yes.

2525. You had some conversation about the price of the votes ?—We asked what they were giving.

2526. Did you go into the shop and and have your voting papers filled up ?—Yes.

2527. And you came here and voted ?—To the Town Hall.

2528. And voted ?—Yes.

2529. And you went back to get some money ?—Yes.

2530. Who paid you ?—Brooks.

2531. The man who has been here to-day ?—Yes.

2532. Did you see Beattie paid ?—Yes.

2533. Who paid him ?—Mr. Cleaver.

2534. Mr. Cleaver paid him and Mr. Brooks paid you ?—Yes.

2535. What did you get ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

2536. What did you take the money for ?—For the municipal election.

2537. Was anything said to you at the time about the parliamentary election ?—No.

2538. Did you hear anything said about the double event ?—No.

2539. Did anyone tell you it was for the double event ?—No.

2540. Did you yourself treat it as received for the double event ?—No, I took it for the municipal.

2541-2. When you voted for the municipal election you thought you had done that for which you had received the money ?—Yes, I never voted for anything before ; this was the first time that ever I voted.

The witness withdrew.

J. Wardell.

JOHN WARDELL sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

2543. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

2544. For the town council ?—Yes.

2545. And for the borough ?—Yes.

2546. How long have you been a voter for the borough ?—Thirty years I should think.

2547. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

2548. Then all that time you have been a voter for the town council also ?—No I have not.

2549. How long have you been a voter for the town council ?—I cannot say how long, it may be 20 years.

2550. Whom did you vote for last for the borough, the parliamentary election ?—This last time ?

2551. Yes.—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

2552. And whom did you vote for for the town council ?—For Lowther and party.

2553. Did you get anything for your vote when you voted for Lowther ?—Yes.

2554. What did you get ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

2555. Where did you get that ?—John Brooks paid me that.

2556. Just tell me now the story of how you got that ; you went into the square, that seems to have been the starting point always, and then did not somebody come to you from Dickenson's and propose that you should go there ?—Yes.

2557. He asked you to do what ?—He asked us to go and poll for them.

2558. And what did he say he would give you ?—He said he would give us 17*s.* 6*d.*

2559. Did you say 18*s.* at one time ?—No, I never said 18*s.* ; I said 17*s.* 6*d.*

2560. Did you see Watson at Dickinson's ?—Not that I know I did not.

2561. Did you see Thompson ?—Yes.

2562. Which Thompson ?—Why he who has been just examined.

2563. What did he say to you ?—What did William Thompson say to me ?

2664. Yes.—He never said nothing to me that I know of.

2565. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The man who was examined to-day, is that the man you mean ?—Yes, the man that was up just now.

2566. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where did you get the 17*s.* 6*d.* ?—At Dickinson's.

2567. You got it after you voted I suppose ?—Yes.

2568. Who gave you the money ?—Brooks.

2569. And where did he get it from ?—He got it from Mr. Cleaver.

2570. Cleaver gave Brooks for a number of you ?—Yes, he gave Brooks for six or seven of us. He says, "Be honest my lads, and share it all alike."

2571. He was anxious that you should be all honest ?—Yes.

2572. (*Mr. Barstow.*) "Be honest and share it all alike ?"—Yes he did.

2573. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That was after you voted, was it ?—Yes.

2574. And he shared it all alike ?—He shared it equally alike.

2575. Have you voted often for the borough ?—Yes.

2576. I should ask you for the town council, that is what I mean ?—I was going to say I have voted every time, but I have not.

2577. But you have voted several times ?—Yes.

2578. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Yes, sometimes 7*s.* 6*d.*, sometimes 2*s.* 6*d.*, sometimes 2*s.*

2579. It has been as low as 2*s.* and gone up to 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

2580. What was the largest you got before last year ?—7*s.* 6*d.* was the most that ever I got.

2581. And this time it rose to 17*s.* 6*d.* Do you know why it rose ?—No, I am sure I do not.

2582. You knew, as a fact, that at the time you gave your vote the Liberals had given up polling voters ?—Yes, I believe they had.

2583. That was your belief ?—Yes.

2584. Did it ever occur to you that 17*s.* 6*d.* was a good deal to pay for a vote that was no use ?—I thought it was a goodish thing.

2585. And a funny thing ?—A bonny thing.

2586. What do you suppose was the reason they gave 17*s.* 6*d.* that was practically thrown away ?—I could not tell.

2587. What do you think ?—I could not tell.

2588. You have heard the evidence of several witnesses that have gone before ?—Yes.

2589. And you are telling the same story as they did ?—No, I should not care if I was put out of the room ; I come here to tell truth.

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2590. I am glad to hear that, but I want you to answer me as a man of common sense. What do you suppose was the object of your getting 17*s.* 6*d.*?—I could not tell you.

2591. If a man puts 17*s.* 6*d.* in my hand I ask him for what it is for unless I know for what it is for?—It was for polling.

2592. Yes, but it was polling for no good?—Nobody ever asked me.

2593. I do not know what people asked you; did you hear rumours in the crowd that these seventeen and sixpences or the other monies were for the double event?—No I did not.

2594. Do you think it was for the double event?—No I do not.

2595. I think you must see yourself it is not satisfactory evidence to give?—I never had such a thing mentioned.

2596. I dare say you did not, but we must judge of your evidence for ourselves.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

2597. You have been 30 years a freeman?—Yes.

2598. Have you voted for the parliamentary election ever before?—Yes.

2599. First of all which side do you generally vote?—I will tell you the first election I voted at, it was for Towneley and Goldsmid.

2600. What year did you vote first; did you ever vote for Fox and Towneley?—It was for Towneley and Goldsmid.

2601. In 1847?—Yes.

2602. The next election was in 1852, did you vote for Lawley and Wells?—Yes.

2603. The next election was in 1854. For whom did you vote then?—For Hastings.

2604. Then the next election was in 1857, and the candidates were Denison, Glover and Wells?—I voted for Glover.

2605. Glover alone?—Yes.

2606. The next election was also in 1857 for whom did you vote then?—Edwards.

2607. For whom did you vote at the next election. The candidates were Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—I believe I voted for Walters and Walker.

2608. Then that time you divided?—Yes.

2609. Then the next election was 1860, and the candidates were Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote then?—For Gridley.

2610. Then the next election was 1865, and the candidates were Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; for whom did you vote then?—For Keane.

2611. In fact you have generally voted for the Liberals, but you have voted for Walker and Edwards?—Yes.

2612. Did you vote for these gentlemen gratuitously. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

2613. Always?—Not always, but I believe I did most of the times.

2614. Now I will begin with the last election in point of time when you voted for Mr. Keane, what did you get then?—I will tell you. I did not get nothing, but there was a man got it for me and never gave it me.

2615. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What were you to get?—2*l.*

2616. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the name of this gentleman?—Fergusson, he lived at Walkington.

2617. Was Fergusson a voter?—I do not know whether he was or not.

2618. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How came he to get it for you?—He took me up to get paid, and I expect he got it, but I never got it.

2619. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In 1860 you tell us you voted for Gridley. Did you get anything then?—I am sure I forget it now, it is such a while since.

2620. It is only nine years since. Did you get anything?—I cannot tell whether I did or not.

2621. You cannot tell?—No, I cannot, it is of no use my coming in here to tell a lie.

2622. Nonsense; you can remember?—No I cannot.

2623. Can you tell us any Beverley election on which you did not get money for your vote?—I have told you one.

2624. No you have not, except Maxwell and Trollope. Did you ever get any money at any preceding election?—I should say I have had money at every election I have voted.

2625. You must endeavour to remember the amount; if we think you are not telling the truth, we shall not give you your costs?—I am telling the truth.

2626. See you do. Can you recollect what money you got when you voted for Gridley?—I never got none, somebody got it for me.

2627. No, that was Keane's election?—Well, I cannot recollect.

2628. Can you recollect about the amount, would it be 2*l.*?—I got more than 2*l.* I was getting as high as 4*l.* at a time, but I cannot tell the election when it was.

2629. Is that the most you ever got, do you think?—Yes, it is.

2630. And I suppose you got drink besides?—There was plenty of drink in them times of day.

2631. Were you ever on any committee, or got money for your services as a runner?—No.

2632. The most you ever got was 4*l.* and drink?—Yes.

2633. I suppose if anyone had offered you 17*s.* 6*d.* you would not have taken it to poll in those days?—No, I am sure I should not, when they were giving more.

2634. I suppose if anything had been going at a parliamentary election you would not have considered 17*s.* 6*d.* sufficient in those times?—I should have polled for Maxwell and Trollope if there had been ever so much given on the other side.

2635. Between the municipal election and the parliamentary election you saw the error of your way. You saw how wrong it was to be bribed?—No, I did not see nothing at all about it, I should have polled for them two, and did poll.

2636. Do you now at this moment think it wrong to take a bribe?—I think it is not a right thing, so they say; but a poor man wants money.

2637. And so long as it is enough you do not think there is any harm in it?—I think no more harm of it than anybody else.

2638. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You may stand down.

The witness withdrew.

J. McGennis.

John McGennis sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

2639. Are you a labourer?—Yes.

2640. How long have you been a voter?—Last time.

2641. The last time was the first?—Yes.

2642. Was the last time the first time that you were a voter for the town council?—Yes.

2643. You work for the corporation?—Yes.

2644. Who appoints you; who gives you the work?—I am working there up in the country.

2645. I suppose it is the same story. You came in on the day of the election with the others?—Yes.

2646. You heard the account given, and you received your 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

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2647. And you voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

2648. Did you know at the time when you received the 17*s.* 6*d.* that the Liberals had ceased to have a chance ?—Yes.

2649. Did you hear anything about the double event ?—No.

2650. Anything about the general election coming on ?—No.

2651. You knew your vote was not needful ?—Yes, I knew they were closed.

2652. Nobody asked you to vote at the borough election ?—No ; I promised Maxwell and Trollope at the Mechanic's Hall, and I voted for them.

The witness withdrew.

J. S. Tomlinson.

JOHN SHAW TOMLINSON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

2653. You are a freeman ?—No.

2654. An occupier ?—Yes.

2655. How long have you been an occupier ?—About seven years.

2656. For whom did you vote at the municipal election ?—Lowther, Catterson, and Usher.

2657. And at the parliamentary election ?—I had not a vote.

2658. You got 10*s.* did you ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

2659. Where did you get it ?—At Mr. Ramshaw's.

2660. What place is that ?—The "Golden Ball."

2661. Who gave it you ?—A man of the name of Watson gave it to Scarr. He gave him 1*l.* 15*s.* to divide between us.

2662. Had you no vote at the parliamentary election ?—No.

2663. Have you voted before for the council ?—Yes, three times.

2664. Have you got money each time ?—Never but once before.

2665. When was that ?—I do not know whether it was the first time or the second, I am sure.

2666. How much did you get ?—3*s.*

2667. From whom ?—I do not know whom it came from.

2668. Who gave it you ?—Thomas Southwick gave it me.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

2669. How is it you have no vote for the parliamentary election ?—I did not look after it. I did not pay my rates.

2670. Did Watson when he gave you the 17*s.* 6*d.* know that you had no vote ?—No.

2671. Did he ask you whether you had a vote ?—No.

M. Lascelles

MARTIN LASCELLES sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

2672. Are you a voter for the borough ?—Yes.

2673. How long have you been a voter for the borough ?—Perhaps 40 years.

2674. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

2675. And how long have you had a vote for the town council ?—Ever since there was a municipal started.

2676. That was in 1838. Well, you voted at the last election ?—Yes.

2677. I mean the municipal election ?—Yes.

2678. Whom did you vote for ?—Lowther, Catterson, and Usher.

1679. And for whom did you vote at the parliamentary ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

1680. Now, you got something for your vote at the municipal election, did you not ?—Yes.

1681. Who offered you the money ?—Who offered me it ?

1682. Yes ; you were offered money for your vote ?—Mr. Lowther, I believe.

1683. Mr. Lowther offered you what ?—I wanted 1*l.*, the same as some had been getting, and it was in the street where the business was done.

1684. Which street ?—Just again this Mrs. Dickinson's shop.

1685. You told Mr. Lowther you wanted 1*l.* ?—Yes.

2686. And what did he say ?—He said, No, he would not give it ; they could do without me. I said I did not want 1*l.* for the party altogether ; I wanted to divide it. I wanted to poll for some of the Liberals and some of the Conservatives. In fact I had not been paid off the first, and as the Liberals were likely to be divided they would not want me, and I thought as the major had such a long purse and had trodden us down so long, I thought I would have a little more.

2687. What major ?—Major Edwards, they have trodden us down some time, these Tory members.

2688. What did Mr. Lowther say to you after that ?—He went away ; he said I must either have 17*s.* 6*d.* or nothing, and vote for the whole lot. He said I must vote for the whole Conservatives or else none.

2689. At that time you would not take the offer ?—I did not then.

2690. Did you afterwards ?—Yes, I did. Mr. Catterson, jun., and I had a talk, and I got my paper filled up.

2691. Mr. Catterson, jun., talked you over ?—Yes, that is right enough, and there was a man of the name of Stephen Philpot was to pay me. He was to pay me, and when we voted, after I got through into the entrance he mizzled and I after him, and he ran up the "Golden Ball" passage, and away he went up Walker-Gate, and there was no getting near hand him, so I came to the Conservative committee room, and I told them that I had got no money for voting.

2692. You told them about Philpot running away ?—Yes.

2693. He set off and went past Walker Gate, and there was no getting near him, and you complained at the committee room, and complained of the trick he had served you ?—Yes.

2694. You did get money afterwards ?—Yes.

2695. How was that ?—It was a good deal till I got it. The money, I recollect, all ran out, and they had to get some more change.

2696. Where did they fetch the money from ?—I do not know ; they went into the street.

2697. Who gave it you ?—A man of the name of Thirsk, 17*s.* 6*d.*

2698. And did he pay you at Dickenson's ?—In the house.

2699. What did he say about Sir Henry Edwards ?—I do not think he said anything in particular, but it was on the both events.

2700. Thirsk said it was for both events ?—I will not swear that Thirsk said so, but some one of the gentlemen who were there at the time are there (*pointing*).

2701. What gentleman is it that you point at, there are three gentlemen there ?—Mr. Cleaver was there.

2702. Either Mr. Thirsk or some of those other gentlemen said that ?—Yes.

2703. Was it that you were not to forget to vote for him ?—That is the meaning of it.

2704. Did you think 17*s.* 6*d.* was enough for that ?

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—No, I expected if I voted for him I should have wanted a great deal more.

2705. What did you say to them ?—I said, Yes I should think of it.

2706. You did not give them an idea that you meant to vote for the same ?—I did not.

2707. Did you tell them the contrary ?—No.

2708. You merely held your tongue about that ?—Yes, and I did not suppose it was expected at the time.

2709. Afterwards you voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—I did.

2710. You found there was no money to be got from Edwards ?—I did not know whether there was or not; I believe there was. I believe many got money, but they did not believe in giving me any, because I turned up where they were likely to be catched.

2711. Answer my questions. When you got this 17*s.* 6*d.* they told you that you were not to forget to vote for Edwards; what answer did you make ?—I said I would think of it.

2712. Beyond that you gave no pledge or promise one way or another ?—I did not think I had any call to do so. I made up my mind all the money Major Edwards had should not bind me to vote for him.

2713. You did not tell them that ?—I did not tell them that at all.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

2714. You have been a long time a voter ?—Yes.

2715. And voted very often both for the borough and the town council ?—Yes.

2716. About how often do you think you voted for the borough ?—I voted at Mr. Burton's election.

2717. Thirty or 40 years ago ?—I should think it would be, sir.

2718. Generally did you receive money ?—At that time I received money of all parties. My freedom was taken up by the members.

2719. I do not want to go so far back as that, but you voted in 1865 when Mr. Keane was a candidate ?—Yes.

2720. What did you receive then ?—I got 1*l.*

2721 From whom ?—I cannot tell who.

2272. Where ?—In the Mechanics' Hall.

2723. Did you not get more ?—I got 1*l.* the first draw. I believe I got 2*l.*, but not both together.

2724. No, I expected a man like you would not take 1*l.* You got 1*l.* first, and then you got another 1*l.* afterwards ?—Yes.

2725. The election before that ?—What election was that ?

2726. It was in 1860 ?—Who were the members ?

2727. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Walker and Gridley ?—I do not remember getting anything of Gridley.

2728. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you vote ?—Yes, I did.

2729. You got some money ?—I know there were four members I voted for; I did not get a farthing. I voted for Rennie and Clay on purity.

2730. That is a long time ago ?—I know what Mr. Gridley said when he went away from Beverley. He said they had skinned the last eel.

2731. When was that ?—That was when he was thrown out.

2732. He complained of the Beverley people ?—I do not know that he had any cause to complain, but he ought to have been sure of us.

2733. What did you get ?—I do not know that I ever got anything.

2734. Did you ever vote without getting any money ?—Yes, four times, and I was three elections away.

2735. About how often did you get money ?—I have had 50*l.* offered for my vote.

2736. I am not asking about offers, but money; how often, about how often have you received money ?—A good many for Murray; I got for Towneley twice.

2737. Tell me how often ?—I must mention the numbers.

2738. Yes; have you got money 20 times for your vote, about 20 times ?—No, not above four, perhaps five.

2739. Were you in the habit of voting for the town councillors ?—Yes.

2740. And I suppose you got money on those occasions ?—At times.

2741. Whenever there was a contest ?—No.

2742. How often have you received money on those occasions ?—I believe twice.

2743. How much did you get on those occasions ?—I have got 1*s.* sometimes, and I have got nothing four times. I believe the first time that we voted it was the merriest, for there were all hands at work.

2744. What was that ?—They were all open houses, and not one pulling against the other.

2745. When was that ?—The first of the starting of the municipal elections.

2746. When you voted last you got 17*s.* 6*d.* How long before that was it you received any money; before 1868 did you receive any money the year before ?—I got some of David Keane.

2747. I know that, but about voting for town councillors; did you get any money in 1867 for voting for town councillors ?—I do not remember that I did.

2748. Or 1865 ?—No.

2749. Or 1866 ?—No.

2750. You do not remember, that is all you say ?—Yes.

2751. What is the most you ever got except the last time ?—I do not think I ever got more than 2*s.* 6*d.*

2752. Did you ever know a municipal election in this place without money being spent in bribery ?—Yes.

2753. You know one ?—I never seed any money; there was one took place between Mr. Hind.

2754. The election before the last ?—I did not see any.

2755. Did you ever know a borough election without money being spent ?—Yes.

2756. Which was that ?—There was Rennie and Clay's election. I voted that time and went home.

2757. That is a long time ago. 1865 there was money ?—There was money at Walters and at Towneleys.

2758. Do you recollect when Mr. Edwards first came ?—Yes, but he has been here too long.

2759. Was any money spent on the first election with Mr. Edwards ?—Yes.

2760. He was not returned the first time ?—I think he was.

2761. Can you tell us as a matter of fact every election since that there has been money spent in bribery ?—I cannot, I have been away.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

2762. There was more money spent the first municipal election than any other ?—I think so.

2763. Did you get any of it ?—I think we all did.

2764. How much did you get ?—Perhaps 4*s.*

2765. That is not much ?—I got a good deal there, liquor and perhaps something to eat.

2766. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You are talking of 30 years ago ?—Somewhere thereabouts.

2767. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Since that time what is the most you ever got yourself at a borough election ?—12*l.*

2768. How did you get that ?—FromMr. Towneley's and 2*s.* a day, and you could either spend it in ale, or you could have it in flour. You had a ticket to spend it.

2769. Was the ale for yourself ?—Yes.

2770. What was the next most you ever had ?—I believe the next time he came we did very well.

2771. How much did you get that time ?—About 3*l.* a man.

2772. 3*l.* is not much in comparison to 12*l.*?—There was a diminution.

2773. I think you would not have voted that time for 3*l.* ?—I believe I should.

2774. Do you think you got no more ?—I do not think I did.

2775. I think you got as much as anyone else ?—I think I did not. Perhaps there would be an order to go to such a place.

2776. You got drink ?—Yes.

2777. Did you get no more than 3*l.* ?—I do not remember that I did.

2778. After Towneley, who came next ?—Lawley was the next. I did not vote at that time.

2779. Not in 1852 ?—No.

2780. Neither for Lawley or Wells ?—No.

2781. In 1854 were you here ?—I was not.

2782. Do you remember 1857, when Mr. Denison stood, now Lord Londesborough, and Mr. Wells and Mr. Glover, about 12 years ago ?—Yes, I was here.

2783. Did you get anything then. Did you get anything when Mr. Denison stood ?—I believe all parties paid a little, but I am sure I forget.

2784. Do you think you got a little then ?—I do not remember.

2785. I think there would not be an election without your getting a little ?—Yes, I have told you four.

2786. At Mr. Denison and Mr. Wells' election did you get a little then ?—I do not remember what was paid.

2787. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Denison.

2788. Anyone else ?—I think not.

2789. You cannot remember whether you got anything or not ?—I cannot say.

2790. I do not ask you the amount, but whether you got anything ?—I cannot remember that I got anything, not at present.

2791. The next election was the same year, between Edwards and Wells ; did you get anything then ?—No.

2792. Who did you vote for ?—I do not remember voting for Mr. Wells.

2793. Do you think you did not vote for him ?—I think not.

2794. You did not vote for Mr. Edwards ?—I think not.

2795. The next election was in 1859 ; there would be something then ?—Yes.

2796. Did you get anything ?—2*l.*

2797. Did you vote for anyone besides Mr. Walters then ?—No.

2798. At the municipal election did you get anything ?—Yes, a little.

2799. I do not want to bother you, but how much is the most you ever got, except 17*s.* 6*d.*, except that? —About 2*s.* 6*d.*

2800. Except the 17*s.* 6*d.*—Half-a-crown.

2801. You are a well-known Liberal ? — Well, perhaps so.

2802. You always do vote you say for yellow ?—Well, I generally do.

2803. Except when you are paid by the other side ? —Whether I am or not.

2804. You have always voted for the yellow at the parliamentary election. You have never voted for anyone else ?—Yes, the first time.

2805. Since Burton and Sykes you have always voted for the Liberals ?—Yes, I believe I have.

2806. Who was present when you had this conversation with Mr. Thirsk ?—I do not know who made the observation.

2807. Some one said it to you ?—Yes.

2808. Did they say it loud so that you could hear ?—Yes, I could hear better then than I can now.

2809. Could anyone in the room hear what was said ?—I dare say they could.

2810. Can you mention any voter who was in the room with you at the time ?—There were those who were writing and filling up the papers.

2811. There was a man of the name of Philpot, was he there ?—No, he hooked it I tell you, and if he had got the money in his pocket he has got it yet for anything I know.

2812. Was any one of your side there ?—No.

2813. You were the only one on your side there ?—Not that I know of.

2814. And this conversation was said in the ordinary voice ?—Yes.

2815. So that you think anyone that was in the room would hear ?—I think so.

2816. What are you ?—I deal in stock.

2817. Was this man's name Robert Thirsk ?—I believe it is, I know his name is Thirsk, he lived at the old foundry at the time.

2818. You mean the waggon foundry by that ?—Yes.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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26th August, 1869.

THIRD DAY.

R. Tattershall.

26 Aug. 1869.

RICHARD TATTERSHALL sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

2819. Are you a voter for the borough?—Yes, the last time, the late election.

2820. You became a voter for this borough?—Yes, sir.

2821. As an occupier?—Yes.

2822. What are you?—A labourer.

2823. And how long have you had a vote for the town council?—About 13 or 14 years.

2824. Have you often voted for town councillors?—Yes.

2825. About how often?—I cannot say exactly, but as many as I have had years, everytime I have been entitled I think.

2826. Have you been paid on all occasions when you voted for town councillors?—No, sir.

2827. You think not on all occasions?—No.

2828. How often have you been paid?—I cannot say minutely, occasionally.

2829. We do not want every time, but you can tell us about how often?—I should say three or four times.

2830. What was the amount you generally received?—A shilling and half-a-crown.

2831. And what else; what were the other sums?—I once received 10*s.*

2832. How often have you received the half-crown?—Not above once.

2833. When was it that you received the 10*s.* for voting?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

2834. Come, about; it is only two or three years ago?—1857 or 1858, I cannot tell exactly.

2835. From whom did you receive that, from which side?—The Liberal side.

2836. For voting for the Liberals?—Yes.

2837. And of course you voted for the Liberal councillors?—Yes.

2838. Was money going at all the municipal elections at which you voted?—I heard so.

2839. That money was going on both sides?—That money was going on both sides.

2840. Money was going on both sides?—Yes, in those days, but not so much since.

2841. And I suppose it would be useless for a man to start as town councillor unless he was prepared so to pay money?—I do not know, but there is so much feeling in the town.

2842. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Feeling has nothing to do with money. Well, we will come to the last election, did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

2843. When had you voted before at the municipal election?—I voted at the municipal election the year before.

2844. 1867?—Yes.

2845. What did you get for that?—Nothing for my vote except a glass of ale. I had nothing for my vote.

2846. You were treated?—I got nothing for my vote.

2847. You were treated?—I had three pennorth for being good pluck, but it had nothing to do with the vote.

2848. For whom had you voted?—The Liberals.

2849. For Boyes?—The Liberal side, yes.

2850 You were treated?—You asked me if I got anything for my vote, and I only had a glass.

2850*a.* In 1860 did you get anything?—No, I did not; I do not know whether I got anything; I cannot say.

2851. How much did you receive at the last election?—17*s.* 6*d.*

2852. For whom did you vote—on which side?—Lowther and company.

2853. Had you ever voted on that side before?—Once.

2854. What did you get then?—5*s.*

2855. Now we have it 1*s.*, 2*s.* 6*d.*, 5*s.*, 10*s.*, and 17*s.* 6*d.*?—I did not class this last.

2856. Did anyone apply to you to vote for Lowther and company last time?—I think not.

2857. Did anyone ask you, not merely speak to you in the street, but ask you? Let me remind you; do you know De Caux? Was he with you here on the last occasion?—Yes, he was.

2858. He was with you?—Yes.

2859. Was he with you when you were paid?—Yes, we left our work.

2860. You did not leave your work without some object?—We came with an intention to vote.

2861. Of course; who for?—We came to vote for the Liberals if——

2862. If what?—We came to vote for the Liberals if there was anything stirring, any money; but there was not.

2863. You came to vote for the Liberals if there was anything stirring, any money: anything stirring means money?—Yes, that means money.

2864. When you came in you found there was nothing stirring?—No.

2865. Who told you there was something to be got out of the other side?—I cannot tell you; I do not know. I would tell you, but I do not know.

2866. You know Thompson Ireland?—Yes, he was a voter.

2867. Where did you meet him?—He was standing opposite Dickinson's shop door.

2868. Had anyone spoken to you before about voting?—No; I saw Duffill, and he said, "We have "stopped; they are voting five or six to our one, and "therefore it is no use."

2869. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Who said that?—Thomas Duffill.

2870. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Speaking on the part of the Liberals?—Yes.

2871. Now I want to come to Thompson Ireland; you saw him near Dickinson's shop?—Yes.

2872. What did he say?—He called me across the road, and said, "Have you voted?" I said, "No." He said, "Come this way; I can get you 17*s.* 6*d.*" It may as well come out. He said, I being a confidential friend and pot companion, he with a wink—tipping me a wink—said, "It will be for both."

2873. What did you understand him to mean?—I certainly expected it would be for the parliamentary as well. I cannot use his words exactly, but I knew his meaning.

2874. Did you say anything to that?—"All right, go on." That was all the answer I made.

2875. You knew perfectly well what it meant?—Yes, I knew him; I understood him.

2876. You went with him to the town hall, you and Du Caux?—Yes.

2877. And got your money?—I went to the town hall to vote, and to the "Golden Ball" to get the money.

2878. And you saw a number of gentlemen there, at the "Golden Ball," did you not?—Yes, there were some there.

2879. Did a man of the name of Walker or Watson receive 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for three voters, for himself, you, and Day?—No, not him, a man named Addy.

2879*a*. Do you know any of the other men who were voting there at the time, receiving 17*s*. 6*d*. like yourself; did you see any of them?—Yes, but they did not tell me what they received, for they were rather trying to keep it secret.

2880. We will take it for granted that they received as much as you did; but you say you saw many of them?—Yes.

2881. You received 17*s*. 6*d*., and your two friends each received that sum?—Yes.

2882. About how many were there in the Market-place?—I cannot say.

2883. Forty or 50?—More I should say a deal than that, a great many people.

2884. Did you see them go in and out of the "Golden Ball"?—Yes, a party went out as we went in.

2885. Did you hear anything said about how the thing was going on?—No, nothing more than in a general way, one saying to another "How much have you got?" and "How much have you got?" I cannot particularize.

2886. Did they say for what?—No, but it was a general opinion in the town.

2887. What was a general opinion in the town?—That it was for both the events.

2888. For the municipal and the parliamentary borough?—Yes; they appear to be very fluent with their money, paying anything, throwing it about. It appeared to be a general opinion.

2889. By those who received it?—Yes; the man told me plain what it was for.

2890. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That was Ireland?—Yes.

2861. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you know a man named Levitt?—I know Mr. Levitt.

2892. Do you know a man named Davis?—George Davis.

2894. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did he tell you he had received money from anybody?—He told me he had received twice 15*s*.

2895. Is Davis a voter?—Yes, but he is not a freeman.

2896. He told you he had received two 15*s*.?—Yes.

2897. Do you know who he received those sums from?—He said one was from Levitt, and I will not swear whether he said Thirsk, but I think he said so.

2898. Do you know where Levitt and Thirsk are employed?—The Iron and Waggon Company.

2899. You recollect when the election took place?—Yes.

2900. And I suppose you voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

2901. And did you see Ireland after the election was over,—the parliamentary election?—Oh, yes, frequently.

2902. I do not mean in the streets merely in passing, but had you any conversation with him about the election?—I had.

2903. Do you recollect what he said about the voters, some of them who voted at the election?—I remember being in his company, and Mr. de Caux was with him as well. Ireland turned from me and said, "What do you think to a man like that?" That was de Caux. Of course I did not know what he meant. He said, 'I was in the Corn Exchange, "and saw him myself vote for Maxwell and Trollope, "after what I had done for him at the municipal; "what do you think of a cove like that?"

2904. Cove? did you not think that was meant for you?—Yes, naturally; he never asked me how I voted.

2905. Where you hanging about on the polling day of the parliamentary election; the election for the borough?—I just sauntered up the town; I took no interest in the election.

2906. You voted?—Yes; but I did not take any interest.

2907. Do you recollect meeting a man named Simpson? This is not to get evidence of anybody, but for information.—Yes.

2908. Is he a voter?—And I think a freeman as well.

2909. Had you any conversation with him about the borough election?—It was the borough election day I saw him.

2910. Had you any conversation with him?—We were talking.

2911. Did he say anything to you or you to him about money passing; did he make any comment?—If you will refresh my memory I will tell you what he said; he had been informed that Mr. Norfolk——

2912. No, do not tell us what he said he was informed—yes, very well?—He did not say he was one of the party, only I gathered he was, but he said that he had been informed Mr. Norfolk had given a shilling to several men, and said if they do not vote for us I shall stop it out of their wages.

2913. Now tell me this, it was Simpson you are speaking of who spoke to you?—Yes.

2914. Did you see him at all when the gentlemen were canvassing; did you see Mr. Thompson Ireland canvassing?—I saw him in the hall, but he was not with them canvassing.

2915. Do you know whether he canvassed for them; did he canvass you?—He said, "If you see me on the election day I will make it all right."

2916. Apart from what he said to you, do you know whether he was canvassing for Sir Henry Edwards or Kennard?—I should suppose he was; he was entirely on that side.

2917. You do not know?—No.

2918. He was of the party was he?—Yes, he was of the party.

2919. We only wish to get what you know yourself. Where were you working at that time?—The parliamentary election time?

2920. Yes?—At Messrs. Osgerby's.

2921. Did not Sir Henry Edwards canvass you?—He was in the place, but he never spoke to me; he was there looking out, but he never spoke to me or I to him.

2922. Tell me, were you examined as a witness against any one in 1859?—No, I was not.

2923. Were you ever examined as a witness in reference to a parliamentary election?—No.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

2924. When you went to the "Golden Ball," who were with you?—De Caux and Ireland.

2925. Any one else?—Not exactly with me; only us three.

9926. You two. Who was with you?—Ireland and De Caux.

2927. Ireland of course was with you, and you were with De Caux?—Yes.

2928. Ireland said I can get you 17*s*. 6*d*., it will be for both?—Something of that kind, I cannot say exactly. "I shall went you another day;" he gave me to understand it was for both.

2929. For you and De Caux?—He was behind me.

2930. He said 17*s*. 6*d*. for you and De Caux?—Each.

2931. Do you remember the words he spoke distinctly?—I believe the words were "for both."

2932. On your oath did not he say I will give it to both you and De Caux?—No, I could not say that. I made the bargain.

2933. To be sure you made a bargain for De Caux?—I expected it was for us both.

2934. Now then, can you charge your memory. Can you swear that Ireland did not say there is 17*s*. 6*d*. for you both?—I can swear that he said it was "for both"—the "double event," as he termed it.

2935. Did he use the term "the double event?"—

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No, I cannot say that, but I shall want you another day; he gave me the shibboleth "t'other and all," something of that kind.

2936. I want you to-day, "t'other and all?"—Yes, I understood him it was for both.

2937. You understood him so?—Yes.

2938. You have told us it was the general opinion in the town it was for both events.

2939. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The general opinion was it was for both events?—Yes.

2940. Can you name any person who said to you it was for both events?—No.

2941. How do you know then; from what do you gather it was the general opinion it was for both events?—From many parties. Go anywhere, go where you would, it was the general opinion it was for both events. I could not spot anyone.

2942. It was a very remarkable term; a great deal turned upon it?—Yes.

2943. Your memory has been refreshed on this subject more than once I think?—About this vote.

2944. About what you are telling us now, your memory has been refreshed more than once?—I do not know that it has more than hearing people talk. I do not understand you.

2945. I will come to that presently. It was a very remarkable time this, a great deal turned upon it?—This municipal election?

2946. Yes?—Yes.

2947. Do you remember a single person who said to you that 17*s.* 6*d.* was given for both events?—Mr. Ireland told me.

2948. No one else?—No, I cannot say. It was my idea as well as others.

2949. And you carried out your idea by voting for Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes, they appeared to be very fluent that day with their money, and I thought I might have some of it as the Liberals had not a chance.

2950. They had never been fluent with their money before that time?—No so much.

2951. You gave your evidence, I believe, in this place before Mr. Baron Martin?—Yes.

2952. The day before you gave your evidence did you go to the house of Mr. Hind?—Yes.

2953. Mr. Hind was the solicitor who was conducting the inquiry for the Liberal party?—Yes.

2954. The evidence that you had given before was then read over to you?—It was read over to me to see if I remembered it.

2955. That is what I mean by refreshing your memory?—Oh, that is what you mean.

2956. Why was that done?—I do not know his reason for it.

2957. Why was that done to you more than to any other person?—I remember now what you have told me; he read it over and said, Now is that right, and I said, It is perfectly true, and I walked away.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

2958. When you went to the "Golden Ball," as I understand you, you got 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for three; for three persons?—Yes.

2959. Those were yourself, De Caux, and William Addy?—Yes.

2960. Did you all three go to the "Golden Ball;" were you all together when Ireland was there?—No, they were in the room when I got there. Addey was there, and Wilson who received the money for us all.

2961. Was Addy with you?—No, in the room, not in the street.

2962. When Ireland made the observation, It will be for both, was Addy with you then?—No.

2963. Only De Caux?—Only De Caux, and he was a distance off.

2964. Now I want you to think before you answer my question. Were the words he said, It will be for both, or it will be for t'other and all?—Well, t'other and all, you may have it that way, I can't say exactly; it was not for both De Caux and me I am confident.

2965. What makes you confident?—Why, because it was such a secret; he had no reason to make a secret of giving money to De Caux and me, both being pot companions.

2966. Did he say each?—I conclude so, but he said, "It will be for both."

2967. But it seems to me that both might mean for both of you; you are quite sure he promised each of you 17*s.* 6*d.*?—I took it for such, because we were both together.

2968. You are quite sure the words were either "both," or "t'other," or "all," you do not know which?—I am positive he said for the other, the coming event. I knew what he meant; he never mentioned De Caux or anything of the kind. He said I can get you 17*s.* 6*d.*, but it will be for that also (*making a sign*).

2969. For what?—It will be for both.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien remarked it was a question of credit. The witness wished them to understand as plainly as a man could (whether they believed him or not was another matter) that the man intended him to vote for both events.

Mr. Barstow observed it was more satisfactory to know what a man said than what the witness believed he meant.

2970. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I believe that you are telling me your story to the best of your ability. I believe that, still I want you to be correct, as a good deal may turn upon what you say. You say you understood him to mean both in a certain sense, but I wish you to tell me how you understood that; the word both might mean you and De Caux in my opinion, unless you tell us something that prevented that?—He said for both.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien considered that it could not mean 17*s.* 6*d.* for both if the man meant 17*s.* 6*d.* for each.

2971. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are you sure he said the words "t'other and all," or words like that?—To that effect. I would not swear to the words he said, but it was to the effect "I shall want you to t'other and all, it will be for both." He thought I had him right. I was a pot companion and confidant.

2972. Did De Caux say anything?—No; he was just behind two yards, and I turned round to De Caux, and said, "He says he can get 17*s.* 6*d.*, are we to take it?" He said, "Go on," and we went in without more trouble.

2973. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did De Caux hear what was said?—No, not when we made the bargain; he would not like to make it public.

2974. No one but Ireland and you were present?—De Caux was behind.

2975. But De Caux would not hear what was said?—No; there were many people around you know.

The witness withdrew.

M. Wilson.

MATHEW WILSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

2976. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—An occupier.

2977. How long have you been an occupier?—I should think 20 years.

2978. Have you ever had a vote for the Parliamentary election before last time?—Yes, once.

2979. And you voted for the town council for 20 years?—No, not 20, perhaps 14 or 16.

2980. 14 or 16; for whom did you vote at the municipal election?—I voted for Usher and——

2981. Yes, we understand; that will do. At the parliamentary election who did you vote for?—I voted for Maxwell and Edwards.

2982. That is you split your vote?—Yes.

2983. At what time did you vote on the municipal election?—Well, about 11 o'clock, betwixt 10 and 11.

2984. Were you here, in the square?—I was coming up through the square.

2985. And you met somebody?—Yes.

2986. Who was that?—I believe we met Joe Lee.

2987. Who took you to the "Golden Ball"?—It was Addy who went to the "Golden Ball."

2988. Whom did you see there?—There was Watson the auctioneer. I did not know anyone else but Addy and he.

2989. He gave you 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—He gave 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* to divide amongst three of us.

2990. Who were those three?—Addy, the person who has been up, and another.

2991. That was for De Caux, Addy, and Tattershall?—Yes.

2992. Did you see Tattershall and Ireland together?—No, not at all.

2993. You did not see them together at all?—Never together at all, not in the town.

2994. What did you get for yourself?—What, at the municipal?

2995. Yes?—A sovereign.

2996. Who gave you that?—Thompson.

2997. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Which Thompson?—Thompson the barber.

2998. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted at the parliamentary election before; for whom did you vote?—For this last I voted for Edwards and Maxwell.

2999. But the one before?—Oh! for Mr. Keane.

3000. What did you get then?—Well, I got two sovereigns.

3001. Who gave you two sovereigns?—I am sure I cannot tell.

3002. Yes you can, you must?—I cannot.

3003. Oh yes you can; where did you get it?—I cannot tell you where it came from.

3004. I tell you this, Wilson, that you will not get your expenses unless you tell us where you got the money, and who gave it?—I am certain I cannot tell.

3005. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) More than that, you will not leave the box till you tell us?—I cannot tell, it was at the hall; I am sure I never saw anybody.

3006. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I will give you a little time to think; you got two sovereigns, tell us who gave it?—I got a sovereign a day, one was near the Town Hall, that was at a place where it was shoved through a hole in a piece of paper.

3007. Do you mean the Town Hall?—The other hall, the assembly rooms, or whatever it is called.

3008. Is it the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes; it was shoved through a hole in a wall to me; I am sure I never saw the man, there was nothing but a bit of paper.

3009. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Oh, that is all right.

3010. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Tell us how you get there, who told you to go to the Mechanics' Hall?—I am sure I do not know, I went with two or three more.

3011. Who were they?—I went with one who lives in Keldgate.

3012. Tell me his name?—I cannot tell you his name, there were two of them.

3013. Tell us their names?—One was a widow.

3014. Do not keep muttering to yourself, but tell me their names?—I cannot think upon it just now, I can think of it perhaps after.

3015. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you say one was a widow?—She is a widow now, her husband is dead; he used to be in the police force.

3016. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you say a dead man brought you?—George Hoggard I came with.

3017. Who was the next, there were two?—He was one; there were several more.

3018. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Tell us the others?—I can tell you no more; there were several crushing in the place to be in, I cannot tell you more.

3019. You must tell us some one besides George Hoggard; is he alive?—Yes.

3020. Where does he live?—He lives in Keldgate.

3021. How came you to go to this Mechanics' Hall?—Like all the rest, we went there; I suppose he took me there the same as all the rest.

3022. Hoggard told you to go there, he took you there?—Yes, he took me, he voted and all.

3023. Where did you see Hoggard first that day?—I saw him coming past our house.

3024. Where is your house?—In Keldgate.

3025. Did he speak to you in Keldgate?—Yes.

3026. What did he say?—He said, Are not you going up to vote? I said I did not know whether I could or not.

3027. What did Hoggard say upon that?—He said, Come on, I am going up to the hall, you can go with me. So we both went up together.

3028. Is that all he said when you went?—Yes.

3029. Do you swear that is all?—That was all I expect.

3030. Do you swear that was all he said at that time?—Yes, that is all to my knowledge that he said to me.

3031. Then you came away and voted?—Yes.

3032. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You came to the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

3033. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Oh, before you voted?—Yes.

3034. Then you went with him to the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

3035. He did not then say, Come away and vote?—No.

3036. But come along with me?—Yes.

3037. What did you understand when he said come along with me?—I understood he was coming up to see what was going on as all the rest were.

3038. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) By what was going on you mean what money was going?—Yes, I think so.

3039. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Very well; now then you came with Hoggard to the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

3040. There were others in your company?—There were a deal of people.

3041. Who went with you and Hoggard to the Hall?—I do not know; not one.

3042. You went alone?—Yes, by myself; they only let two or three or five in at a time.

3043. You went by yourself to the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

3044. Which way did you turn in the Mechanics' Hall?—We went straight up and came round this side.

3045. Did you go upstairs?—No.

3046. Downstairs?—Yes.

3047. Did you go into a room?—It is a room; you may call it the back side.

3048. I do not understand you?—It is a room like coming in here; but we came in and then went round the back.

3049. Was it a room with two doors?—Yes.

3050. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where was the hole in the wall?—I am sure I cannot tell.

3051. Yes, you must?—I cannot.

3052. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose you entered at one door and passed out at the other?—Yes.

3053. Whereabouts in the room did you receive the two sovereigns?—I only received one there.

3054. Where did you receive it?—It was like a brick knocked away; it was like a hole in a wall; it was shoved through.

3055. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The wall was oozing out sovereigns?

3056. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose the room was in shape like this?—Yes.

3057. Now, point out in this room whereabouts

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the hole in the wall was?—It was like being there (*the witness pointed with his right hand*) and going out there.

3058. You went out and stepped up to the hole?—Yes.

3059. And a hand was thrust out?—No, I never saw a hand.

3060. Where did you see the sovereigns?—It was wrapped up in a piece of paper.

3061. After you got that pound what did you do?—We went home.

3062. You did not vote then?—No.

3063. Was that the voting day?—No, I think not.

3064. You got another 1*l.* you tell us?—Yes.

3065. Was it at the same place?—No.

3066. Where did you get the other?—We went to a room of Duffill's.

3067. Of Highgate?—Yes.

3068. Well, what day was that that you went there?—I cannot tell you, the next day.

3069. Was that the voting day?—No, that was not the voting day.

3070. Was it the nomination day?—I should not wonder if it was not.

3071. You would not wonder if it was?—I cannot say to my knowledge. We got another there.

3072. You and this man?—Yes, me and this man.

3073. Did Hoggard go with you there?—Yes.

3074. Tell us how you got the 1*l.* there?—I cannot tell you.

3075. You have told us you cannot, but it must come out. You know all about it? Did a stranger give it you?—Yes.

3076. Why did you not say so. Where was the stranger?—In a lower room. It was a room of itself looking on a garden. It is a room at the back of a public-house.

3077. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How was the sovereign paid?—He gave it to us with his hand, the man that gave it.

3078. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Although you never saw the man before you saw him then?—I cannot say that I did.

3079. Did you see it was a man that gave you it?—Yes.

3080. Was it given you out of a window or in a room?—In a room. It was given into our hands; we were pushed into a room and it was given into our hands.

3081. If you were pushed into a room somebody must have pushed you. Who pushed you?—I am sure I could not tell you.

3082. I am sure you can. Who took you to Duffill?—Hoggard.

3083. Anybody else?—Nobody else but himself.

3084. You were pushed into the room and the 1*l.* was given you there. Was Hoggard with you at the time?—Yes.

3085. Hoggard saw all that went on?—Yes.

3086. Who was there with you. You say "We were pushed into a room?"—There was nobody but Hoggard.

3087. If you were pushed then it was Hoggard that pushed you?—No, there were several others who wished to get in, they were all shoving.

3088. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) About how many?—I should think there would be a hundred if not more.

3089. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know anyone who was there?—No, I cannot say I saw anyone in particular.

3090. You have lived in Beverley 20 years?—Yes.

3091. And you did not know anyone who was there?—Yes, I saw a good deal of people.

3092. Whom did you see?—I believe I seed a man of the name of Southwick and Arnott.

3093. What is Southwick's Christian name?—I do not know whether they call him Sammy or not. He is one of Tom Southwick's sons.

3094. And where does he live?—He lives down Beck side with his father.

3095. He is alive now I suppose?—Yes, I expect he is alive.

3096. Who is the next you saw?—I am sure I cannot tell you to my knowledge; I cannot indeed.

3097. You say there were about a hundred people there. Of course we know they were Beverley people. You have lived in Beverley 20 years?—I could not tell half the people. I know a good many by sight but not by name.

3098. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You named a man of the name of Arnott?—Yes.

3099. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is his Christian name?—Arnott, who used to live in Wednesday Market Place.

3100. You must tell us some more names besides these two?—I am sure I do not think I can.

3101. I am quite sure you will?—I only want to tell you the truth, and I do not want to tell no more.

3102. There were Southwick and Arnott; out of the hundred we have got two?—I do not know any more to my knowledge by their names; there are scores of people I do not know in Beverley except by sight.

3103. You are a Beverley man?—I do not know they would all be Beverley men there. Very likely they might be some who came from the country.

3104. We know well what the crowd consisted of?—Yes, but in a crowd like that you cannot tell——

3105. Now just tell us a little more?—I think I have told you all I can in a fair way.

3106. Now, Southwick and Arnott; who else?—I do not know anyone else. There are plenty of people that I know by sight but not by name.

3107. Southwick and Arnott, do you tell us those are the only two you know?—Those two are the only two that I particularly saw there.

3108. Then you got your 2*l.*, and I suppose you had a sup of drink?—Yes.

3109. Is that all the drink you had at Keane's election?—Yes, to my knowledge it was.

3110. Was this the day before the election day?—Yes.

3111. You voted the next day?—Yes.

3112. And voted for Keane?—Yes.

3113. Have you voted for the town council?—Yes.

3114. You generally had money, I suppose?—Yes, I have had a little brass, just as all the others.

3115. What sums have you had, tell us shortly?—I believe the highest price was three half-crowns.

3116. The highest was 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

3117. From what party did you get it?—I should say it would be from the Tories.

3118. You do not know; your evidence is not much use to us unless you do know. Was it many years ago, or a short time?—It is a good while since.

3119. As many as 10 years ago?—I should think it would be perhaps 6 or 7.

3120. What other sums have you received?—2*s.* 6*d.* and ?*s.*

3121. Did you always vote for the Tories at the town council election?—I think mostly, but I have voted for both; but I think I have voted most that way.

3122. Did you get anything from the other party? Yes.

3123. What have you had from them?—I think 3*s.*

3124. Have you had more than 3*s.*?—I think once 5*s.*

3125. I think you seem to be paid both sides when you vote?—Yes, I always have a little money from both sides.

3126. How often have you voted altogether, do you think?—I do not know whether I have voted eight or nine.

3127. I suppose you do not often miss an opportunity?—Yes, I have been away.

3128. When you have been here you have always voted?—Yes.

3129. You have voted eight or nine times, and you have always got money?—Yes, I should think I had, less or more.

3130. Just remember; have you ever got more than 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I do not recollect to my knowledge that ever I had. That was the highest sum.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

3131. What is your qualification for the parliamentary borough?—Occupier.

3132. You are a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

3133. What are you by trade or occupation?—I am both a potter and a marine store dealer. I sell both pots and glasses, and china of all sorts.

3134. Where is the Mechanics' Hall. Is it in the Toll Gavel? Is it the same place that used to be the Reform Association, or is that another place?—I do not know whether it is or not.

3135. Do you remember the election of 1859; were you about here at that time?—Yes, I think I should be in Beverley.

3136. Do you know whether the Reform Association is the same as the Mechanics' Hall?—I do not know.

3137. Did you ever hear a story of a man going to a window and receiving 2*l.* or a 1*l.* at a time?—I do not recollect hearing anything about it.

3138. You do not know whether that is the same building?—No, I do not I am sure.

3139. Is this Mechanics' Hall a political association, or is it for all classes?—I do not know what it is kept for no more than you. It is kept for different purposes. I never knew anything about bribery till I came here.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

3140. You say you were always paid. You dropped another word, "just as all the others"?—I was always paid the same as other people.

3141. And the others were paid as well as you?—Yes, I expect so.

3142. Do you know it from them?—No, I did not notice it, but of course I went the same as other people, and I just went as they took me.

3143. You saw other people do the same?—Yes, that is all. I was not accustomed to any such thing.

3144. Did you ever know an election here for town councillors where there was not money going?—I really cannot say that ever I did. I cannot to my knowledge.

3145. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When you went with George Hoggard to get the 1*l.* you said something about a widow?—Her husband is dead lately; it was her husband's son.

3146. She did not go with you?—No.

The witness withdrew.

Henry De Caux sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

H. De Caux.

3147. Are you a voter for the town council?—Yes.

3148. How long have you been a voter for the town council, for many years?—Only last year.

3149. And often for the borough?—Yes.

3150. Are you a freeman?—No.

3151. An occupier?—Yes.

3152. For whom did you vote for the town council?—For the Conservatives.

3153. For the Conservatives?—Yes.

3154. Were you paid for your vote?—Yes.

3155. How much, 17*s.* 6*d.*?—17*s.* 6*d.*

3156. I am sorry to put words into your mouth, but you seem to have a difficulty in answering my questions. Were you paid by Mr. Watson, the auctioneer?—Yes.

3157. Was that at the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.

3158. Were you in company with Richard Tattershall?—Yes.

3159. And you voted for the Liberals at the parliamentary?—Yes.

3160. Did you go with Tattershall to get your 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

3161. And Wilson took 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for you, and Tattershall, and another?—Yes.

3162. Have you been hearing the evidence in this room this morning?—Yes.

3163. What did you understand you got your 17*s.* 6*d.* for?—For the municipal.

3164. And for anything else?—No.

3165. You did not understand that you got it for anything else?—No.

3166. Did you hear the conversation between Ireland and Tattershall?—No.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

3167. You went with Tattershall the night before. Tattershall was examined in this place before Mr. Baron Martin. You went with him to Hind's?—I went to Hind's after him.

3168. You were not there with him?—He was there when I went.

3169. Did you hear his evidence read over to him by Mr. Hind?—I heard a part of it.

3170. Your evidence was not read over to you?—No.

3171. Who sent for you to go to Mr. Hind's?—Mr. Hind himself.

3172. Can you tell us any reason why Tattershall's evidence was read over to him and your's was not read over to you?—No.

The witness withdrew.

William Addy sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. Addy.

3173. What are you?—I am a licensed hawker.

3174. Are you a voter for this borough?—Yes.

3175. Who did you vote for at the last election;—For Maxwell and Trollope.

3176. Was that the first time you voted?—Yes.

3177. How long had you been a voter at the town council?—About 10 years, and I voted about four times.

3178. What did you get, do you recollect, for voting when you voted for the borough?—I once got 2*s.* before, and 17*s.* 6*d.* the last time.

3179. Were you never paid more than once?—For the municipal?

3180. Yes. You once got 2*s.*—Yes.

3181. What did you get for the next?—I never got anything but the 2*s.*

3182. When was that?—It was when Richard Whiting put up two or three years ago.

3183. Who paid you that?—Richard Whiting.

3184. You never received any more money?—No.

3185. You received 17*s.* 6*d.* last time?—Yes.

3186. Who told you to go and vote and that you would receive 17*s.* 6*d.*?—I came up about 12 o'clock in the square and I met Wilson. Then he asked me if I had voted, and I said, No.

3187. That is Mr. Wilson who we have had here?—Yes.

3188. Go on?—I said, "No." He said, "Are you going to vote?" I said, "Yes." He said he would go with me.

3189. Did he not ask you for whom you would vote?—The Liberals had given up.

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3190. Did he tell you that ?—I knew they had.

3191. How did you ?—As I was coming up street I met Edward Beattie and Wardell.

3192. And they told you the Liberals had given up ?—Yes.

3193. Did you hear what the Liberals were giving at the election ?—No, I did not hear.

3194. And then you met Wilson and then he asked you to go and vote ?—Yes.

3195. Where did he take you to ?—We came to the hall here, and then we went away to the "Golden Ball."

3196. What time did you vote ?—About 12 o'clock.

3197. Then you voted ?—Yes.

3198. And you went upstairs ?—Yes, and Wilson went up with me, and Mr. Watson was in a chair writing.

3199. He gave Wilson 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for three of you ?—Yes.

3200. Was anything said at the time you got the money ?—No.

3201. But did you hear anything said ?—I only heard Mr. Watson ask Mr. Wilson to take the 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* and divide it amongst three of us.

3202. Were you applied to to vote for Sir Henry Edwards ?—Yes they came, but I was not at home.

3203. Did you see anybody ; did anybody see you ?—No, for they did not come no more. Mr. Maxwell then came, and I promised him.

3204. Had you heard there was any money going at the last election ?—No.

3205. Did you not inquire ?—No.

3206. Were you much at home during that election ?—Yes, I was at home when the election was going on.

3207. Did you not inquire whether there was any money going ?—I never asked none for nobody, and nobody never offered me none.

The witness withdrew.

J. Abbott.

JOHN ABBOTT sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner **Barstow.**

3208. Are you a freeman or an occupier ?—A freeman.

3209. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 20 years.

3210. For whom did you vote at the municipal election ?—For Lowther.

3211. And I believe at the parliamentary election you voted for Maxwell and Edwards ; you split your vote ?—Yes.

3212. What is your occupation ?—Boot and shoe maker.

3213. Were you in the square at about 10 o'clock on the morning of the municipal election ?—Somewhere about that time.

3214. About what time was it ?—About 10 o'clock.

3215. Did you see Thompson, the barber, there ?—Yes.

3216. And you had some talk with him ?—Yes.

3217. What did he say to you ?—He asked me if I was going to vote, and I said, "Yes," and he said "Four or five more were going with him and I might go," and so I went.

3218. So you all went and voted ?—Yes.

3219. And after that you got something ?—Yes.

3220. Was anything said about how things were going ?—Nothing.

3221. You got voted ?—Yes.

3222. And you got some money afterwards ?—Yes.

3223. How much ?—1*l.*

3224. Who gave it you ?—Thompson, the barber.

3225. Where did he give it you ?—In the street.

3226. You have been a freeman for 20 years ?—Yes.

3227. For whom did you vote at what we call Keane's election, in 1865 ?—I voted for Keane.

3228. Did you get any money ?—Yes.

3229. How much ?—2*l.*

3230. Where did you get that ?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

3231. At the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

3232. Who took you there ?—I went with my father and a man of the name of Megson.

3233. Where does Megson live ?—He lives at Hull, I think.

3234. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is your father living here ?—No.

3235. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Any other with you ?—No.

3236. Was your father a voter ?—Yes.

3237. Who took you there, some one must have taken you ?—No, we heard they were paying money.

3238. From whom did you hear that ?—My father had been out and it was him that heard it, and he came and told me.

3239. Your father was a voter ?—Yes.

3240. We have heard how this money was paid in the Mechanics' Hall—you entered a room ?—Yes, we went through and entered a room.

3241. And how did you get your money ?—It came through a hole.

3242. Was it wrapped up in paper ?—Yes.

3243. Was this 2*l.* in one paper ?—No, only one.

3244. And you got two packets ?—Yes.

3245. And your father got the same ?—Yes.

3246. And the other men who were with you got the same ?—Yes.

3247. Who did you vote for at the election before Keane's election ?—I do not know what election it was.

3248. I will tell you—Walker and Gridley's, in 1860 ?—I voted for Walker.

3249. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

3250. How much did you get ?—2*l.*

3251. Where did you get it ?—I do not know what they call the lane, but it runs from the market between the Corn Exchange and Butterdings.

3252. Was this the only parliamentary election you voted at ?—No.

2253. Have you got money at every parliamentary election you voted at ?—No.

3254. At what election besides these have you got money ?—At Walters'.

3255. That was the man who was unseated for bribery ?—Yes.

3256. How much ?—2*l.*

3257. No more ?—No.

3258. Did you not get drink on any of these occasions ?—Yes, but I had it myself.

3259. You were not treated at any place ?—No.

3260. Have you told us all the money you got at the parliamentary elections ?—I got some at Lawley and Wells' election in 1852.

3261. What did you get then ?—4*l.*

3262. Did you get any at Towneley's ?—No, I had not a vote.

3263. Did you get anything from Gordon's or Hastings' ?—No.

3264. Or Denison's ?—No, I did not get any.

3265. Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—No. I did not get anything at any of them.

3266. Do you remember in 1857 when Edwards and Wells were candidates ?—Yes.

3367. Did you get anything then ?—Yes.

3268. Who did you vote for ?—Edwards.

3269. What did you get ?—2*l.*

3270. Who bribed you at Walker's, who were the men you say you got 2*l.* ?—David Nutchey.

4271. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He is in Beverley now ?—Yes.

3272. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember who bribed you at Walter's election ?—No.

3273. You do not ?—No.

3274. Where did you get your money at Walters'. 4*l.* is a good bit of money ?—I only got 2*l.*

3275. You told me 4*l.* at Walkers' ?—No.

3276. Were you in Beverley in 1859 ?—Yes.

3277. For whom did you vote then?—I do not know.

3278. The poll book will show. The candidates were Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—I voted for Walters.

3279. Did you get any money?—*2l.*

3280. I was mistaken when I said *4l.*?—I only said *2l.*

3281. Did you get nothing then from any of the other candidates?—No.

3282. You gave Walters a plumper?—Yes.

3283. Do you remember who paid you that?—No, I do not.

3284. Do you remember where you were paid?—It was somewhere in Toll Gavel, but I do not know who paid me.

3285. The house that you were paid at I presume was the house were all the Liberals were paid, was it?—It was in a shop.

3286. Were there other people in the shop?—No.

3287. You went alone?—Yes.

3288. Can you remember the shop?—I cannot.

3289. Where was it?—It was a shop that was unoccupied in the Toll Gavel.

3290. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were you paid through a hole in the wall?—No.

3291. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who took you into the shop in the Toll Gavel?—I went by myself.

3292. You must have known what you went there for?—Yes.

3293. Why did you go to an unoccupied shop?—I went for my money.

3294. Who told you to go there?—A man of the name of Wilson told me to go there.

3295. What Wilson is that?—A man named Samuel Wilson.

3296. Is he alive now?—I do not know.

3297. But does he live in Beverley?—Yes.

3298. You got *4l.* for Lawley and Wells' election?—Yes.

3299. Who gave you that?—Mr. Dawson, the currier.

3300. Then you got *2l.* when Edwards first started?—Yes.

3001. Who paid you that?—He was a stranger.

3002. Where were you paid?—In a shop in North Bar Street.

3296. Who told you to go there?—Dr. Earle I think.

3003. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is he living in the town?—Yes.

3305. Now, have you generally had some money for voting at the municipal?—I have never voted but once or twice.

3306. Were you paid both times?—Yes.

3307. What did you get the other time?—Five shillings.

3308. Who paid it you?—David Nutchey.

3309. You voted for the Conservatives?—Yes.

3310. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There were two elections in 1857. Did you vote at the one at which Mr. Glover was a candidate?—I voted twice for Glover on two different occasions.

3311. But you voted for Mr. Edwards in 1857?—I do not know what year it was. I voted for him once.

3312. Do you remember voting in the same year for Mr. Glover?—I am sure I cannot say.

3313. You voted for Glover previously?—Yes; I voted for him at his last election and the one before.

3314. Did you get any money that time?—No.

3315. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You made use of a phrase that struck me—"I went for my money." What do you mean by that?—I went for my money.

3316. You said, I went for my money?—I might have said so. It was not my money, but I went for some money.

3317. I suppose you thought you were entitled to it?—Well, I did, certainly; I certainly was.

3318. How long have you been a freeman?—About twenty years.

3319. Then you scarcely ever vote without you get money?—Four or five times.

3320. Was money given at the different elections on both sides?—Yes, I believe it was.

3321. You are an experienced man; and you must know whether money was going on both sides?—Yes.

3322. And at the municipal elections?—Yes.

3323. Was any drink?—No.

3324. At any of the elections that you recollect?—No.

3325. (*Mr. H. Cox*). Do you know whether money was going at Glover's election?—I do not know. I never received any but what I paid for.

3326. You stated you knew it was going at the others. What is your experience as to Glover's election?—I never said so.

3327. You stated just now that money was going?—Yes, money, but not drink.

3328. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a freeman?—Yes.

3329. Have you cows or cattle on the pasture?—No.

3330. How do you get your living?—I get so much a year.

3331. The same every year?—No, not always alike.

3332. I mean, you get your proper share?—Yes.

3333. You have no reason to complain of the pasture masters?—No, I do not know that I have.

3334. Now, this pound that you got last time, that was a heavy price. First, what time did you vote?—About half past ten.

3335. At that time had you known that it was all up with the Liberals?—No, I did not know much about it.

3336. Now, don't you think one pound a high price for a municipal vote?—Well, it was a goodish price.

3337. Did you receive it as having any reference to the vote that was to be given by you at the parliamentary election?—No, I did not; never was a word mentioned.

3338. I did not ask you about a word mentioned; these things, we know, are never said. I ask you, did you receive it as having reference to the election that was to come?—I am sure I cannot say.

3339. Answer me truly. Now did you receive that pound as having any reference to the parliamentary election that was coming on?—Well, I do not know; it might have; I do not know; perhaps it might have. I cannot say.

3340. I am asking you about your own mind. Did you not receive it with reference to that election that was coming on?—Well, very likely it might be so.

3341. I ask you now, had it not an influence on your vote? For whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Maxwell.

3342. I mean when you voted for Mr. Edwards?—I voted for him before.

3343. You voted for him before under the influence of money, did you not?—Yes.

3344. Now I ask you, had not that pound influence upon your mind when you voted for Mr. Edwards this time?—Yes.

3345. Were you ever paid when you voted for the pasture masters?—Yes.

3346. How often have you voted for the pasture masters?—I cannot say. I should say about 20 years.

3347. Did you vote every year?—No, not quite.

3348. Were you paid every time?—No.

3349. Whom did you get the money from?—I cannot say exactly, I got it from so many people.

3350. Give me the name of one?—I received *5s.* from Samuel Smelt.

3351. When?—That is eight or nine years ago.

3352. Well, what were the other sums you received from Samuel Smelt?—I received money two or three times.

3353. From which side?—From the crimson side, the Tories.

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3354. Do you know anyone else who paid you any money?—No, I do not remember at this time.

3355. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When you were paid for voting for Major Edwards, were you aware that money was going on the other side?—I heard it was.

3356. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you mean this last election?

3357. (*Mr. Barstow.*) No, when he first voted for Major Edwards. (*To witness.*) You first voted for Major Edwards in 1857?—I believe that was the first time.

3358. Do you remember now whether you heard that there was money to be had on the other side?—Yes, I daresay there was, but I cannot say who mentioned it.

3359. That is the impression on your mind?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Chambers.

JOHN CHAMBERS sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

3360. What are you by trade?—I am working at the foundry at present.

3361. Are you a voter for the borough?—Yes.

3362. How long have you been a voter for the borough?—About 24 years, I believe.

3363. As a freeman?—As a freeman.

3364. And a voter for the town council?—Yes.

3365. During all that time?—No, I never voted but once for the town council.

3366. How long have you been on the burgess list?—Only once.

3367. How was that?—I have been away from the town; I have not always been living in Beverley.

3368. For whom did you vote at the last election for the borough?—I voted for Major Edwards and Captain Kennard.

3369. And for whom did you vote at the municipal election?—For Richard Norfolk, Esquire, and his colleagues.

3370. Which ward was it?—St. Mary's Ward.

3371. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was Norfolk the manager of the concern where you worked?—Yes, he is the manager.

3372. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You got paid for your vote, did you not?—I did.

3373. What did you get?—I got a sovereign.

3374. And by whom were you paid?—Anthony Levitt.

3375. Who is he?—He is the foreman of the smiths' shop at the foundry.

3376. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Let me understand you. You were a workman at the waggon company?—Yes.

3377. And voted for the manager of the waggon company?—I did.

3378. And were paid by the foreman of the waggon company?—Foreman of the smiths.

3379. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where did he pay you?—He paid me in Dickinson's shop.

3380. What o'clock was that in the morning?—It would be perhaps between 10 and 11.

3381. Was there anybody else paid with you? Did you go in a batch to be paid?—No, I went by myself.

3382. When you voted at the parliamentary election, were you paid anything for that?—No, not a farthing; they never canvassed.

3383. They never asked you for your vote?—No.

3384. Then you voted without being asked?—Well, I believe they called at my house.

3385. Who called?—The different candidates.

3386. All the candidates?—Yes, I believe they did. I happened to be at the works, and no person was allowed to canvass on the works. They were not allowed to come on the works, neither party.

3387. You voted for Edwards; have you always voted for the Conservatives?—I have only voted three times at parliamentary elections.

3388. How did you vote the time before?—I voted at Mr. Gridley's election.

3389. How did you vote that time?—I voted for Mr. Gridley.

3390. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes, I got 2*l.*

3391. Who gave it you?—Well, I am sure I cannot say exactly; I can tell you where I got it.

3392. Tell me where you got it?—I got it at the "Pack Horse."

3393. Who was it gave it you?—Well, I really cannot say who it was.

3394. How was it given to you; was there any concealment about it? Was a man standing in the room?—It was put into my hand; there was no kind of delicacy about it; it was put into my hand, and I passed on.

3395. In a room at the "Pack Horse?"—In a room at the "Pack Horse."

3396. You remember passing through the room and getting the money; was that it?—Yes, and there were others passing through the room as well.

3397. A man was sitting at the table, and handing it out of a bag?—Yes, there was; I really do not know who he was.

3398. Was the man a stranger to the town who handed the money out of the bag?—I believe he was a stranger; I did not know him.

3399. You do not remember to have seen him in the town before?—I cannot say that I ever saw him before or since.

3400. Who took you to the "Pack Horse?"—I went by myself.

3401. Did not anybody advise you to go to the "Pack Horse?"—No, nobody advised me.

3402. You saw others going?—I saw people going, and I believe I heard it whispered that there was some money to be had; I heard it whispered by somebody.

3403. I should like to hear who whispered it?—I cannot tell you, there were so many people.

3404. But a great number of people do not all whis per together; if somebody whispered it you must know who that was?—They very often whisper on such an occasion as that.

3405. I know, but when a man whispers and you hear the whisper you must know the man who whispers?—You do not exactly know that always, you may hear a whisper and may not know the party.

3406. Never mind that, but tell me who whispered to you?—No person whispered to me. I did not say any person whispered to me.

3407. You said you heard it whispered?—Not to me, but I heard some person say that they were paying at the "Pack Horse."

3408. Then you did not mean really whispered, it was only a phrase of yours?—It was not whispered to me, it was merely a party saying that they were paying at the "Pack Horse."

3409. Can you tell who said that?—No, I cannot indeed, there were so many people.

3410. Can you tell me of anybody who said that?—I did not care who said it as long as I got to know that somebody was paying.

3411. What year was that?—I forget what year Mr. Gridley's election was.

3412. At the election before that?—I did not vote.

3413. How many times have you voted at parliamentary elections?—Three.

3414. What was the other time?—I voted for Mr. Keane and Major Edwards at the election before this last.

3415. What year was that?

3416. (*Mr. Barstow.*) 1865?

3417. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is not the one you have been speaking of now?—No, I have been speaking of Mr. Gridley's election.

3418. In the election of 1865 when you voted for Keane and Edwards, what did you get for your vote?—I got a sovereign.

3419. Where did you get that?—I got it at the Mechanics' Hall.

3420. Who gave it you?—I cannot say. I got it through the hole in the wall that you heard described a little while ago.

3421. You got it from the Liberals?—I got it from Mr. Keane's party.

3422. You voted for Keane and Edwards?—I did.

3423. Then you gave Mr. Keane a vote for what you got from the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes, I believe I did.

3424. What did you get for your vote for Mr. Edwards?—Not a farthing.

3425. That was all you got?—That was all the money I got, one sovereign I got on the nomination day. I did not get a farthing on the election day.

3426. You did not get any on the other side?—I did not.

3427. The money all came from the Liberal side?—It did.

3428. Who took you to the Mechanics' Hall;—I went by myself, there were many going.

3429. Did not anybody induce you to go?—No, there was no inducement for me.

3430. It was a matter of notoriety that the money was to be got by going?—It seemed to be known, I think, to most people. I believe my wife told me that they were paying at the Mechanics' Hall.

3431. Now you got at the last municipal election 20*s.*?—I did.

3432. Who do you say gave you that?—Anthony Levitt.

3433. Was there anything said by him or in your hearing to make you think that that was to influence you with regard to the parliamentary election?—Nothing at all.

3434. You did not understand that that had anything to do with it?—No, not at all.

3435. What do you think it was given for?—It was given for voting for Mr. Norfolk and his colleagues.

3436. Were the other party polling for the municipal election at the time that money was given you? I think you said it was given you about 10 o'clock or later?—About half-past ten.

3437. Was the voting for the Liberals still going on at that time?—Yes, it was.

3438. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien*). Were you paid at the works?—I was paid in Dickinson's shop.

3439. By the foreman of the works?—The foreman of the blacksmith's shop.

2440. Who spoke to you about it first?—About what?

3441. About going to Dickinson's shop?—I saw him in the square.

3442. You saw whom?—Levitt.

3443. Were you in the habit of seeing Levitt at the works?—Oh yes, many times.

3444. Did he canvass you?—No, never: it never was spoken of before I saw him in the square on the morning of the municipal election:

3445. Then you came in to vote?—I came into the square to vote and I saw Levitt.

3446. And to vote for the Conservatives?—I came on purpose.

3447. Did you tell Mr. Levitt you were going to vote for the Conservatives?—Yes, when I went with him, of course.

3448. Did he ask you to vote for the Conservatives?—No.

3449. But you came in intending to vote for the Conservatives?—I did, I came on purpose.

3450. And you would have voted for the Conservatives whether you received the money or not?—I should.

3451. Then he did not make it a condition with you that you were to vote, and he would give you 1*l.* There was no condition of that kind?—No. I knew a party that had previously got 1*l.*

3452. Who was that?—He is gone to America, poor fellow.

3453. But he had a name?—William Pexton.

3454. What was he?—A smith. He was working in the smith's shop, and it was he that told me there was 1*l.* to be had.

3455. When did he tell you that?—Perhaps five or 10 minutes previous to my seeing Mr. Levitt; but, then, I came on purpose to vote for him.

3456. What time did you get into the town?—I do not know I am sure. I do not think I went to work after breakfast. I came into the square perhaps about 10 o'clock.

3457. Did you work at all that day?—I believe I worked the first quarter at the foundry.

3458. I suppose your time is kept at the foundry, the time you work?—Oh yes.

3459. That is the reason you said you worked the first quarter of the day?—Yes, I think I did.

3460. I forget for whom you voted at the general election; for the Conservatives?—The last one I voted for Major Edwards and Captain Kennard.

3461. Had you voted at municipal elections before?—Never before.

3462. Though you were so long a freeman?—I did not. I was a good deal out of the town. I never did vote.

3463. Did you ever vote for pasture masters?—Yes I have.

3464. And been paid?—Yes, I have been paid.

3465. Every time you voted?—No, I believe I was not.

3466. Most times?—Yes; I think I have in a general way.

3467. Can you say what you received, the amount?—Well, I believe I once got 7*s.* 6*d.*

3468. For voting for the pasture masters?—I believe I did. I believe I once got 7*s.* 6*d.*

3469. Go on; another time what?—And I have got 5*s.*

3470. Go on?—I think 2*s.* 6*d.*; 2*s.* 6*d.* is the least I ever did get.

3471. Do you recollect from whom you got this money?—Well, I do not know where I got that from. I got it at the "Red Lion," the 7*s.* 6*d.*, but I really do not know the party.

3472. We do not want the party, we will take the house?—Yes, I got it at the "Red Lion."

3473. Where did you get the 5*s.*?—Allow me just a little time and I will consider.

3474. You got some drink also, did you not?—Yes, out of the money that I got.

3475. Where did you get the 5*s.*?—I really forget where I got it I am sure.

3476. Is there any other office that men are elected to in Beverley, besides the town council, the pasture masters, and the members of parliament?—No, I think there is no other lucrative office.

3477. The pasture masters is not lucrative?—Well, I am sure I do not know.

3478. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He means lucrative to the voters.

(*Witness.*) Perhaps it is lucrative to the party that is voted in.

3479. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In what way? I want to know. You know a great deal about it. Now, tell me?—They might perhaps get some good dinners which a poor fellow does not get, but I do not know anything more.

3480. Is the churchwarden elected here by universal suffrage, or anything of that sort?—They are chosen I believe by the ratepayers.

3481. Have you ever voted for them?—Yes, I have.

3482. Anything going upon that occasion?—I have got an odd shilling.

3483. Then I suppose you scarcely ever vote without getting money?—Oh yes I have, I have voted.

3484. Is that the general custom here amongst the freemen and occupiers to get money?—Well, it has been used a great deal I believe. It is said "once a use for ever a custom." I do not know whether that really be the case or not. I think there was a trifle.

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3485. Generally the habit?—I think it has been generally given for allowance and such.

3486. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted at Gridley's election?—I did.

3487. And at Keane's election?—At Keane's election.

3488. Any other?—Yes, I voted at the last election.

3489. Except the last?—No, no other.

3490. You voted for Liberals always until last time?—I voted for Mr. Gridley singly.

3491. He was a Liberal?—He was a Liberal.

3492. You voted for Keane?—Yes.

3493. And he was a Liberal?—Yes.

3494. This time you voted for the two Conservatives?—I did, I voted twice Liberal and twice Conservative.

3495. You split your vote between Edwards and Keane?—Yes, I had reason for it.

3496. I have no doubt you had. You told us your reason?—I never told you the reason.

3497. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was your reason—out with it?—I understood he was a great supporter, and Maxwell and Trollope likewise, of the Roman Catholics, and I am not one, and therefore I would not support them.

3498. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was that your reason?—That was my reason.

3499. Not the pound that you received at the municipal election?—It was not.

3500. Will you swear to us that having voted for the Liberals before that pound you received had nothing to do with your voting for Edwards and Keane?—It had not.

3501. I want to ask you another question about the hole in the Mechanics' wall. How did the man or the machine that put the pound through the hole know that you were a voter?—I cannot tell that, but I think every man who put his hand in had a pound put into it.

3502. For all we know now, any one out of the street might have gone and got a pound there?—I am sure I do not know.

3503. Who was there to tell this person whether you were a voter or not?—I do not know.

3504. Do you mean there was no doorkeeper at the time you went in?—It was open at both ends.

3505. And no one standing at the door?—There were people about.

3506. Was there no doorkeeper to admit those who were entitled to be paid?—I do not know that there was.

3507. Do you understand my question? According to all we know now any one going to this hole in the wall might have a pound. Plainly, the man was only paying voters?—He seemed to pay all that went.

3508. What I want to know is, how was it that all who went were voters?—I suppose they thought that they were entitled to it.

3509. They might have gone again and had it?—I am sure I cannot say that.

3510. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Boys, and girls and strangers could not go and get a pound. There must have been some way of keeping people out?—I am sure I do not know how it was managed.

3511. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It was managed some how?—It seemed to be managed. I know I got a pound.

3512. This is what I want to know. Who was it that took you there, and what was their warrant that you were a voter?—No person; I went by myself.

3513. No person to keep the door and to keep improper people coming in?—No person interrupted me.

3514. Had you any ticket, or anything of that kind given you?—No.

J. Harrison.

JAMES HARRISON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

3515. Are you a voter?—Yes.

3516. How long have you been a voter?—twelve years.

3517. And a voter for parliamentary elections?—No, only municipal elections.

3518. I mean the parliamentary?—Only the last election.

3519. You are a freeman?—No.

3520. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

3521. You have been a voter for the town council for some years?—Yes.

3522. Have you voted often?—Yes.

3523. How often?—I should say about a dozen times.

3524. Have you always voted for the Conservative side?—Always.

3525. Have you ever been paid?—Yes.

3526. Always?—I think I have been paid every time but once.

3527. How much have you been paid?—I could not tell you. I have been paid as the generality of people have been paid. I always went one way.

3528. About how much?—5*s.*, 10*s.*, 12*s.* 6*d.*, 15*s.*

3529. You have been paid 5*s.*; when have you been paid 5*s.*?—I cannot speak to the time.

3530. When have you been paid 10*s.*?—I could not speak to it, not when.

3531. Not when you were paid?—I never took any notice.

3532. When were you paid the 12*s.* 6*d.*?—I could not speak to it when; I could only speak to the last election, when I was paid 15*s.*

3533. Who paid you?—I do not know the persons who paid me. I know two persons who paid me on two occasions, but I cannot speak exactly to which elections.

3534. Who were they?—Mr. Nutchey was one.

3535. And who else?—Mr. Moore.

3536. Where does Mr. Moore live?—He formerly lived in the main street here.

3537. Do you know his Christian name?—Benjamin Moore.

3538. How much did Mr. Moore give you?—I think it was 5*s.*

3539. How much did Mr. Nutchey give you?—I think it was 10*s.*, I would not be positive.

3540. Who paid you the 12*s.* 6*d.*?—I do not remember who paid me the 12*s.* 6*d.*

3541. Are you sure you got it?—I am sure I got it at one time, but I do not know who the party was that gave it me.

3542. Did you vote the last time for the town council?—Yes.

3543. Did you receive money for that?—Yes.

3544. Who paid you?—Mr. Skinn.

3545. Where were you paid?—At the "Golden Ball."

3546. How much?—15*s.*

3547. What time in the day?—About 11 o'clock in the day.

3548. Who brought you down to the "Golden Ball?"—I was in the "Red Lion," and I came down from there, and I saw Mr. Skinn, and I went with him down to the committee room.

3549. Had he told you what he was going to give you?—Yes.

3550. What did he tell you?—15*s.*

3551. Did you ask, "how much are you going to give this time?"—I did not particularly ask him; I took the generality all round that was going.

3552. No you did not, because there was 17*s.* 6*d.* and 1*l.* going, and you got 15*s.*?—I got 15*s.*

3553. I forgot to ask what are you?—I am an iron turner and fitter.

3554. Where do you work?—At the old foundry, the Beverley Iron Company Limited.

3555. Who were the candidates in your ward for the municipal election?—I believe Mr. Catterson, Mr. Lowther; I voted for the Conservative party at all events.

3556. Had that money any reference to the parliamentary election in your mind at all?—No, I always voted in the Conservative line, so they have no call to ask me.

ROBERT SHAW PORTE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

3557. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—A freeman.

3558. How long have you been a freeman?—Four or five years.

3559. For whom did you vote at the municipal election of 1868?—For Mr. Lowther and Mr. Catterson.

3560. For the Conservatives?—Yes, for the Conservative party.

3561. At the parliamentary election?—The same side.

3562. You voted for Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard?—Yes.

3563. And received 15*s.* for your vote?—Yes.

3564. Who gave it you?—Mr. Skinn.

3565. In the "Golden Ball"?—That is where I received it.

3566. Have you ever voted at parliamentary elections before?—Yes.

3567. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Keane and Mr. Edwards.

3568. Did you get any money?—Yes.

3569. How much?—2*l.*

3570. Where did you get it?—In the square, in the Mechanics' Hall.

3571. You got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes, I got it in instalments; 1*l.* in the morning and 1*l.* in the afternoon.

3572. You got it, I suppose, through the hole in the wall?—It is not a wall; it is some sort of temporary affair that was erected. It is not a wall; there never was a wall there; it was a thing erected for the purpose.

3573. A screen erected for the purpose?—Yes; there is not a wall, there never was a wall.

3574. Who took you to the Mechanics' Hall?—No one took me.

3575. How did you come to go there?—I came up the street that morning, and I heard there was this money to be had there, and I went there.

3576. From whom did you hear that?—I cannot tell you exactly; from several people on my road.

3577. Have the kindness to think and let us know?—I cannot tell you; but I met a man who said, "We'll have something at this mill if you'll go;" and we went.

3578. A "mill" is a place where they bribe?—They did not offer any bribery. It was a very low figure to what we used to receive.

3579. Two pounds is a very low figure?—Yes. I never received it; only what I heard from older hands.

3580. Prices were falling in Beverley, then?—I believe so; I am too late to receive much money now.

3581. At any rate, just tell me who this man was who told you to go to the mill with him?—Mr. Robert Watson, a joiner.

3582. Did he go with you?—Yes.

3583. Do you know where he lives?—Yes; Minster Moorgate.

3584. That is the only money you ever received at parliamentary elections?—Yes.

3585. Had you anything to drink that time?—No, only what I had to pay for myself.

3586. You were not treated?—Not by any person that I am aware of.

3587. You voted at municipal elections?—Yes.

3588. Did you receive money?—I once received—whether it was a two-shilling bit or half-a-crown I cannot say.

3589. For whom did you vote that time?—For Mr. Alfred Crosskill and Mr. Boyes, and the Conservative, Mr. Clapham; that is, two liberals and a Conservative.

3590. Which side paid you?—The Liberal party; I had a two-shilling piece or half-a-crown, I cannot say which.

3591. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say that you got 15*s.* at the "Golden Ball" the last time?—Yes.

3592. What o'clock in the day was that?—Between 11 and 12, close upon 11 o'clock; I cannot say to a few minutes.

3593. Do you know whether the voting for the Liberals was going on at that time?—I did not inquire.

3594. I did not ask whether you inquired, but did you know?—I never was out of the house. I went to the Red Lion the first thing in the morning. I stopped there; and I went and got my money, and did not bother myself any more about electioneering.

3595. Did you hear at the "Golden Ball," or had you heard, that the Liberals had thrown up the contest?—I never heard such a thing mentioned.

3596. The time that you voted for Keane and Edwards, and you got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, you say the money was given you through some kind of structure?—I did not see the party who gave it me; but I saw a hand of some sort.

3597. Was it something like the place at a railway station where you get your tickets?—It was not so visible. You could only see a few fingers and part of a hand; but at a railway station you can see more, you can see a part of the man.

3598. You went into this place. There must have been some one to prevent persons coming who were not to receive money. How was that managed?—There was one man there to stop people coming, decidedly.

3599. Who was that man?—There were two men in the place to hold the books.

3600. Who was that man to stop people?—I did not know who the man was at the door. Like all the rest, I wanted to be further in.

3601. You wanted to go with the stream?—Yes.

3602. But there was some man to prevent those from coming in who had no business to get the money?—To be sure. I do not suppose that he had the names. The men further on had the names; they all held books; and if you were not on the list you did not receive any money. There was a list looked over, and if you were not on the list you did not receive that "bit of finger-board."

3603. There were some persons in the room where this money was given who had a list?—There were two men.

3604. Is that so?—Yes.

3605. In the same place, or near the place, where the money was given?—In the same place, close to the man.

3606. Then you had to pass in?—You had not to pass any party. You were close to the man you received the money from.

3607. But first of all these two persons checked your name?—Your name was overhauled, and your name was called.

3608. Do you know who called the name?—Well, I can tell you the party, Richard ———. Well, I'll find it out.

3609. Who called your name?—Stop a minute; Samuel Wilson was one.

3610. What was Samuel Wilson doing?—He was overhauling the paper and the names; looking the list over.

3611. Did he check your name?—Yes.

3612. Your own name was checked by him?—He found my name, and I should not have received any money if he had not found it, because those who were "black lambs" were returned.

3613. Who were the "black lambs"?—Those who did not suit them.

3614. Suit them in what respect?—I do not know. But if you were supposed to be a "black lamb" you did not get anything.

3615. Do you mean by a "black lamb" a man who would not vote for them?—Yes.

3616. Or a man who had not a vote?—A man who would not support the party.

3617. Was this list that Wilson had got a list of all voters in the borough?—Yes, decidedly.

3618. Then in the list, if he found the name of a person who could not be relied upon to vote for the

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party —— ?—If they could not give credit to his confidence he was supposed to be a "black lamb," and he passed through without anything.

3619. You seem to know what a "black lamb" is?—I found out that time.

3620. But he looked in the list and found your name?—It was the first time I voted, and they assumed what I should do.

3621. He assumed you were not a "black lamb," and finding your name was in the list, what did he do? Did he give you some ticket?—No. You did not want a ticket at all; the aperture was close against you.

3622. Supposing it had been a "black lamb," would there have been a way of stopping him?—He would have to go through without getting anything.

3623. They would not let him go to the trap?—He was not to receive.

3624. They turned him back?—They did not turn him back, he went through the other way.

3625. They would not let him approach this hand?—No.

3626. Who else was there besides Wilson?—Richard Day. I could not think of the name. I believe the man is dead.

3627. What was Day doing?—He was in the same list as the other man; they were both overhauling papers.

3628. You mean holding the list of voters?—Analyzing the list of voters to see whether you were on or not.

3629. Those were the two men that did that?—Yes.

3630. The only two men?—The only two men that I saw. I did not see any person else. It was a very small room; at least it was a large room divided and fitted up for the occasion.

3631. This was the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

3632. Had you voted before that election?—That was the first time of my voting.

3633. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien*). You say you voted for Mr. Keane und Mr. Edwards?—Yes; and Mr. Edwards and Captain Kennard the last time.

3634. Was there any money going on the other side?—I never saw any, and I never heard tell of any.

3635. It was all on the side of Mr. Keane?—At that time I did not receive anything. I am a chap with a great family, and I could do with all I could have got. If there were any going I should have had it.

3636. How do you know it was Mr. Keane's side?—Because I received it: I did not receive any on the other side; I had not a chance.

3637. How do you know it was Mr. Keane's people?—There were several, as far as I know, voted that way because they got money.

3638. How did you know? Did you see any people about Mr. Keane; did you see any in the hall?—No.

3639. Who was down on the part of Mr. Keane to conduct the election?—You mean when they were canvassing?

3640. Who was down, what solicitor?—I cannot say exactly the party. I know I was in what they call the Foresters Arms when I was canvassed by Mr. Keane. I believe Mr. Duffill was one that was with him. I do not know that I could pick any other party out.

3641. Do you know the solicitor who was down here? Was it a gentleman of the town, or a gentleman from London?—Not that I am aware of.

3642. You do not know who he is?—No.

3643. Mr. Duffill is the only man you know?—I might know several more of them, but I did not take particular notice.

3644. Were you in Mr. Edwards' committee room at all?—No.

3645. Were you canvassed by him?—Yes.

3646. At your work?—No.

3647. Where were you canvassed by him?—What election are you speaking of?

3648. I do not mean the last time, I mean Mr. Keane's election?—I was canvassed then.

3649. You were canvassed at your work?—Yes; that was when Mr. Keane, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Sykes were candidates.

3650. By whom were you canvassed, by Mr. Edwards himself?—Yes, and by Mr. Sykes. I told Mr. Sykes I had promised Mr. Keane; that I should not give him a vote, as I had promised Mr. Keane.

3651. Mr. Sykes was in the same interest as Mr. Edwards?—Yes.

3652. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were here yesterday?—Yes.

3653. All day?—Yes.

J. Constable.

JOHN CONSTABLE called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

3654. Are you a voter of the borough?—Yes.

3655. How long have you been a voter?—About 20 years.

3656. For the borough?—Yes.

3657. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

3658. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

3659. For whom?—Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

3660 Had you voted at the election in 1865?—No, I believe not.

3661. Just recollect yourself?—No.

3662. What are you looking into your hat for?—It is only a bit of paper.

3663. Show it to me?—All right sir, it is only the dates; it is only to refresh my memory, that is all; there is nothing bad in that. (*The paper was handed up to the Chief Commissioner.*)

3664. (*Reading.*) "1852, Lawley and Wells, 3*l.*"?—That has nought to do with it, sir.

3665. What is the meaning of that 3*l.*?—You don't understand it, sir.

3666. (*Reading.*) "1857, Edwards, 2*l.*"?—You can't read my writing.

3667. What is the meaning of that?—Oh, that is a different thing.

3668. (*Reading.*) "Walker 2, Keane, 2." Well, I will hand it to you?—That is just to refresh my memory, that's all.

3669. Then keep it in your hand, and tell me did you vote in 1865?—1865; no I did not.

3670. Did you not?—No.

3671. What is the meaning of "Keane"?—To the best of my knowledge I do not know.

3672. Now, look at it again; look at that paper again?—1865, sir?

3673. Yes?—Oh, you are going back, are you?

3674. Come, this is a very serious inquiry?—All right; I will answer every question.

3675. Do keep that paper in your hand, and tell me in 1865 for whom did you vote?—For Mr. Keane.

3676. Did you plump for him?—Yes.

3677. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

3678. Did you vote in 1860?—Yes.

3679. For whom did you vote then?—For Mr. Walker.

3680. What did you get then?—I got 2*l.*

3681. Did you vote in 1859?—In 1859 for Walters.

3682. What did you get then?—Nothing.

3683. Tell me how often were you paid for voting; look at the paper?—Four times.

3684. You got 3*l.* the first time?—Yes.

3685. When was that? What election?—1852.

3686. That is Lawley and Wells?—Yes.

3687. Well now, you voted at the last election and you got no money?—Not a farthing.

3688. You had voted a few weeks before, I believe, for the town councillors?—Yes.

3689. What did you get then?—17*s* 6*d.*

3690. Who gave it you?—Thomas Harris.

3691. Where?—In the street.

3692. In the open street?—Yes.

3693. Thomas Harris gave it to you in the open

street ?—No; he did not give it to me; I went to him.

3694. Why did you go to him ?—I thought he was a runner.

3695. Had you voted before for town councillors ?—Yes.

3696. How often, about ?—Perhaps 12 or 14 years.

3697. Have you always been paid something, more or less ?—No. There are three or four times I never got a halfpenny.

3698. What used you to get generally ?—I got 10*s.* at one time.

3699. Generally; who paid you the 10*s.*?—Mr. Charles Skelton.

3700. What is he ?—For anything I know he is a clerk.

3701. Where ?—With Mr. Johnson.

3702. What is Mr. Johnson ?—A spirit merchant.

3703. On other occasions what did you receive ?—I got 7*s.*

3704. And 5*s.*?—No.

3705. Never got so low as 5*s.*?—No.

3706. What else ?—Nothing; no more.

3707. What do you mean by "Nothing; no more" ?—To the best of my knowledge I never got a halfpenny from no other party.

3708. Do you mean yon never were paid for but on two occasions ?—Three occasions; 17*s.* 6*d.*, 10*s.*, and 7*s.*, that is three times.

3709. What time in the day were you paid the 17*s.* 6*d.* ?—About one o'clock.

3710. And then I suppose you were brought to the Town Hall ?—No, I came by myself.

3711. Were you paid before or after you voted ?—After I voted. I don't want nobody to bring me.

3712. You went with Mr. Harris; were there many of you there standing about at the time ?—Only myself.

3713. Where was Mr. Harris ?—Standing on the flags as I went to him.

3714. How did you know he had been engaged on that day ?—I did not know; I suspected.

3715. What did you say to him ?—I says, "What are you doing."

3716. What did he say ?—He said, "You can get 17*s.* 6*d.*;" I says, "All right, I'll have it."

3717. Did he say for what ?—To vote for Mr. Catterson, Mr. Usher, and Mr. Lowther.

3718. Did he say so ?—Yes.

3719. "You can get 17*s.* 6*d.* to vote for so and so" ?—Yes.

3720. Had you any conversation at all about the parliamentary election ?—Not a word.

3721. No one spoke to you about the parliamentary election ?—No one living.

3722. You knew it was coming on ?—Yes, I was quite aware of that.

3723. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you say you voted for Walters ?—Yes.

3724. And that you got nothing ?—Got nothing.

3725. Quite sure ?—To the best of my recollection, you know.

3726. You have been paid for every other election ?—Yes.

3727. How came you to get nothing at Walter's election ?—I don't know. There perhaps was not anything.

3728. We hear a different story ?—Indeed. I might have got 1*l.*; it might slip my memory.

3729. Are you quite sure you got nothing ?—No; I would not swear on my oath I did not get anything, only I think I did not.

3730. Now come, you must know ?—I cannot, indeed.

3731. On your oath do not you remember getting anything at Walter's election ?—I do not, indeed.

3732. You do not know whether you did or did not ?—I do not.

3733. What did you get at Edward's election in 1857 ?—I got 2*l.*

3734. Who wrote that paper ?—My wife.

3735. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are you ?—A labourer in a tanyard.

3736. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) At this last municipal election you say you got 17*s.* 6*d.* about one o'clock ?—Yes, as near as I can tell to a few minutes.

3737. Had not the Liberals given up polling at that time ?—Yes.

3738. You knew that ?—Yes.

3739. What did you understand the 17*s.* 6*d.* was for ?—To get my 'lowance with.

3740. That is to say you were to vote ?—To vote and to get my 'lowance.

3741. What do you mean by your 'lowance ?—Buy a few pints of ale or drop of gin.

3742. You went and had 17*s.* 6*d.* for your own use, and that was to vote for these gentlemen ?—Yes.

3743. Were you to do anything else for that ?—No.

3744. Are you quite sure you were not asked ?—Quite sure. I never was asked.

3745. It was not asked, but did you understand you would be expected to do something else beside voting for these men ?—No.

3746. Not to vote at the parliamentary election ?—No.

3747. Do you remember being examined before the judge in March ?—Yes.

3748. What did you say then about it ?—I am sure I could not tell you what I said then, but if I had the newspaper I could tell you.

3749. Well, I will tell you what you said. You were asked, "Did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Yes, I did. Was that covered by the "previous allowance ?—No, I voted honourable for "Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard." What do you mean by voting honourable ?—Because I never was asked for my vote. "Honourable" means a man who has not been canvassed, I expect, as I term it.

3750. Did not you think you were bound to vote for them ?—No, I was not bound by nobody.

3751. Did not you consider your honour, you use the word "honour" in a way of your own; was your honour pledged to vote for them ?—No, it was not.

3752. And "honourable" in your mind means voting without being canvassed ?—Yes.

WILLIAM KNIPE sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *W. Knipe.*

3753. What are you ?—A machine fitter.

3754. Where do you live ?—Mill Lane.

3755. Are you a voter for the borough ?—I was a voter under this new Reform Bill.

3756. You came in as a rated occupier ?—Yes.

3757. Are you a voter for the town council ?—Yes.

3758. How long have you been so ?—Twelve years.

3759. For whom did you vote at the last borough election ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

3760. And for whom did you vote at the town council election ?—Lowther, Usher, and Catterson.

3761. The Conservatives ?—Yes.

3762. That is to say you voted for the Liberals at the parliamentary election, and for the Conservatives at the other ?—Yes.

3763. You got something for your vote for the Conservatives; what was that ?—I got 1*l.* for my vote.

3764. Who gave it you ?—Robert Thirsk.

3765. Where did he give it you ?—In Dickenson's shop.

3766. That was before you voted ?—Before I voted.

3767. What o'clock ?—About eleven.

3768. Do you know whether the Liberals had given up polling at that time ?—No, but I heard they were a long way behind. I did not know they had closed; in fact they had not closed.

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3769. Do you know whether they had or had not given up?—I do not know that they had given up.

3770. What was that 20*s.* given to you for?—I scarcely know. I expected it was given to vote for Lowther, Catterson, and Usher; though I believe after it came to my mind it was probably intended for the other.

3771. As well?—Yes.

3772. How did it come into your mind?—In studying the thing. I thought it was an excessive amount to give for the small trouble we had in voting.

3773. Do you mean to say that came into your mind only by your own reflection, or something you heard?—Only my own.

3774. Merely the amount?—Only the amount.

3775. You knew the amount at the time you took it?—But during the excitement I did not think much about it.

3776. When did it come into your mind?—Perhaps an hour after, when I was getting my dinner.

3777. After you voted it came into your mind that probably that 20*s.* was given to you to induce you to vote at the parliamentary election also?—Yes.

3778. But you see you did not act upon that?—No, I did not intend. Had I considered it previously I would not have taken it.

3779. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you return it?—No, I did not know who to return it to scarcely.

3780 (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You got it from Robert Thirsk. Did he or anybody afterwards complain to you that that you had not kept faith with them?—No.

3781. Nobody complained to you?—No.

3782. But still you felt you were not keeping faith?—I was not keeping faith as regards accepting that money if they intended it for that purpose.

3783. You see when a man takes 20*s.* he generally tries to find out what it is for; it did not come into your mind till afterwards?—Till after I had voted.

3784. And then you felt you were not keeping faith with them?—I felt that I had accepted money to vote for the Conservatives at the general election.

3785. Do you mean to say nobody has ever complained to you about that?—No,

3786. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Having felt that you had taken this money to vote conservative at the parliamentary election, you kept the money and voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

3787. Robert Thirsk gave you the money?—Yes.

3788. So you knew to whom you might return it if you liked?—I did not consider him the rightful owner.

3789. You considered yourself the rightful owner?—No.

3790. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where did it come from? did you know where it came from?—No.

3791. You knew it did not come from Mr. Thirsk?—No, I knew he would not distribute money there of his own.

3792. You do not know where it came from?—No, I do not.

H. Walters.

HORNER WALTERS sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

3793. Are you a freeman?—No.

3794. Are you a voter?—Yes.

3795. When did you become a voter of the borough?—About nine years ago.

3796. As an occupier?—Yes.

3797. A 10*l.* householder?—No; 5*l.*

3798. Then you are merely a voter for the municipal?—Yes.

3799. When did you become a voter for the parliamentary?—This last year.

3800. What are you?—A shoemaker.

3801. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

3802. For whom?—Edwards and Kennard.

3803. That was the first parliamentary vote you ever gave?—Yes.

3804. Did you vote at the municipal election for town councillors?—Yes.

3805. For whom?—Mr. Catterson and the others.

3806. Was that the first time you voted for town councillors?—No.

3807. When before that had you voted for town councillors, the year before?—Yes.

3808. How often had you voted for town councillors?—Seven or eight times.

3809. Were you paid on any occasion or on all occasions?—Sometimes; not always.

3810. What used you to be paid?—Sometimes 2*s.* 6*d.*, sometimes 5*s.*

3811. Did you ever get more than 5*s.* except the last time?—No, only the last time.

3812. What did you get the last time?—17*s.* 6*d.*

3813. Where did you get that?—I got it in twice; I got 10*s.* first.

3814. From whom?—From a man they call Tindal Brown.

3815. What time of the day did you get that? What time did you vote, directly afterwards?—Yes.

3816. Were there many persons there?—Yes, a good few.

3817. They could see him pay you?—Oh yes.

3818. Did you see others paid there?—Oh yes, I saw several get money there.

3819. Who paid you the remainder?—Mr. Richmond.

3820. Where?—At the bottom end of Well Lane. I was going home and I met Richmond, and he stopped me and asked me how much I got, and he said, "Here are three half-crowns for you."

3821. Had you no arrangement as to what you were to get when you voted?—No. I was coming from my own home; I met Richmond and he called me on one side. He says, "Have you voted?" I says, "No." He says to a man, "Take him along with you and get pay for him." And I voted, and somebody came up and gave me half a sovereign.

3822. Was anything said beyond that?—Nothing was said.

3823. When he sent the other man with you to vote I suppose you expected to get money?—No, I never expected anything.

3824. When you went to vote?—Oh yes, when he took me, and when I came out he gave me half a sovereign.

3825. You expected to get money?—Yes I did.

3826. Did you expect so much?—I did not know what I was to get.

3827.—Did you expect to get so much as 10*s.*?—No; I did not know what I should get.

3828. Then the three half-crowns was an additional surprise to you?—Yes.

3829. Did it occur to your mind at all that that had anything to do with the election that was pending; the parliamantary election?—No, sir. Captain Kennard and Sir Henry Edwards came to my house and asked me for my vote.

3830. Oh yes, they had given you that before they came?—Yes.

3831. How soon did Sir H. Edwards and Captain Kennard come after that?—Perhaps a week; betwixt a week and a fortnight.

3832. The election, I think, was a fortnight after?—Yes, it was a few days before the election.

3833. Who came with them?—Mr. Richmond and Mr. Cussons. There were four of them altogether.

3834. Was that the Mr. Richmond who gave you the three half-crowns?—Yes, it was.

3835. He came with Sir Henry and Capt. Kennard?—Yes.

3836.—I suppose you promised them your vote?—No, I did not promise them.

3837. Did you see them?—Yes.

3838. You did not promise?—I did not promise any one.

3839. You did not like to promise?—No I did not, I did not give them any promise.

3840. I suppose the Liberals called?—Yes.

3841. You did not promise them?—No, I did not promise any of them.

3842. Did any person canvass you again before you voted?—No, I did not see any of them any more.

3843. What time of day did you vote?—In the morning, about 11 o'clock.

3844. Why did not you promise? I suppose you were Conservative at the time?—Yes.

3845. Why did not you promise?—I thought I would not promise any one.

3846. You thought money was going, is not that it?—No, I did not think I should get anything at all.

3847. Did not you think money was going?—No.

3848. Why did not you promise?—I thought I would form my own judgment who I thought proper to vote for.

3849. Had you seen Mr. Richmond after that?—No, I never saw him after that.

3850. You saw nobody after that?—No one after that.

3851. Then you went of your own accord to vote?—Yes.

3852. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did anybody speak to you about the parliamentary election before you received the 17*s.* 6*d.*?—No, I never heard any one say anything at all.

3853. Did anybody ask you for your vote for the borough election before Sir Henry Edwards called upon you?—No sir, they did not; no one asked me.

3854. You voted several times for the municipal election?—Yes.

3855. And have you always or generally voted Conservative?—Generally; I think I only voted once for the orange party.

3856. What was that for?—I did not get anything for it.

3857. Why did you change that time?—I don't know.

3858. There seems to be some misunderstanding; you voted for Sir Henry Edwards, did not you?—Yes.

3859. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you quite sure for whom you voted at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

3860. Edwards and Kennard?—No, for Maxwell and Trollope.

3861. Why, I thought you told my friend you voted for Edwards and Kennard?—I misunderstood you.

3862. You just now said you always voted for the Conservatives at the municipal?—Yes.

3863. And you voted for the Liberals at the borough election?—No, I voted for Captain Kennard and——

3864. Now you have gone back again, you really do not seem to know who you voted for?—I voted for Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

3865. That is the first time?—The borough election.

3866. You have told us three stories; I do not mean to say intentionally. First you said Edwards and Kennard, then Maxwell and Trollope, and then Edwards and Kennard again?—If I told you that I misunderstood you.

3867. Which did you vote for?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard, those are the two men I voted for.

3868. You voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—At the borough election?

3869. Yes?—Yes, I did; at the borough election I voted for Trollope and Maxwell.

3870. Then at which election was it you voted for Edwards?—I did not vote for him at any election. That was the first time I voted.

3871. You have told us more than once you voted for Sir Henry Edwards?—Well, sir, you have rather puzzled me, that I did not know what I was saying.

3872. That could not be so, because the first question the learned Commissioner put to you was, "For whom did you vote?" and you said Sir Henry Edwards?—If I told you that I told you wrong. I misunderstood what you have said to me.

3873. Of course if you say that you know best, but at all events we have it now that you voted the last time for the Liberals at the borough election?—Yes.

3874. I mean the parliamentary election?—That is, for Trollope and Maxwell.

3875. And you have generally voted for the Conservatives?—At the council.

3876. Why did you vote Conservative on one occasion, and Liberal on the other?—I don't know.

3877. What changed your mind?—I thought they were more worthy to be voted for than Captain Kennard and Sir Henry Edwards.

3878. But you must have changed your mind in a very short space of time. What was the 17*s.* 6*d.* given to you for?—For voting for the council choosing.

3879. And it was not for the parliamentary?—I don't know whether it was for anything else; they gave it me for the council choosing.

3880. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose you are generally bribed at the council choosing; you are generally paid?—Generally get money.

3881. And you were not paid at the parliamentary election?—No, I did not get anything for that.

THOMAS FOSTER sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *T. Foster.*

3882. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—I am a freeman.

3883. You voted for the Conservatives at the municipal election, and also at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

3884. What did you get for your vote at the municipal election last time?—17*s.* 6*d.*

3885. Who paid you?—Thomas Richmond.

3886. Did you get anything for the parliamentary election?—No.

3887. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirty years.

3888. What are you?—A labourer.

3889. Have you ever voted at a parliamentary election before?—Yes, ever since 1840, I believe.

3890. Have you ever voted without being paid?—Yes.

3891. For whom was that?—Well, if I speak truth, as far as I know I voted for Gordon. I don't think I got anything then.

3892. Any other time excepting Gordon?—I voted for Glover.

3893. You got nothing for Glover?—No.

3894. Any other?—Yes, I voted for Wells.

3895. For nothing?—I got nothing for that.

3896. Any other?—No, sir; I believe not.

3897. You were paid on all other occasions?—Yes.

3898. Wells was a candidate more than once here?—I mean the time when he was up with Sir Henry Edwards. That was when there was two of them.

3899. Were you paid when Messrs. Lawley and Wells were candidates?—Yes, I voted for them.

3900. Then you were paid when Townley stood in 1841?—Yes.

3901. What were you paid?—I don't know whether I got 5*l.* each or 6*l.*; I don't know whether I got 10*l.* or 12*l.*

3902. For whom did you vote in 1841?—Hogg and Fox.

3903. What did you get?—I don't know whether it was 10*l.* or 12*l.*

3904. Had you anything to drink besides?—No.

3905. Nothing?—No.

3906. Any money allowed you besides?—No.

3907. Were you employed as a runner or anything of that sort?—Never since I voted I was not.

3908. That is all the money you got?—Yes.

3909. The next year, 1847, the candidates were Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid; whom did you vote for then?—Fox, I believe.

3910. What did you get then?—I believe 3*l.*; I

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wont be sure; I am not certain whether 2*l.* or 3*l.*, I believe 3*l.*; I could not say.

3911. The next election, in 1852, the candidates were Lawley, Wells and Glover, for whom did you vote?—Lawley and Wells, I think.

3912. What did you get that time?—I believe 3*l.*

3913. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you mean 3*l.* each?—3*l.* both.

3914. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then you say you were not paid at Lawley's election?—No.

3915. Then the next election, 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—I voted for Glover; I did not get anything.

3916. The next election, 1857, Edwards and Wells; you voted for Wells?—I got nothing for that.

3917. The next election, 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover; whom did you vote for?—The two Conservatives.

3918. Edwards and Walker?—Yes.

3919. What did you get?—I believe 3*l.*; I cannot recollect exactly.

3920. Then the next election, the next year, 1860, Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote then?—Walker.

3921. What did you get?—2*l.*

3922. In 1865, Sir H. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; whom did you vote for then?—Edwards and Sykes.

3923. Did you get anything?—Yes.

3924. What?—I believe 3*l.*

3925. You got nothing, I believe, at the last election?—Not a farthing.

3926. Where did you get this 3*l.*? the 3*l.* you got at Edwards and Sykes' election?—From Robert Oxley, butcher.

3927. He paid you?—Yes.

3928. Is he alive?—I believe not.

3929. Where did he live then?—In North Bar Street Within.

3930. Where did he pay you?—In the street.

3931. Who told you he would pay you?—David Nutchey.

3932. Was that all you got at that election?—Yes,

3933. Did any one go with you to be paid?—No.

3934. You were alone?—Yes.

3935. Did you see Oxley pay any one?—No.

3936. Where did David Nutchey tell you you were to go to Oxley?—At North Bar Within.

3937. Did you ask him who was to pay you?—I told him I was going to vote, and asked him what was for me, and he said Oxley would give me it.

3938. Was that before you voted?—Yes.

3939. Well, now do you know any other people who were paid on your side?—No, not that I know of.

3940. You have not heard of any one else?—No.

3941. You do not know whether money was going?—I know there was money gotten.

3942. You made no scruple of applying to Nutchey for it?—No sir, because me and him has been acquainted, and I asked him if there was anything to get, and he said Yes.

3943. Now then, you have been a freeman, you told me, how many years?—Thirty years.

3944. Have you very often voted for the municipal election?—For 27 or 28 years.

3945. Are you generally paid?—I have been, and I have voted without.

3946. I don't want to know exactly how many times, but about how many times do you think you have been paid?—I cannot tell, I am sure.

3947. Ten times?—Very likely I have; I don't know exectly. When there is anything given I generally get in.

3948. What is the highest sum you ever got except this 17*s.* 6*d.*?—I have got 2*s.* 6*d.*, 5*s.*, and 7*s.* 6*d.* I don't know whether I got any more or not.

3949. 7*s.* 6*d.* is the highest you ever got?—Yes, I think it is, barring this here time.

3950. Have you ever been paid by the Liberals?—No.

3951. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you canvassed afterwards on the part of the Conservatives?—No.

3952. Were you canvassed afterwards by Mr. Richmond?—No.

3953. Nobody canvassed you in any way?—Do you mean the parliamentary election?

3954. Yes?—Edwards and Kennard met me.

3955. Was Richmond with them?—No.

3956. Did Richmond come to you?—No.

3957. Was your name put down in a book, do you know? Did Richmond put down your name in a book when he paid you?—He paid me in the street. He had not any book at all when I saw him.

3958. But he knew you?—Yes.

J. Walters.

JAMES WALTERS sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

3959. What are you?—A labourer.

3960. Where do you work?—At Mr. Hodgson's tannery.

3961. Are you a voter for the borough?—Yes; I became one this last time.

3962. And for the town council?—Yes.

3963. How long have you been a voter for the town council?—This was the first time.

3964. Are you a freeman?—No.

3965. Did you see Mr. Richmond on the day of the municipal election?—Yes.

3966. Well, what did you get from him?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

3967. What was that for?—I don't know exactly.

3968. You have some idea, of course, from Richmond. Now do tell me. What was it for?—It was not for voting at the municipal, because I had voted afore I got the 17*s.* 6*d.*

3969. What was it for?—I cannot tell.

3970. What do you think? You have told me what it was not for, what was it for? Do, come, out with it?—He did not say anything.

3971. No, no, I know that. What was it for?—I should not like to say.

3972. But I should like you to say?—I should not like to say anything but what was truth.

3973. What do you believe it was for?—Well, I thought it was for the parliamentary, but I cannot say.

3974. Do you say you got that 17*s.* 6*d.* before you voted? No, you got the 17*s.* 6*d.* after you voted for the town council?—Yes.

3975. And that is what makes you know it was not anything to do with the town council, is that what you say?—Yes.

3976. Well then, after that you voted for the borough?—Yes.

3977. Which way did you vote for the borough?—Maxwell and Trollope.

3978. Well then, the 17*s.* 6*d.* did not produce the effect it was meant to do?—No.

3979. How is that?—Because I did not intend voting that way.

3980. And yet you took the money without letting him know that?—Well, he did not say anything about it or I should have told him.

3981. You would have told him at once?—I did not tell him.

3982. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the municipal election?—For the Liberals.

3983. You took the money from the Conservatives and voted for the Liberals at the municipal election?—Yes, I did; they seemed very liberal with it. I thought I might as well have it as anybody else.

3984. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It is the first time you voted at either borough or municipal?—Yes, the first time.

3985. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did Mr. Richmond speak to you?—Well, no, he did not say anything.

3986. Did you go to Mr. Richmond?—No, he came to me.

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3987. What did he say to you?—He says "Here's 17*s.* 6*d.* for you," and he put it into my hand.

3988. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What time did you vote in the municipal?—About a quarter to 12.

3989. Where did you get your voting paper filled up?—At Mr. Boyes'.

3990. Is that the Liberal committee room?—Yes.

3991. Did you see any one else there?—I saw him pay other two men.

3992. I mean at Boyes'?—There was nobody in when I went in.

3993. Nobody but yourself?—Nobody but myself.

3994. Who filled up the paper?—I cannot tell you the man's name, I know him by sight. There was one of Mr. Boyes' sons there.

3995. Was it Boyes' son who filled up your paper?—No, I think not; I think they call him Taylor.

3996. As soon as you got your paper filled up, did you come away and vote directiy?—Right away.

H. Firth.

HENRY FIRTH sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

3997. Are you a voter of the parliamentary borough?—Yes.

3998. How long?—Only last time.

3999. How long have you been a voter for the town council?—I won't be certain whether seven or eight years.

4000. You have voted often, I suppose, for town councillors?—Yes, every year since I have been a voter.

4001. Have you been paid anything for it?—Only once.

4002. How much?—I believe 3*s.* 6*d.*

4003. On whose side?—The Liberals; I always voted liberal.

4004. Do you recollect the last election here?—Yes.

4005. Do you know the "Queen's Head" public house?—Yes.

4006. Were you there then?—Yes, I was there the nomination-day night.

4007. After the show of hands?—Yes.

4008. For whom was the show of hands? Who had the majority?—I believe Maxwell and Trollope.

4009. Was the "Queen's Head" a crimson or yellow house?—I am sure I cannot say which it was, but there was a great number of people there as well as myself.

4010. Were they all crimson or yellow, or mixed?—They were mixed.

4011. Did you see a man named Thompson there?—Yes.

4012. Is that James Dales Thompson?—He goes by the name of J. D. Thompson; he is a hairdresser.

4013. Do you know a Mr. Fitzgerald? Was he there?—Yes.

4014. There was some betting as to who would get in?—Yes, there was some betting going on.

4015. Do you know a man named Harry Loft?—Yes.

4016. And a person named Thomas Newlove?—There was John Newlove there.

4017. Had you known Thompson before?—Thompson the hairdresser? yes, several years.

4018. Was he active at the municipal election?—I cannot say whether he was engaged for the municipal.

4019. Did you hear anything about money passing, anything said about money?—Yes.

4020. Tell us what you heard?—I heard Thompson say that they would get their party in, and not on purity either.

4021. Anything else?—No, not particularly. There was a great deal of talk going on in the place.

4022. Did you hear anything about a man getting 3*l.*?—No.

4023. Do you know a man named Pape, William Pape?—Yes; he keeps the "Lord Nelson" Inn.

4024. Tell us what you heard?—William Pape was there; and he said he got, I won't be certain whether 2*l.* or 3*l.*; I won't be certain. He mentioned a sum of money he had got to vote for the Tory party.

4025. Did he mention the candidates' names?—He said he had got this money to vote for Sir Henry Edwards, and he would throw him overboard the next day.

4026. Were there many persons there?—Yes; in the room.

4027. Is Pape in the town?—I cannot say, I am sure, whether he is or not. His residence is in the town. It is at the "Lord Nelson" Inn.

4028. Do you recollect a man named Duffill, being in Duffill's company at the "George and Dragon" Inn some time afterwards?—No, I cannot recollect.

4029. Some time this year, January of this year?—No, I do not recollect.

4030. Do you recollect any conversation with him?—I cannot say that I have: I might have had, but I do not recollect.

4031. Do you know a man named Nutchey?—David Nutchey? yes.

4032. Have you had any conversation with him about this matter?—No.

4033. You voted for the Liberals?—I voted for the Liberals,

4034. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did Pape tell you from whom he got this money?—No, he did not address me, but he was speaking in the company at large; he was not talking to me particularly.

4035. Do you know how he voted?—I do not.

4036. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was Thompson there when Pape said this? Was this in company with Thompson? You said, Thompson said they would get their party in, and not on purity?—Thompson was there at the time.

4037. What do you mean by not on purity?—I suppose purity means when there is no money stirring. I suppose when he said not on purity he meant that they would pay money; that they would bribe.

W. Woollock.

WILLIAM WOOLLOCK sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

4038. Are you a freeman?—No, an occupier.

4039. How long have you been an occupier?—Seven or eight years.

4040. For whom did you vote at the last election? I suppose Conservatives at the borough and Liberals at the parliamentary, like every one else?—Yes.

4041. On the morning of the municipal election were you in this square?—Yes.

4042. Did you see a man named Thompson there? Yes.

4043. And William Wilson?—Yes.

4044. And Bielby?—I cannot say.

4045. You saw Wilson and Thompson there?—Yes.

4046. Did either of them speak to you?—Yes, Wilson did.

4047. What Thompson is that?—The barber.

4048. What did he say to you?—We asked him what he was giving for votes.

4049. Who was with you when you say "we"?—Me and William Wilson.

4050. What did he say?—He would give us 1*l.*

4051. What did he say he would give that 1*l.* for?—To vote at the municipal, I suppose.

4052. Did he say what he gave it for?—For to vote.

4053. To vote where?—At the municipal.

4054. Did you go anywhere?—Yes, to Dickinson's.

4055. Then you got your voting paper filled up, and voted?—Yes.

4056. And then you got your 1*l.*?—Yes.

4057. Who paid you?—Thompson.

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4058. Where ?—Just agin this door.

4059. Just after you voted ?—Yes.

4060. Did you ever vote at a parliamentary election before ?—No.

4061. You have at a municipal election ?—No.

4062. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When did you get the 1*l.*? what o'clock ?—About half-past 12, as near as I can tell.

4063. Did you understand the voting for the Liberals was over ?—Yes, I think it was all over then.

4064. What did you vote for ? What was the 1*l.* given for ?—To vote for the municipal.

4065. The contest was over ; what was the use of your voting if the contest was over ?—That I do not know.

4066. You understood the contest to be over, did you think that that 1*l.* was given for anything else ? Had it anything to do with the parliamentary ?—I cannot say for that.

4067. What did you think at the time ?—I thought as much myself it was.

4068. You voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

B. Thompson.

BENJAMIN THOMPSON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

4069. What are you ?—A joiner.

4070. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

4071. Did you vote at the municipal election ?—Yes.

4072. During the time of the municipal election were you near Dickinson's shop in the middle of the day ?—Yes.

4073. What o'clock was that ?—About half-past 2.

4074. Did Turnbull and Plant come there ; did you see them there ?—Yes.

4075. Did some conversation take place with them ?—Yes.

4076. What was it ?—He asked me if I had voted.

4077. What did you say ?—I said "No."

4078. Did Levitt come up ?—Yes.

4079. And he joined in the conversation ?—Yes.

4080. What took place ?—He said, "Come on, and I will make you right."

4081. Levitt said that to you ?—Yes.

4082. To you and the other two, Turnbull and Plant ?—No, they had polled ; it was to me and my mate.

4083. Who was he ?—John Noble.

4084. When he said, "Come on and I will make it all right," did you go on with him ?—Yes.

4085. You went into Dickinson's shop ?—Yes.

4086. What happened then ?—We stayed there half an hour ; we saw them pay one man, but they never looked at us. We were in the shop.

4087. Did you not see money paid to Beattie, Ellis, Fox, and McGennis ?—We were taken in the kitchen.

4088. Where they were ?—We were in the shop ; they were paid in the kitchen.

4089. That is so ; they were paid in the kitchen ?—Yes.

4090. You say you saw these men get money ?—No, I saw Mr. Cleaver counting heads; he was counting of them, and then he went out and fetched the money.

4091. Did he give them money ?—They told me afterwards they got paid 17*s.* 6*d.* each.

4092. Did they tell you what they got it for ?—For the municipal.

4093. They did not say that ; was that the word they used ?—They said they expected they got it for the municipal.

4094. Did they say they got it for the parliamentary also ?—They did not to me.

4095. You did not get any yourself ?—No.

4096. How was that ?—I do not know.

4097. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had you voted ?—No, not then.

4098. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Come, give us the reason of your not being paid ; out with it ?—I do not know the reason.

4099. What do you think was the reason ? was it that they thought you a black lamb ?—I cannot say about a black lamb.

4100. Why did they give it to others and not to you ? there must have been a reason for it. Do you suppose it was because they thought you were a black lamb ?—Very likely.

4101. Did they tell you to go away from Dickinson's shop ?—No.

4102. Did they not repeatedly tell you that you might go ?—No ; we went away of our own accord.

4103. Did you stay there long ?—About half an hour.

4104. Finding there was no money to be got, you went away ?—Yes.

4105. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you vote that day ?—Yes, for the Liberals.

4106. About what time did you vote ?—About half past two o'clock.

4107. How did you vote at the general election ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

4108. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When you said half-past two, did you mean parliamentary or municipal ?—The municipal.

4109. (*Mr Barstow.*) Did you see Martin Lascelles there ?—Yes.

4110. Was Lowther there at the same time ?—I did not see him there at the same time. Mr. Lowther was there ; I saw him outside the door.

The witness then withdrew.

W. Wilson.

WILLIAM WILSON sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

4111. Are you a freeman ?—No.

4112. You are an occupier ?—Yes.

4113. How long have you been a voter for town councillors ?—Three or four years.

4114. Have you voted often ?—No, never but once before.

4115. You never voted before the ast election in November ?—No, only then.

4116. How did you vote then ?—For the Conservatives.

4117. Mr. Lowther and his two colleagues ?—Yes.

4118. Were you asked to vote before ?—No, not before the day of the polling.

4119. On the day of polling ?—Yes.

4120. Who asked you ?—I was not asked ; me and Woollock went to Thompson, the barber, in the square.

4121. Did you go to his house ?—Yes.

4122. How was that ?—He was one of the parties giving money.

4123. You heard that ?—Yes.

4124. You went to him and asked him what ? what did you say ?—We asked him how much he was giving, and he said 1*l.*

4125. To vote for what ?—To vote for the municipal.

4126. What time of the day was this ?—Between twelve o'clock and one.

4127. Had you heard how much he was giving before that ?—One or two had been, but I did not know how much he gave them.

4128. Had you heard they had got 17*s.* 6*d.* or a pound ?—No, I had not.

4129. You asked him what they were giving, and he said he would give you a pound ?—Yes.

4130. And that was the first time you had voted ?—Yes, to my knowledge.

4131. And you went with your companion Woollock ?—Yes.

4132. Did you each get 1*l.* from Thompson ?—Yes.
4133. Did he pay you before or after you had voted ?—After.
4134. Where did he pay you ?—Inside of the Town Hall.
4135. In this building ?—Yes.
4136. Were there many about at the time ?—Yes.
4137. Did they pay you openly ?—No, for we got it just as we got out.
4138. A sovereign each ?—Yes.
4139. Was anything said about the parliamentary election ?—No.
4140. Nothing at all ?—No.
4141. Did they know whether you were a parliamentary elector at all ?—No, I cannot say.
4142. You cannot say whether they knew you were a parliamentary elector ?—I do not know that they did.
4143. Did they put your name down in a book ?—I never saw them.
4144. How did he know you were a voter when you went up to him ?—I should think by my going and asking him.
4145. Had he no book ?—No.
4146. Was a book referred to at all on any occasion ?—Not that I saw.
4147. Did yon tell him you were a voter for the the borough ?—Yes.
4148. Tell me what you said to him ?—I asked him what he was giving for voting ; he said 1*l.*
4149. And what did you say ?—I said I would take it.
4150. In that state of things how did he know you were a voter ?—I suppose he would know from Mr. Hodgson, who gathers the taxes, the rates.
4151. How long had you been on the burgess roll of voters ?—I do not know.
4152. You voted at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.
4153. For whom ?—The Liberals.
4154. Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes, Maxwell and Trollope.
4155. And you got no money ?—I did not.
4156. You did not look for any money ?—No.
4157. How was that ?—I expected there was none given away.
4158. You had heard there was none given ?—Yes.
4159. Did you make inquiry whether there was any money on the other side ?—No.
4160. You received 1*l.* for voting for the town councillors ?—Yes.
4161. You heard there was no money to be got from Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.
4162. Did you make any inquiry whether there was any money on the other side ?—No.
4163. Why ?—I expected there would be none.
4164. How could you expect there would be none if you made no inquiries ?—I made no inquiries.
4165. Did you not think 1*l.* a high figure for town councillors ?—No, I did not think anything about it ; if they had given it me I should have taken it.
4166. You did not think it had any reference to the parliamentary election ?—No, that never entered my mind at all.
4167. Though you heard the Liberals were beaten when you voted ?—Yes, I heard it.
4168. You are a sensible man, and you had 1*l.*, what did you think it was for ?—To vote for the municipal.
4169. The Liberals were beaten at the time ?—I cannot tell what it was for, they did not tell me nothing else.
4170. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you tell them you were a voter for the borough election ?—Did I tell who ?
4171. Well, did you tell Mr. Thompson, the barber ?—No, I did not.
4172. Nothing was paid to you, I believe, on the parliamentary election ?—No.
4173. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you know whether he was aware you were a voter for the borough ?—I told him I was.
4174. Did you know whether he knew you were a voter for the parliamentary election ?—I did not.
4175. You do not think that he knew it ?—Not that I know of.

The witness withdrew.

ROBERT EVERINGHAM sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

4176. Are you a freeman ?—No.
4177. Are you an occupier ?—Yes.
4178. How long have you been an occupier ?—I have been an occupier five years.
4179. I believe you voted at the last municipal election ?—Yes.
4180. And you voted for the Conservatives ?—Yes.
4181. And how at the parliamentary election ?—I voted for the Liberals.
4182. What were you paid to vote at the municipal election ?—Fifteen shillings.
4183. Who paid you ?—Mr. Watson.
4184. Mr. Watson, at the Golden Ball ; was that the auctioneer ?—The auctioneer.
4185. Had you ever been paid at a municipal election before ?—I never voted before.

DANIEL NICHOLSON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

4186. Are you a voter for the town council ?—Yes.
4187. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
4188. How long have you been a freeman ?—Ten years.
4189. Are you a voter for the parliamentary ?—Yes.
4190. How long have you voted for the parliamentary elections ?—I have voted four times.
4191. At the last municipal election do you remember what time in the day you voted ?—At about a quarter or half past 11.
4192. Did you see a man of the name of Bishoprick ?—Yes.
4193. Where was that ?—In the square.
4194. Was any one with you ?—My father.
4195. What occurred ?—Bishoprick asked me if I had voted, and I said, "No," and he told me he would give me 17*s.* 6*d.*
4196. For what ?—For voting.
4197. What did you say ?—I told him I would go and vote.
4198. Did you after he told you that ?—Yes.
4199. Where did you go after you voted ?—To Dickenson's shop, and received 35*s.* for two votes.
4200. Which two votes ?—For me and my father's.
4201. Did you and your father both go and vote together ?—Yes.
4202. Did Bishoprick give it for your vote ?—Yes.
4203. Who did you vote for ?—For the Conservatives.
4204. What were the names of the Conservatives ; was it Lowther ?—Yes.
4205. And you got the 35*s.* for these two votes ?—Yes.
4206. Which way did you go at the parliamentary election ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.
4207. Why did you vote for the Conservatives at the one and the Liberals at the other ?—I voted for 17*s.* 6*d.* for the Conservatives.
4208. And the other time you did not get anything to vote for the other ?—No.
4209. At the time you voted for the municipal was the voting on the part of the Liberals over ?—I was told they had very near done, and they were only polling one or two, just to keep the poll open.

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4210. You understood they had virtually given up the contest ?—Yes.

4211. Then your vote was not worth much ?—It was worth 17*s.* 6*d.* to me.

4212. Yes, but you knew it was worth nothing to them ; do you think the 17*s.* 6*d.* was given for anything else ?—I cannot say.

4213. What do you think ; do you think the 17*s.* 6*d.* was given for anything else but that useless vote ?—They only made a bargain with me to vote for the municipal election.

4214. Do you imagine that they intended you to do anything else for your vote ?—If they expected anything they expected wrong ; I cannot say what they expected.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

4215. You have been a freeman 10 years ?—Yes.

4216. How often have you voted at the parliamentary elections ?—Four times.

4217. Who did you vote for first ?—Walters.

4218. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

4219. How much ?—2*l.*

4220. The next election was the next year, for Walker and Gridley ; who did you vote then for ?—Gridley.

4221. Did you get anything ?—Two sovereigns.

4222. The next was 1865, and the canditates were Edwards, Sykes, and Keane. Who did you vote for ?—Keane.

4223. Did you get anything ?—2*l.*

4224. Who paid you the 2*l.* at Keane's election ?—I do not know who it was.

4225. Where did you get it ?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

4226. Who paid you ?—It was a general rumour that they were paying money.

4227. Who told you the money was to be got ?—I cannot say particularly who told me.

4228. Who did you go with ?—By myself.

4229. Did you see anyone being paid ?—I cannot say. I saw two men that let us into the room.

4230. What were they doing ?—We stood in the Mechanics' Hall waiting for our turn to go in, I suppose, to be paid.

4231. Were they standing like doorkeepers ?—Yes.

4232. Then they opened a door and you passed in ?—Yes.

4233. Did you pass in by yourself or anyone with you ?—I believe one or two went in at the same time.

4234. Who went in with you ?—I cannot say whether I was one by myself or not. There were two men in the room to see whether we were voters or not.

4235. That was Day and Wilson ?—Yes.

4236. That is the way you were paid at Keane's election. Who paid you at Gridley's ?—He was a stranger. I was paid at the Pack Horse.

4237. How were you paid ?—Up in a room upstairs.

4238. Were there doorkeepers ?—Yes.

4239. One or more ?—I cannot say, one I think.

4240. Who did you find in the room ?—No one but a stranger.

4241. Was there anyone by them ?—No, but there was a man with a hairy cap paid me.

4242. I want to know how the stranger with the hairy cap knew how you were to be paid ?—I consider they would not let anyone else in.

4243. The man who kept the door knew whether you were a voter or not ?—I suppose so by letting us in.

4244. How did you get in ?—The same as the Mechanics' Hall, it was publicly known.

4245. Was this before or after the polling day ?—It was on the polling day.

4246. Was it before you voted ?—No, I had voted.

4247. The stranger must have had some means of knowing you were the person to be paid, or else he would not have paid you ?—I do not know. After I voted at the hustings they asked me if I had voted and I said "Yes."

4248. Who said that ?—The stranger.

4249. Did he ever see you before or since ?—No.

4250. Who introduced you to the stranger ?—No one, I went by myself into the room, there were other people in the passage, and they were paying the money there.

4251. They were on the same errand as you ?—I suppose so.

4252. You thought so at the time ?—No, I did not think so at the time.

4253. Did you see anyone go up in the room the same as you did ?—No ; as soon as I got my money the man at the door turned me down the stairs.

4254. Was no one in the room except the stranger ?—No.

4255. Had you no ticket ?—No.

4256. Was no one with a book there ?—No.

4257. Had you got into any room down there before you went in ?—No.

4258. You know what I mean. Did anyone take you up to the man at the door ?—I do not know ; not that I know of. I went up the stairs. It was the general knowledge that they were paying the money there.

4259. Did you get anything at Walters' election ?—Yes.

4260. How did you get that ?—At the committee rooms in the Toll Gavel.

4261. What was it, a shop or house ?—I am sure I do not know. I believe it was an unoccupied house.

4262. That was the Liberal committee room ?—Yes.

4263. Do you know who paid you ?—Yes, a man of the name of Taylor.

4264. Is he still in Beverley ?—He was in the room a few minutes since.

4265. What is his Christian name ?—I do not know.

4266. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where does he live ?—I am sure I do not know. He used to be a tea dealer, I believe.

4267. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get anything at the municipal election ?—No, I never got paid before last time.

4268. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I shall have to ask you some questions ; but I shall not till your father comes here.

The witness withdrew.

L. Nicholson.

Levi Nicholson sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

4269. What are you ?—A bricklayer.

4270. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

4271. How long have you been a freeman ?—Two or three and thirty years.

4272. I suppose you have voted both for the town council and for the members for a considerable number of years ?—Yes.

4273. Have you voted generally at all the parliamentary elections ?—Very nearly them all for the borough.

4274. Have you been paid for nearly them all ?—No.

4275. When did you first receive any money for your vote ?—At Towneley's election.

4276. That was in 1841 ?—I believe it was.

4277. What did you get then, about ?—Was that his first or second election ?

4278. Were you paid on both occasions?—Yes.

4279. What did you get?—I got 12*l.* for the first and 2*l.* for the second.

4280. From that time to the last election did you vote on most occasions?—Yes, every election.

4281. Did you vote Liberal?—Yes, nearly always.

4282. What did you get, 2*l.*?—Sometimes nothing.

4283. Two pounds?—I do not know what election you mean.

4284. Then I must go through it all. Do you recollect Lawley and Wells in 1852?—Yes.

4285. You got money then?—I got 1*l.*, and 1*l.* Glover.

4286. Do you recollect Gordon and Hastings?—Yes.

4287. What did you get?—Nothing.

4288. Do you recollect, in 1857, Denison, Glover and Wells?—Yes.

4289. What did you get?—2*l.* from Glover.

4290. Do you recollect in 1857 Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

4291. What did you get then?—2*l.*

4292. For whom did you vote at the election in 1857, at Edwards and Wells?—There were three of them, were there not?

4293. No; in the second election in 1857 what did you get?—There were three candidates.

4294. There were three in the first. Then you got 2*l.* for voting for Glover, and then came Edwards and Wells. For whom did you vote on that occasion in 1857?—I never voted for Wells.

4295. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote for Edwards in 1857?—Yes, I did.

4296. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get any money?—Yes.

4297. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you vote for Walters when Walters and Edwards were up?—Yes, Walters.

4298. What did you get then?—I believe 1*l.*, either 1*l.* or 2*l.* I do not know which, but I believe it was 2*l.*

4299. 1860, there was Walker and Gridley up. What did you get?—2*l.*

4300. In 1865 there was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane.

4301. What did you get?—2*l.*

4302. In 1868 there were Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

4303. Then you got nothing?—No.

4304. Then, at the municipal elections, how did you go; did you vote often?—Yes.

4305. For town councillors?—Yes.

4306. Were you often paid?—Not many times.

4307. What used you to be paid?—2*s.* 6*d.*, 3*s.*, 5*s.*, and 17*s.* 6*d.* at the last.

4308. Except the last occasion, was that the largest sum that you received?—I believe it was.

4309. How often did you receive it?—Not many times; four or five.

4310. On the last occasion you went with your son?—Yes, at the municipal.

4311. Whom did you meet?—Mr. Bishoprick.

4312. You went up to him?—No, he came up to me.

4313. And you were with your son?—Yes.

4314. He took your son and you, and you voted?—Yes.

4315. Had you heard at that time how the Liberals were getting on at the town council?—Yes, nearly done.

4316. Did you get 1*l.* 15*s.*, or your son?—My son.

4317. And then he gave you the 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

4318. You are a man accustomed to receive money. Did not that appear to you a large sum for a vote that was practically useless?—Yes, it did.

4319. We are to inquire into the state of your mind when you received it. Now, did you not believe at the time you received it, were you not under the belief that they were paying it to you in order to insure your vote for the parliamentary election?—Yes, it looked like it.

4320. Did you not receive it as such?—I cannot say what they did it for.

4321. I am asking you as to the state of your own mind?—When the others had done it must have been for that; I could not think anything else.

4322. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am sorry you brought your son with you.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

4323. You, thinking it was not for anything else but that you should vote for them at the parliamentary election, voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—I voted for them for the money that they gave me. I expected I had done with it. I voted before I got the money.

4324. You voted for the municipal election before you got the money?—Yes.

4325. You have answered my friend, you thought it was for nothing else but the parliamentary election?—It looked like it, because the others were beat.

4326. Did you not answer my friend that you could not think it was for anything else but the parliamentary election?—Yes.

4327. And thinking so you voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

4328. You say you received 2*l.* from Mr. Glover?—Yes, I believe I did; not from Mr. Glover, but from one of his party.

4329. Who was the person?—Charles Fox.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

4330. You got, in 1857, 2*l.* for voting for Edwards?—Yes.

4331. Who gave you that?—William Richardson, joiner.

The witness withdrew.

ROBERT TURNBULL sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

R. Turnbull.

4332. Are you a freeman or occupier?—A freeman.

4333. How long have you been a freeman?—About seven or eight years.

4334. What are you?—A millwright.

4335. Where do you work?—At Mr. Crosskills.

4336. For whom did you vote at the municipal?—Lowther and party.

4337. And at the parliamentary?—Maxwell and Trollope.

4338. What did you get for voting at the municipal election?—1*l.*

4339. Who paid you?—Robert Thirsk

4340. Where was that?—At Dickinson's shop.

4341. Have you ever voted at any parliamentary election before Maxwell and Trollope?—At Mr. Keane's.

4332. What did you get?—1*l.*

4333. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You voted for Keane?—Yes.

4344. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Only 1*l.*?—Yes, I got more than 1*l.*

4345. Why did you not say so at once. What did you get?—3*l.* I got it at two different times.

4346. One pound first, and 2*l.* afterwards?—Yes.

4347. Tell us where you got the first sum of 1*l.*?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

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4348. Who told you to go there?—I do not know that anybody told me; it was known about the town.

4349. I may take it you got it in the way we have heard described?—Yes.

4350. Where did you get the 2*l.*?—At the "George and Dragon."

4351. Who told you to go there?—I got it the same way as I got the other.

4352. Yes, but somebody must have told you to go there?—No.

4353. Was anybody with you?—No.

4354. You went alone?—Yes.

4355. At the time you got this money at the "George and Dragon" had you voted?—No.

4356. Was it on the day of the polling?—Yes.

4357. What time?—About 10 o'clock.

4358. When you went to the "George and Dragon," did you see many people there?—There were a few people there.

4359. Electioneering people?—Yes, there were all classes of people.

4360. Any whom you knew?—No; I could not answer particularly.

4361. Could you answer whether they were voters or not?—No.

4362. You could answer that, you are a Beverley man?—There were plenty of people I did not know.

4363. Were there people you did know?—Yes.

4364. You must have known whether they were voters or not?—There were men who I knew were voters.

4365. Can you give us the names of any?—Well, I could not.

4366. It is not long ago, 1865, a little more than four years?—I could not swear to the men's names.

4367. You do not know the names?—No.

4368. Give us any one name?—No, I cannot.

4369. When you got to the "George and Dragon" what did you do?—I went and had a glass of ale.

4370. Were other people drinking in the room where you were?—Yes.

4371. You paid for it yourself?—Yes.

4372. Did anyone come to you?—No.

4373. I want to know how you were paid?—A man gave it me.

4374. In a room?—Yes.

4375. Upstairs or downstairs?—Downstairs.

4376. Was the man a stranger?—No.

4377. A man you knew?—Yes.

4378. Who was he?—Mr. Bird.

4379. What is his Christian name?—I do not know.

4380. What is he?—A cabinet maker.

4381. Where does he live?—Wednesday Market.

4382. He gave it you in a room downstairs?—Yes.

4383. Do you generally get paid for the municipal elections?—I have not voted for many, only three.

4384. Did you get paid for this?—Only 1*l.*

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

4385. At the last election what o'clock was it that Thirsk gave you the 1*l.*?—Some time about 11.

4386. Was that after the Liberals had given up polling?—I cannot say whether they had given up polling or not.

4387. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you know that Mr. Thirsk had been active in the parliamentary election on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes, I believe he had.

4388. Did you know he had at that time?—I did not know much at that time that he had.

4389. You had known him a little before, had not you?—Yes.

4390. What is he, where does he live?—He lives up behind the foundry.

4391. What is he there?—He is foreman of the waggon company.

4392. That is the foundry where Mr. Norfolk is superintendent?—Yes.

4393. You knew Sir Henry Edwards had a great interest in that foundry?—Yes.

4394. He is one of the chief men in it?—Yes, they say so.

4395. Therefore you knew he had an interest in Sir H. Edward's success when he gave you the 1*l.*?—I believe so.

4396. Now when you received that 1*l.*, did you not believe, whether you were right or wrong in that belief, that it was given to you to secure your vote for the parliamentary election?—Yes, I believe it was.

4397. And you took it under that belief?—No.

4398. You took it under that belief that it was given for your vote. I do not mean to say that you intended to vote.?—I did not intend to vote for him.

4399. But you took it under the belief that it was given for that purpose?—I believe it was given for that purpose, to entice men to vote for members of parliament.

4400. And you accepted it as such, not intending to be beguiled by it?—I never intended to vote.

4401. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You took it believing that they meant you to vote at the parliamentary election?—I believe they meant it.

4402. And you never intended to vote?—No, I did not.

4403. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You thought there was nothing else it could be given for?—Well, I thought it was a good price to get for a municipal election. They never asked me to vote.

W. N. Dixon.

William Noon Dixon called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

4404. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

4405. How long have you been a freeman?—About ten years.

4406. Have you generally voted at the municipal elections?—No, only once; the last time.

4407. Whom did you vote for?—For Mr. Lowther and his party.

4408. Did you get anything for your vote?—Fifteen shillings.

4409. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Nutchey.

4410. And where did he give it you?—In Mrs. Padget's shop, in Toll Gavel.

4411. Who asked you for your vote for the municipal election?—Mr. Bielby.

4412. What is he?—He is a printer, I think.

4413. When Bielby asked you for your vote, did he say you were to have 15*s.* for it?—Yes.

4414. Bielby told you that?—Yes.

4415. You voted before you got the 15*s.*?—Yes.

4416. You took up your freedom ten years ago?—Yes.

4417. Did you take it up with your own money, or did somebody else provide the money?—Mr. Wreghitt.

4418. How much money was given for that purpose?—2*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

4419. Did Mr. Wreghitt pay that money to you, and did it pass through your hands, or was it paid to the officer?—It was paid to me.

4420. It was paid to you, and you paid it to the officer?—Yes.

4421. Why did Wreghitt give you that money?—I asked him for it to take up my freedom.

4422. On what understanding; he would not have given you that sum of money for nothing?—It was on purpose to be a freeman, I expect.

4423. And what else?—To vote for members as well.

4424. To vote for the members on his side?—Yes.

4425. That is what you say?—Yes.

4426. That was the understanding on which you took that money?—Yes.

4427. A man of the name of Kemplay first asked you for your vote at the last municipal election, is that so?—Yes, I believe he did.

4428. Did he say anything to you about the 15*s.* that you were to have for your vote?—No, it was never mentioned.

4429. The person who first talked about the 15*s.* is Bielby?—Yes.

4430. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Maxwell.

4431. That is Conservative; have you always voted Conservative?—No, Edwards and Maxwell are half and half.

4432. You split?—Yes.

4433. How many times have you voted at parliamentary elections?—Four, I believe; 1859, I believe, was the first.

4434. For whom did you vote then?—For Edwards and Glover, I believe; I cannot be certain.

4435. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

4436. That was in 1859?—Yes, in 1859.

4437. At the next election for whom did you vote?—I cannot remember when it was.

4438. In 1865. When Mr. Keane put up for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Keane, I believe.

4439. Did you get anything for your vote then?—Was that the election before this?

4440. Yes, the 1865 election; did you get anything for your vote then?—Yes.

4441. What did you get?—3*l.*

4442. From the Conservatives?—No.

4443. You got it from Keane's party?—One from Keane, and two from the Conservatives.

4444. Did you get anything at the last parliamentary election for your vote?—No.

4445. Whom did you vote for?—Edwards and Maxwell.

4446. Though Mr. Wreghitt took up your freedom on the understanding that you were always to vote on his side, yet you did not keep to that understanding?—No.

4447. You understood that Wreghitt gave you the money to take up your freedom that you might always vote on his side?—Yes.

4448. That you say?—Yes.

4449. You always voted for Edwards?—Yes.

4450. Did you consider that Mr. Wreghitt represented Sir Henry Edwards here?

4551. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That he was acting for him?

4452. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Would you consider him as the agent for Sir Henry Edwards?—It was generally thought so.

4453. Do you think so?—It was my opinion.

4454. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In what year was this that you took your freedom up?—It is nearly 10 years ago now.

4455. That would be somewhere before 1859?—Yes.

4456. You applied to Wreghitt to take your freedom up?—Yes.

4457. Did Wreghitt pay you the money?—Yes.

4458. Into your own hands?—Yes.

4459. Did he say anything to you about voting their way?—Yes.

4460. Did he ask you to vote their way at the time?—He said I was to be a staunch supporter of their side.

4461. You received 1*l.* and 2*l.* in 1865?—Yes.

4462. You received the 1*l.* I presume in the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes, in the hall.

4463. Where did you receive the other?—At the Cross Keys, I think.

4464. Who paid you?—I cannot be certain who it was.

4465. Who told you to go there?—I was taken there.

4466. Who by?—I cannot remember.

4467. Come, come; it is little more than four years ago. Who took you to the Cross Keys?—I believe it was Henry Arnott.

4468. Who is Henry Arnott?—A cabinet maker; he lives in Minster Moorgate.

4469. Is he a Conservative?—No, a Liberal, I believe, he is now, but he was not then.

4470. He was a Conservative then?—Yes.

4471. Is that the man who now lives at Hull?—Yes.

4472. Whom did you see at the Cross Keys?—I saw Mr. Kemplay there.

4473. On this occasion that I am speaking of you saw Mr. Kempley there?—Yes.

4474. That is the gentleman whose name we have heard several times?—Yes

4475. He is a supporter of Edwards?—Yes.

4476. Who else did you see there?—I don't remember seeing anyone else.

4477. No one but Kemplay?—No, sir.

4478. Who paid you?—I cannot say.

4479. Is he a stranger to the town?—No, sir; I cannot say who it was.

4480. Is he a Beverley man?—I don't know.

4481. Where were you paid?—At the "Cross Keys," I believe.

4482. So you have told us; but were you paid in a room?—In the passage, I think, to the best of my knowledge.

4483. You know very well where you were paid. Where were you paid?—I cannot say, because I was too far gone.

4484. At what time in the day?—Perhaps betwixt two and three, I believe.

4485. Had you voted?—No.

4386. Do you remember where you were paid? Think?—I am almost sure it was the "Cross Keys."

4487. You have told us. Have you any doubt about that?—No.

4488. You pledge your oath you were paid at the "Cross Keys?"—I could not swear positively.

4489. You have sworn?—Yes.

4490. Do you recollect that you are on your oath now?—Yes.

4491. Have not you sworn you were paid at the "Cross Keys?"—I said, to the best of my knowledge.

4492. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were you sober at the time?—No; I should have known if I had been.

4493. (*Mr. Barstow*) Do you pledge your oath you were paid at the "Cross Keys?"—I won't swear.

4494. Do you swear you were paid?—Yes.

4495. How do you know?—I was told the next morning.

4496. That is your answer to me, you know that you were paid because you were told the next morning?—Yes.

4497. You were so far gone you do not know whether you were paid or not at the time?—I do not.

4498. Is your only reason for telling us you were paid that you were told so the next morning?—Yes.

4499. Who told you?—Henry Arnott, I believe, told me. I went with him to vote.

4500. When did you go with him to vote?—In the afternoon.

4501. Where did Henry Arnott tell you this?—Do you mean the next morning?

4502. Yes?—At the shop; I worked at the same shop as he did.

4503. Then you were so drunk you remember nothing about the affair?—I am sure I cannot.

4504. Neither where you were paid or anything about it?—No; in fact I could scarcely walk about.

4505. Where had you been drinking?—Several public houses.

4506. Who treated you?—I treated myself.

4507. You paid for all you had?—All I got.

4508. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When you voted for Edwards and Glover did you receive any money?—No.

4509. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is this the only money you received?—Yes.

4510. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where did you receive the 1*l.*?—At the "Cross Keys."

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4511. Were you drunk when you received the 1*l.*?—At the Mechanics', do you mean?

4512. Yes?—No, sir.

4513. Was that earlier in the day?—It would be about two o'clock.

4514. The same day?—The nomination day.

4515. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You do not say whether it was Kemplay who paid you?—I could not swear.

4516. Drunk as you were, you pledge your oath you saw Kemplay there?—Yes.

4517. If you remember seeing Kemplay there, why cannot you remember who paid you?—I saw several there.

4518. You have sworn you saw Kemplay?—Yes.

4519. That was before you told us you were drunk you swore that?—(*No answer.*)

4520. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In this case we are not very well satisfied with the mode in which the evidence has been given, and we reserve the question of costs.

E. Christian.

EDWARD CHRISTIAN sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

4521. Are you a freeman?—No.

4522. Are you an occupier and voter?—I am a borough voter.

4523. How long have you been a parliamentary voter?—This last time was the first time.

4524. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—I voted for the Conservatives.

4525. For Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

4526. Have you received any money on any consideration for that?—I received 15*s.* at the municipal election.

4527. What time of the day?—I received a part in the forenoon, 10*s.*, and 5*s.* some time during the afternoon.

4428. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Richmond.

4529. Had you any understanding with Mr. Richmond, or anybody else, what you were to receive for voting at the municipal?—No.

4530. Had you polled before you knew what you were to get?—I received 10*s.* before I did vote, and 5*s.* after I had voted.

4531. From Richmond?—I did not receive the 5*s.* from him.

4532. Had there been any conversation between Mr. Richmond and yourself as to your voting?—Not a word; I never saw him after.

4533. But when he gave you the 10*s.*?—Any conversation respecting my vote?

4534. Yes?—No.

4535. What did he say?—When he gave me the 10*s.* he made a remark, that that was all the change he had, or he wanted more change, or something of that sort. I don't exactly remember.

4536. And then?—Then I went with him to poll.

4537. Who gave you the 5*s.*?—He gave it to my wife.

4538. The same evening?—The same evening.

4539. What are you?—A tailor by trade.

4540. The 15*s.* you received at the municipal election, did you consider it was given to you in any way to influence you to vote for the parliamentary?—I do not think it was given with that intention, because my principles were so well known to Mr. Richmond.

4541. You do not think it was?—I don't think it was. It did not influence me in the least.

4542. The next question I am going to ask you is this, Had it any influence upon your mind in procuring your vote for Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Kennard?—Not the least, I should have voted for Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard had I not received one farthing.

4543. Then you did not receive it as a bribe?—I did not.

T. Johnson.

THOMAS JOHNSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

4544. Are you a freeman?—No.

4545. An occupier?—Yes.

4546. How long have you been an occupier?—Ten years.

4547. Have you voted at any parliamentary election except the last?—No.

4548. How did you vote at the last municipal election?—With the Tories.

4549. In St. Mary's ward, I think?—Yes.

4550. And at the parliamentary election for whom did you vote?—Liberals.

4551. Did you get anything for voting at the municipal election?—Half a sovereign.

4552. Anything more?—No.

4553. Only half a sovereign; where did you get that?—At the Golden Ball.

4554. Not Mrs. Padget's?—No.

4555. Who paid you?—Mr. Watson, the auctioneer.

4556. What time in the day was this?—I think it would be somewhere about half-past one.

4557. Your voting papers were filled up at Mrs. Padget's?—Yes.

4558. Whom did you see there?—I saw Robert Skinn; he signed it.

4559. Anyone else?—Yes; Thomas McCoy, Francis Burrell, and Ben Moore.

4560. First of all, who is Robert Skinn?—He is Mr. Skinn's son that was a butcher; he was with his father when he had the shop.

4561. He was a butcher?—Yes.

4562. And who is McCoy?—He is a lawyer's clerk.

4563. Whose clerk?—Lawyer Bainton's; I am not certain, but I think he is.

4564. And who is Burrell?—An innkeeper in Hengate.

4565. Who is Moore?—He is a potter.

4566. Have you ever voted before at municipal elections?—Yes, once.

4567. Were you paid?—No.

4568. This is the only time you have been paid?—Yes.

H. Hague.

HENRY HAGUE sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

4569. Are you a freeman?—No.

4570. An occupier?—Yes.

4571. How long have you been a voter?—Only one year.

4572. For the town council as well as the parliamentary?—Yes.

4573. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

4574. What o'clock did you vote?—It would be near upon two; between one and two.

4575. Which side did you vote?—The Conservative.

4576. And which side did you vote for the parliamentary?—For the Conservative.

4577 Did Mr. Lowther come to you before the municipal election?—Yes.

4578. What did he say to you?—He solicited my vote.

4579. Did he say anything to you about what you were to get for your vote?—No.

4580. Did he say anything about your being paid for your vote?—He told me if there was anything to get I should get the same as the rest.

4581. Did you get the same as the rest?—I am not certain of that.

4582. Did you get anything?—Yes.

4583. Who gave it you?—I am not quite certain as to who gave it me, I don't know the man; I have not been in Beverley long; I don't know the man perfectly.

4584. Where did you get in?—At the "Golden Ball."

4585. Did Mr. Lowther take you to the "Golden Ball?"—Yes.

4586. After you voted or before ?—After I voted.

4587. Whereabouts in the "Golden Ball" did you get it ?—Upstairs.

4588. It was a man seated at a table ?—Yes.

4589. He gave you this money; what was it ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

4590. And after that you voted for the Conservatives ?—Before, sir.

4591. What did you understand the 17*s.* 6*d.* was given for ?—For voting for the municipal election. As I was not a voter before, I expected it was for the municipal election; that is all I knew.

4592. And that alone ?—That alone; that was all I knew. Being a stranger in Beverley, and not being a voter before, that was all I knew.

4593. Having got this money, you must have had some idea what it was for ?—Not the slightest.

4594. But people do not take 17*s.* 6*d.* without knowing what it was for ?—For voting, I expected, at the municipal election.

4595. That was at two o'clock in the afternoon ?—Between one and two.

4596. You knew the contest was over as far as the Liberals were concerned ?—I did not know anything at all about it.

4597. Had you heard the contest was over as far as the Liberals were concerned ?—I never asked nothing at all. I went right away and voted. I knew nothing at all about voting; I never voted before.

4598. What are you ?—A gardener.

4599. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you canvassed for the parliamentary election ?—By Sir Henry Edwards, and I believe Captain Kennard was with him also.

4600. Anybody else ?—I hardly know. There were three or four people. I did not notice them.

4601. Mr. Lowther ?—I think not.

4602. Where were you when you were canvassed ?—They came to me in the garden.

4603. You have a garden of your own ?—I have a garden of my own. They came to me in the garden, but I am not certain who were there.

4604. A good number of gentlemen ?—I think four or five. I could not possibly say, for I really did not notice them.

4605. How many days before the election ?—Well, I am not certain about that.

4606. Did they come to you more than once ?—No more than once.

4607. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know Lowther by sight ?—Yes; he was not there. I think he was not there.

4608. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was it the end of that week that you voted at the municipal ?—I could not positively say, as I do not know.

4609. Was anything said to you about having got the money ?—Nothing at all.

4610. Was your name put down in a book ?—Not that I am aware of.

4611. You saw no book ?—I saw no book.

4612. Who had canvassed you for the municipal election ?—Lowther was one.

4613. How long had you known Lowther ?—I never knew him personally at all. I have seen him, and I have known him since the election.

4614. At that time you were not so friendly ?—No.

4615. You have a garden of your own ?—Only a small one, but I work for different people.

4616. You are employed for gentlemen about ?—Yes.

GEORGE SUMPTER sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

G. Sumpter.

4617. Are you a freeman, or a voter as an occupier ?—Not a freeman.

4618. When did you become a voter for your occupation ?—This last time.

4619. For whom did you vote ?—The crimson party.

4620. The Conservatives; are you sure ?—Yes.

4621. I am speaking of the parliamentary election ?—At the municipal election I voted for the crimson party.

4622. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary ?—The Liberals.

4623. Did you get anything for voting for the town councillors ?—Yes.

4624. What did you get ?—5*s.* the first time.

4625. Do you mean the first payment ?—Yes.

4626. Who gave you that ?—Robert Thirsk, at the old foundry works.

4627. Were you working there then ?—No.

4628. Where did he give you the 5*s.* ?—Outside the Golden Ball, on the flags.

4629. On the morning of the day, I suppose ?—About one o'clock it would be.

4630. And when did you get the other 10*s.* ?—I met a man they called Vernom, who said if I would give him 2*s.* 6*d.* he would go up and get me some more, and I did.

4631. You gave Vernom 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

4632. How much more did he go and fetch you ?—10*s.*

4633. So that in reality you got 12*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

4634. Did Thirsk say anything to you ?—He said he gave me that out of his own pocket, and he would see if he could get any more.

4635. Did he say anything about the Liberals ?—No, he never said a word.

4636. Did not he say the Liberals were done up ?—He did not say it.

4637. Who said it ?—The man I was working with, James Thirsk, he said so.

4638. When did he say that; before you voted ?—Yes, before I voted.

4639. You have never received any money before, and knew nothing about the voting ?—No, never before.

4640. Did you understand at all that you received it as a means of inducing you to vote at the parliamentary election ?—Yes, I thought it was meant for that.

4641. You told me something about giving this man Vernom 2*s.* 6*d.* out of the 10*s.* Did you see him again after you had voted for the parliamentary ?—Yes.

4642. Did you see him to have any conversation with him ?—I just passed him; he said I was a turncoat; I had got their money and had not voted for them.

4643. What did you say ?—I said I did not never intend it.

4644. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you any drink with Vernom on the municipal day ?—We had a glass of rum apiece.

4645. How was Vernom at the time ?—He did not seem worse for drink; he had had a sup before we had ours, I think.

4646. After he had the rum I suppose he was pretty well on ?—I left him; I came home.

4647. You cannot say how he was after that ?—He had had some, but he did not take a deal.

4648. Where was it you saw Vernom after the parliamentary election ?—Against Mr. Marshall's druggist shop, just at the Post Office Square.

4649. What time of day ?—It would be about eight o'clock at night.

4650. How was he for drink then, quite sober ?—He did not seem to have had anything for drink then.

4651. Was anyone by when he spoke to you ?—No, he was going on one side, and me on the other.

4652. The opposite side of the street ?—Yes.

4653. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) At that time when you say he had a sup, did he know what he was about ?—Yes, he knew what he was doing, because he was going in and out fetching the voters.

4654. What time was that ?—It would be about half-past one when he took me up. It was one when I went to vote, and half-past when I went up.

Adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock.

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FOURTH DAY.
J. Dalton.
27 Aug. 1869.

JOHN DALTON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

4655. Are you a voter?—Yes, I am a freeman.

4656. How long have you been a freeman?—Four years.

4657. How often have you voted at the parliamentary election?—Once.

4658. The last time?—Yes, the last time.

4659. How did you vote?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

4660. Did you ever vote at the municipal election?—No.

4661. You never voted for town councillors?—No.

4662. Were you employed during the election for town councillors?—I was a poll clerk.

4663. To which ward?—The Minster ward, there were two wards.

4664. There were two wards?—Yes.

4665. Saint Mary and Minster wards?—Yes.

4666. I believe there were three vacancies in each. I wish to have it correctly on my note. That was so, three vacancies in each?—Yes.

4667. And you were a voter?—Yes.

4668. How many candidates put up? There were six candidates for each ward, were there not?—Yes, and three got in.

4669. And three on one side of politics and three on the other?—Yes.

4670. Were there six Conservatives elected, three in each ward?—Yes, they all got in.

4671. There was afterwards, on the 9th of November (I do not think I have got it on my note or my friends), three aldermen elected?—Yes.

4672. Three aldermen were elected you say?—Yes, but I don't think I can give you their names.

4673. We do not wish you to mention the names, we only wish you as to this to mention the fact. On which side were you engaged?—On the Liberal side.

4674. Had you papers like these in your hand; are these (*showing some papers to the witness*) the ones you had? Is your writing there?—Yes, that is my writing.

4675. Well, keep it in your hand. Have you posted on that the number who voted for the Conservatives and the Liberals. How many altogether voted in the ward on the roll?—On the roll I had over 900, that is, voters for the ward.

4676. Persons who might have voted on that occasion?—Yes.

4677. How many did vote?—The Conservatives 550 or thereabouts, the Liberals 250 or thereabouts, perhaps 250.

4678. The Conservatives polled how many?—550 or 560. I will not be sure,

4679. That was the whole of the poll?—Yes, that was the poll at the close.

4680. You remained till 4 o'clock, the close of the poll?—Yes.

4681. And the Liberals polled what?—About 250.

4682. Can you tell me by looking at those papers at what time the Liberals gave up polling, or did they give up; I am not saying they did?—I cannot tell by this here. I could not tell by the slips, for we sent them away as they were filled. A messenger came for them, but it was about 11 o'clock as I understood in the room.

4683. You were there?—Yes.

4684. Did many come to poll on the part of the Liberals after 11 o'clock?—No.

4685. I suppose some did?—A few.

4686. Can you tell me at that time the number which had polled, you need not give it me to a unite, but at 11 how did the poll stand with regard to Liberals and Conservatives?—About 11 o'clock they would stand at 350 to 150.

4687. And what the Liberals polled after 11 would be about 100?—During the afternoon, yes.

4688–9. And the Conservatives about 250?—Yes.

4690. Was the Conservative poll practically kept open all the day, that is, till 4 o'clock?—Yes, I might say all the time up to 4 o'clock.

4691. When I say practically I mean though voters came in they came slowly; did voters come in up to 4 o'clock?—Yes.

4692. What was the hour at which the polling was quickest, briskest?—From about 11 until half-past 1 we were very busy indeed, we were very busy up to that time.

4693. Who was the presiding alderman in the Minster ward?—Mr. Collison.

4694. You were there as a poll clerk?—Yes.

4695. Was it known in the polling booth that money was going for votes?—Yes.

4696. Was the figure at all mentioned, did it come to the knowledge of the polling clerks what the figure was, the sum?—I heard they were giving a sovereign.

4697. You heard that while you were at your work as a polling clerk?—Yes.

4698. While you were at your work?—Yes, I heard it spoken in the room.

4699. And in the hearing of the polling clerk on the other side?—Yes.

4700. And the alderman presiding, did he hear it?—Yes.

4701. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was it said that money was going on both sides?—Yes, that was said that money was going on both sides; it was said in the morning.

4702. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you know it was a punishable offence. I do not say a word against you, but did the alderman who presided and the other men know it was punishable offence to be bribing?—Yes, certainly.

4703. You did?—Yes.

4704. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You answered a question put by my friend that the Conservatives voted till four?—Yes.

4705. Did not the Liberals also keep on polling?—They were obliged to do so; one in every half hour.

4706. I don't know about that, but at 11.45 were not the Conservatives 450, and the Liberals 170?—That would be the number.

4707. At 4 o'clock of the poll Conservatives 550 and the Liberals 216?—Yes.

4708. Then 46 persons must have polled for the Liberals between a quarter to 12 and 4 o'clock?—Yes.

4709. That is so?—Yes.

4710. That is rather more than one in half an hour?—Some half a dozen might come in and poll; they were obliged to keep on polling supposing they kept it open till the time of closing.

4711. I don't know that they were obliged to do so, but, be that as it may, they went on polling; substantially they kept it open till that time?—They would only poll one in half an hour, not above one.

4712. They were obliged to poll, did you say?—I understood one in half an hour.

4713. During the time from 11.45 to 4 o'clock the

Liberals had polled 46, and the Conservatives were in all 550. The numbers I extracted from your evidence before was this, that at a quarter to 12 the Conservatives were 450, and at the close of the poll 550; you have said so just now, I do not know whether you understood me?—Yes.

4714. That is so?—If that is in what I have given it will be correct.

4715. It is down here?—Of course I cannot remember the numbers, it is not likely.

4716. No, it is about the time, and you cannot tell me any period of the day at which the proportion of the Liberals polled bore so large a number to the proportion of Conservatives, that is between these times?—The proportion?

4717. Was there any portion of the day except these four hours in which they did not poll more than two to one?—The highest and briskest time was from 11 till a quarter past 1, we had plenty of work to get all the names down.

4718. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You have not got the exact numbers?—I have not got them here, there were slips every half hour.

4719. (*Mr. Barstow.*) After what I have said to you do you mean to say the Liberals had substantially closed the election?—Yes, it was commonly reported so in the room.

4720. Commonly reported so; but you are the poll clerk, and have nothing to do with reports?—It was said in the room they had retired.

4721. But did they retire?—I kept the poll open in my room until 4 o'clock.

4722. And from a quarter to 12 until 4 46 Liberals polled?—Yes, that would be about right, no doubt.

The witness withdrew.

Luke Hind sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

L. Hind.

4723. Were you examined before Mr. Baron Martin?—No.

4724. Are you a voter for the borough of Beverley?—Yes.

4725. A freeman?—Yes.

4726. How did you vote at the last borough election?—For the Liberals.

4727. Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

4728. I presume you have always voted so?—Yes.

4729. You have always voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

4730. You were a poll clerk in St. Mary's Ward?—Yes.

4731. And you were a poll clerk at the last municipal election?—Yes.

4732. In St. Mary's Ward I think you said?—Yes.

4733. Can you give us any details of the voting at particular times of the day?—Yes.

4734. What time did you first poll; do you understand my question; can you give us the different states of the poll at different times of the day?—No, I sent the slips away, a messenger took them away, and I did not add them up.

4735. Who was the presiding alderman in your ward?—Mr. Cussons.

4736. Did a man of the name of Sugden vote in your ward?—I think he would not in my ward, but I am not quite sure. I think he voted in the other ward.

4737. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You sent the slips away to the committee room of the party who employed you?—Yes, I sent the slips by a messenger to the committee room.

4738. The Liberal committee room?—I do not know where.

4739. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you tell me the state of the poll at 1 o'clock?—It is some months ago, and I really cannot at this moment, but I know this that at 1 o'clock the Conservatives had polled a great many ahead.

4740. How many ahead had they polled?—A hundred at all events.

4741. I believe the poll was kept open till 4 o'clock?—Yes, the poll was kept open till 4.

4742. Was the majority much increased at the close of the poll?—The poll was practically over at 2 o'clock, but odd ones came in to poll after that.

4743. Was it over on both sides at 2 o'clock?—Yes.

4744. May I ask you whether that is generally the case at municipal elections?—In that ward it is generally over before the other one, it is only about half the size, but it was over much quicker that day than I ever remember to have known.

4745. I see that was so, St. Mary's Ward, 524?—Yes, but nothing like that polled.

4746. And it is generally over by 2 o'clock, you say?—It was on the last occasion, but not always.

4747. It is a matter within your knowledge, that the poll slackens after a certain time?—Yes, on past occasions, that is the run generally speaking, it is the order here.

4748. And after that there is not much going on?—No.

4749. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You knew the numbers at the close of the poll?—Yes, I had them at the time, but I have not seen them since.

4750–1. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Perhaps, Mr. Hind, you will supply us with the numbers at the end of the poll. (*A paper was put into the witness's hand.*)

(*Witness, reading.*) Norfolk, 290; Bainton, 296; and Whitton, 295.

4752. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now the others, the Liberals?—This is the Conservative: on the other side, Dr. Brereton, 129; Hind, 129; and Mr. Westerby, 131.

4753. You have some slips in your hand?—Yes.

4754. Have you seen them before?—Yes, they are in my handwriting.

4755. Can you tell us what the numbers were at 1 o'clock that day?—Between 12 and 1.

4756. Yes?—No, I cannot, for I did not make any memorandum at the time, I just filled them up and sent them away. I did not even cast them up at the bottom.

4757. May we take it generally that the polling after 2 o'clock was pretty flat, the same as is stated as to St. Mary's Ward on that occasion?—No, on previous occasions sometimes the polling would be very slack for the first hour or two, very slack indeed.

4758. Generally the polling is very slack the first hour or two?—Yes, and would not commence till about 1, but on this occasion it was different.

4759. Did you vote as a poll clerk, I think so?—Yes, I voted, and voted early.

4760. The poll then in fact does not commonly become severe till 1?—I mean on previous occasions, the fact is the workmen leave for their dinners and then they make a rush after they have satisfied their appetites by swallowing their dinners.

4761. At what time does the rush commence?—It is from 12 to 2.

4762. Then from 12 till 2 is generally the run, that is the briskest time?—Yes, previous to this time.

4763. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) We understand that.

4764. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And from 2 till 4, until the close of the poll, it is generally slack?—Yes. Previous to the last a good few will vote till 4; I have known a good many vote the last hour.

4765. I suppose I may take it generally, it is from, a quarter past 12 till 2 the poll is at the quickest, and slackens from 2 to 4?—I never saw anything like this last election, generally it would be from 2 to 4.

4766. What has been the case from 2 to 4 on elections previous to 1868?—The bulk of the polling comes.

4767. From 12 to 20 minutes past the bulk of the men go back to their work?—Yes.

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L. Hind.

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4768. But there are others not tied that way who come up and poll till 4 ?—Yes.

4769. Answer this question—previous to 1868 was the polling slack or not from 2 till 4 ?—It was slack for the bulk had polled, but the odd ones came up from 2 to 4.

4770. How was it on this occasion in 1868 ?—They came with a rush from the beginning, there was strong running from 9 when the poll opened.

4771. A strong rush on both sides ?—Yes, both parties came up pretty well, but the Liberals were soon beaten ; outnumbered.

4772. Well, go on ; how long did the rush continue ?—The rush continued up to 12.

4773. Go on and tell us about it ?—It was pretty smart up to that time but did not continue to be so strong as it was before, but many polled after 12.

4774. It continued pretty smart voting up to what time ?—It was pretty smart voting up to 1 o'clock and then they only came at intervals.

4775. After 1 it was slack ?—It was slack till 4 ; several came up to vote then.

4776. Does this description you have just given us apply to both sides ?—No, for very few voted for the Liberals after that time, considerably more voted for the other side.

4777. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) After what ?—After one.

4778. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was anything said in the hall about money going ?—Yes, there was no secret about it.

4779. On both sides ?—Yes, it was talked of, that is by parties in the room.

4780. And you understood that money was given ?—I heard there was money being given outside. I believe men paid money on the outside, but the money was not given by people on my own side.

4781. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) As a witness here you have no sides.

4782. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How long have you been a freeman ?—25 years.

4783. What was the first election at which you voted ?—The year '65. I left Beverley when I was just 21, and I remained away from the year '45 till the year '64. I was with Messrs. Leeman and Clark at York for 16 years.

4784. Keane's election as you call it was the first you voted at ?—Yes, it was.

4785. Did you take an active part ?—Yes.

4786. Did you know anything about what we have been told went on at the Mechanics' Hall ?—No, I only got home last night, I saw it in the papers.

4787. Do you know anything that took place in the Mechanics' Hall at Keane's election ?—I was not in the Mechanics' Hall.

4788. Where were you ?—At my own house.

4789. The whole time ?—Yes.

4790. Do you know anything about money being spent at Keane's election ?—I know nothing about it.

4791. Nothing in anyway ?—I believe there was messenger money given, nothing else.

4792. What do you call messenger money ?—It was the old system in Beverley, 2*l.* for a whole vote, and a 1*l.* for half a vote, that was the system in existence till Sir Henry Edwards came to Beverley in '57.

4793. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What do you say, that was the system ?—Up to 1857.

4794. I want your answer ?—I said I came to the election from York. I was at all the elections except the one in '59, when Mr. Walters was returned at the head of the poll.

4795. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You could not vote being so far away ?—I was at York ; in fact I may say it is my native place.

4796. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were your words, That was the system up to 1857 ?—Yes, a 1*l.* a man for half a vote, and 2*l.* for a whole vote, if you got his entire support. You know we returned two members.

4797. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was called messenger money ?—Yes.

4798. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is all the money you know about ?—About what.

4799. That is all the money you know about, this messenger money ?—That is all I know about it.

4800. Had you ever anything to do with distributing it ?—Never.

4801. Can you tell us who had ?—No.

4802. How do you know this messenger money had been given ?—By general observation, and it is well known in the town ; there have been petitions up to London and I have seen the blue books.

4803. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That prevailed on both sides ?—Yes.

4804. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Has the system been changed since 1857 ?—It has.

4805. What system prevails now ?—Well in '65, for instance, we knew that they went beyond the 2*l.*

4806. ((*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who do you mean by they ?—I mean the Conservatives, Edwards and Sykes. I used it short.

4807. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In 1865 you say, We knew that the Conservatives gave money ?—We did.

4808. Now first let me ask you how you knew that ?—Because I assisted the gentleman down from London to collect evidence. There was a petition on that occasion against Edwards and Sykes in '65.

4809. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It did not go on ?—It was a petition against their return.

4810. But it did not go on ?—No.

4811. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you tell us how it came not to go on ?—It happened in this way, that at that time there was very great danger of disfranchisement.

4812. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How do you know this : from whom did you collect the evidence from which you concluded that the Conservatives gave money ?—From various parties.

4813. I suppose you know their names ?—The gentleman knew, Mr. Mill, he asked them ; he was down from London.

4814. Various parties have names, we want to know the names ?—He has them, he has them in London.

4815. You remember them. You are a Beverley man ?—I have some minutes somewhere.

4816. You have a minute in your head ?—Not since '65.

4817. You remember them ?—I could not this moment. I did not know I was going to give evidence till I was here.

4818. So much the better ?—I will give the truth as far as I can.

4819. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Yes, the Commissioners believe that.

4820. (*Mr. Barstow.*) But there is no merit to a witness in his speaking the truth ?—But I am asked a matter which occurred more than four years ago.

4821. I am asking you the names ?—I have no doubt I can give you the names if you give me the opportunity when I get back to find the minutes.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien said that the witness should have an opportunity of furnishing the names.

4822. (*The witness.*) I want to be correct. I think it would be a serious matter if I were to say A.B. was bribed on that occasion, and I was wrong in the name.

4823. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you give us the names to-day ?—I think I can do so from my paper.

4824. From memoranda in Beverley ?—I think I have some returns, and I think I can find them.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien observed that the more the witness brought the more thankful the Commissioners would be.

The *witness* said he would make a very diligent search.

4825. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I will ask you, however, one question more about this. You remember this, I daresay. What sum was it said the Conservatives

were giving, then, in '65?—One man he got 2*l.* at one Tory bribing shop, 2*l.* at another, and 3*l.* at another, making in the aggregate 7*l.* I can remember that very distinctly.

4826. Do you know nothing of money payments on your own side, the Liberal side?—In 1865 nothing, except common report.

4827. You had nothing to do with the management?—No.

4828. And you never took anyone to be bribed or anything of the kind?—No, I took no one to be bribed.

4829. Had you anything to do with paying the money?—No.

4830. Now, at these other elections at which you were here. I will take the first. Were you here at Gridley's election, Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

4831. Did you take an active part in that?—Yes.

4832. Had you anything to do with paying any person then?—No.

4833. There was money going on both sides, we have reason to believe; is that so?—I have heard so, indeed, on the day. I only came I think a day or two before the elections, and I merely acted as an agent at the poll.

4834. That was all you did?—Yes.

4835. Now in this election of 1865 could you speak of the state of the town; were there open houses?—Yes, oh yes!

4836. Open houses on both sides?—Yes.

4837. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Treating?—Yes, no doubt of it. I saw men coming out drunk out of several places.

4838. (*Mr Barstow.*) Please mention some of the houses?—The "Dog and Duck" inn for one place, and the "Lion and Lamb" for another.

4839. Where is the "Dog and Duck"?—It is in Ladygate just near the Market Place.

4840. Was it a Conservative house or a Liberal house?—Yes, a Conservative.

4841. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The other was the "Lion and Lamb"?—The "Lion and Lamb."

4842. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where is that?—In Ladygate, a bit further up.

4843. Is that a Conservative house too?—Yes, in the same street.

4844. Any other?—The "Queen's Head" in the Wednesday market.

4845. Is that a Conservative house?—Yes.

4846. Any other?—The "Golden Ball," Toll Gavel.

4847. That of course was a Conservative house?—Yes.

4848. Any other?—I saw men coming drunk out of the "Green Dragon" in the Market Place.

4849. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You mean the day of the election?—Yes, the parliamentary election.

4850. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was that also a Conservative house?—Yes.

4851. Now exhaust the Conservative houses first. Any other?—The "Cross Keys." They all lie in ——.

4852. Where is that?—In Lairgate. They all lie near the Market Place, except the "Queen's Head."

4853. Any other? We have got six.—No, I think not; I did not go beyond that radius. I did not go to the outside.

4854. Now then, on your own side, on the Liberal side?—I do not know of any house that was open.

4855. You do not know any house that was open on the Liberal side?—You mean the last election?

4856. No, I am speaking of '65—Oh yes! '65, Keanes.

4857. Does what you have been telling us apply to Keane's election?—Yes, that is Keane's.

4858. I asked you about it?—Yes.

4859. Were any houses opened in Keane's interest?—No, the election was turned adrift on his behalf about 9 o'clock.

4860. Then there were no houses open at all?—Not that I know of.

4861. Houses are opened before the election, before the polling day generally?—Yes.

4862. Then none were open on Keane's side?—I do not know one.

4863. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You do not say there were none?—I am certain.

4864. Do not say you are certain?—I am satisfied there were none opened for Mr. Keane.

4865. (*Mr. Barstow.*) No doubt we shall hear all about that. How did you tell these houses were open? Were there crimson placards in the windows and flags?—There were a few flags, but not generally.

4866. But these houses, the "Dog and Duck," and "Lion and Lamb," and the rest?—I do not think they had.

4867. They were not placarded?—I think not.

4868. How do you know they were open?—I speak as to seeing men going in and out in a state of drink.

4869. Perhaps you may see that any day?—No, you cannot any day. No, Beverley is not so bad as that; it is very quiet all other occasions except election time.

4870. The only sign that you had that they were open was seeing men going in and out?—In and out; in fact those five or six houses I have mentioned were used on the last occasion too They are well-known houses.

4871. Were they open in '68?—Yes. Except I made a mistake with regard to the "Queen's Head," they were all, except the "Queen's Head," in '65 and '68. I made a mistake as to the "Queen's Head." He voted for us before, but they got hold of him at the last election, on the last occasion; but he is at the Old Foundry, I suppose that is the solution.

4872. Then the "Queen's Head" is to be struck ont of '65?—Yes.

4873. All the other houses were open in '68?—Yes.

4874. In '65 and '68 these houses were open?—Yes.

4875. You saw men go in and out; did you know any of the men?—Generally they were freemen and others.

4876. You knew they were freemen?—We know them pretty well in the town, a certain class.

4877. The men you saw go in and out were voters, were they?—Oh yes.

4878. Can you give any names?—No.

4879. Now was the same sort of thing going on in 1860 for Walker and Gridley?—Yes; at all events it was reported at the time that there was bribery and treating.

4880. Did you see anything of either?—No, whatever it was I did not mix up with it.

4881. Did you see anything? You went about the town, I suppose; you were actively engaged in these elections?—I was in the committee room, preparing the circulars and superintending all the work in the committee room, sending out circulars and attending to the register.

4882. You did not come all the way from York from Leeman's office for nothing?—I went into the committee room. I was preparing those circulars, and preparing for the polls and processions, there was a great deal of work to do within doors I can tell you.

4883. How came you, if you were indoors, to see these houses opened?—We went about. I did not stick there from morning till night, after a certain period of the night, about 7 or 8, like all other people, we wanted a little bit of leisure, and I got out in the town in the evening; that is the best time to get out I can tell you.

4884. When you had your holiday you saw these people going in and out of the houses?—Yes, and there are a hundred people will tell you the same thing; the thing is open enough; there is no secret about it.

4885. In 1860 you did not avail yourself of this opportunity of going about and looking at the houses?—I walked about the town.

4886. Did you see the same thing going on then?—I believe there was treating at that election.

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4887. I want to know what you saw yourself; you told us there was a report of bribery and treating?—It was from the appearance of drunken men coming out of public houses, and I knew there was several characters who would not drink at their own expense.

4888. Those drunken men were voters, were they?—Yes.

4889. You saw drunken men coming out of houses?—Yes.

4890. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Men who were not likely to spend their own money?—Yes.

4891. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were not here before this election, were you, in '59?—No.

4892. The next we come to is the election of 1857, Major Edwards and Wells, I am sure you will have something to tell us about that?—I was here on that occasion.

4893. Do you know anything about money going then personally?—Certainly, it was paid in the public streets, there was no disguise about that.

4894. You yourself had nothing to do in that?—Not a penny.

4895. You saw the money paid in the public streets?—I saw it with my own eyes on the part of Mr. Edwards.

4896. That must have made some impression upon you. Who did you see pay money?—If you will allow me, in the square. I saw something mentioned about the square yesterday. Wells's committee room was there, I had charge of the committee room and I was standing in the committee room doorway in the morning; it was some time in the morning, I could not say to any hour. Henry Johnson I saw pay a man, he counted four sovereigns into his hands.

4897. You saw the money?—I saw the money.

4898. You saw it was four sovereigns?—Yes, he was as near as that, and Sir Henry Edwards was not 10 yards off.

4899. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was it a voter. Did he give the money to a man who had a vote?—Oh yes, and he took him to poll. I could see the polling booth, and he had Wells's card in his hat at the same time.

4900. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You saw Henry Johnson pay a man, who was the man?—I cannot tell you the name of the man.

4901. Who is Henry Johnson, by-the-bye?—He is a spirit merchant in the town, a very active man.

4902. He is alive now I suppose?—Yes, he is alive now.

4903. He lives in the town?—Yes.

4904. What is Henry Johnson's address?—Ladygate.

4905. Now, anyone else did you see paid?—I did not see him paid, but I saw him take up Andrew Pickard in a state of beastly intoxication, and he had Wells' card in his hat.

4906. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You did not see him paid?—No.

4907. Is Pickard here now?—He is in the town.

4908. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you see anybody else paid?—No; those two circumstances are impressed on my mind; those two things I remember very distinctly.

4909. Is that all you can tell us?—Just at this time.

4910. Have you any memoranda about that election?—I think I have.

4911. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you here at the other election of 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

4912. What did you do on that election?—I did not see any money paid, but I saw men brought up in cabs intoxicated. I saw Harold Barkworth the banker bring up a man intoxicated. I think it was John Lockwood Hague.

4913. That was Denison's election?—Yes, Denison, Wells, and Glover.

4914. Were you concerned at all for Denison?—Just acting as agent, the same as Gridley.

4915. Am I right in saying Mr. Leeman acted as agent?—I think his clerk was here.

4916. You know whether Leeman conducted his election for him?—Yes. I really did the work. I was brought to do the work.

4917. Did he conduct Wells's election too?—Wells and Edwards—in '57 it would be?

4918. Yes?—Let me see, I think Mr. Clark came, his partner.

4919. Then I suppose Mr. Leeman conducted that also?—Well, the office.

4920. You know what I mean?—Yes.

4921. Who conducted Walker's election?—I do not know; I was engaged at York trying to get two Liberals there.

4922. Walker and Gridley's, who conducted Gridley's election?—Mr. Clark was here.

4923. That was Mr. Leeman, too, your employer?—I do not think Mr. Leeman was here after the election of Gordon and Hastings.

4924. What I mean is Mr. Leeman's office, his firm, had the retainer to conduct the election?—I suppose you may put it in that way; they were engaged in some way, but whether by retainer I cannot speak.

4925. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am afraid Mr. Clark is dead?—He is dead; he died since I left York in '64, I am sorry to say.

4926. How many were brought up in a state of intoxication to poll; did you see drunken men brought up to the poll in 1857?—A great deal of drunkenness.

4927. You say a banker in this town brought up a drunken man to poll?—That was the election of Denison and Wells. They call him John Lockwood Hague. He was a lawyer's clerk, I think.

4928. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You said a Mr. Barkworth you saw take him to the poll?—Yes; the man was drunk; he was in the cab with him when he came to the poll.

4929. Barkworth took him to the poll?—Yes, I saw him with my own eyes on the hustings acting as poll agent.

4930. Can you tell us anything else about what took place at Denison's election?—Denison and Wells. I know it was a pure election on the part of the Liberals.

4931. There was nothing spent on Denison's side?—I do not think one penny; indeed, it was always well known in the town from that time to this that a 5*l.* note would have secured Wells's election.

4932. Then in 1854 Gordon and Hastings were the candidates, do you know anything about that?—Yes.

4933. You were here then?—Yes.

4934. On Mr. Gordon's behalf or Mr. Hastings?—I do not think there was any bribery or treating nor anything else.

4935. I should think not, very few people polled in comparison on Gordon's election.—Short of 500 for Gordon.

4936. And short of 200 for Hastings?—Yes.

4937. Do you remember the election of 1852?—If you will mention the names.

4938. Lawley, Wells, and Glover?—Yes, I recollect that election.

4939. Were you here on Lawley's election?—Yes.

4940. That was a pure election, was it?—As far as I know.

4941. Were you concerned as Leeman's clerk?—Yes, I was engaged in the committee room, and that as poll agent on the day.

4942. Was Mr. Leeman conducting it?—Yes, he was solicitor for the Lawley family.

4943. You do not know whether any money was spent by Lawley on that occasion?—No, I was very much surprised when I read the evidence of yesterday that a man said he got 3*l.* I never heard of any. It was the first I heard of it.

4944. Your experience goes no higher than 1847;

Fox, Towneley, and Goldsmid?—Yes, I was there that election.

4945. Any money going then?—No doubt of it.

4946. On both sides?—Yes, I have no doubt of that, 1*l.* and 2*l.* on both sides. I think they fought an even game in that respect.

4947. Do you recollect 1841?—That would be Towneley's first election?

4948. Yes.—That was a tremendous time. They got 1*l.* and 1*l.* 10*s.* a day. They were paid each day for so many days.

4949. Two have told us they have got 12*l.*?—I think the bribery in that case was on the same principle.

4950. When you say it was a tremendous time, they bribed on both sides as high as they could?—I mean the election lasted 14 days, and they got 1*l.* a man a day. I mean there was a large amount spent on both sides.

4951. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you know Mr. Towneley?—Yes.

4952. Where does he live?—I think he is resident in London. He is of the family of Towneley Park. I think he resides in London. Of course he has had no connexion with the town since There are parties in the town who will know his residence. He was here at the agricultural show, I believe.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

4953. I want to ask you one or two questions. First of all as to the polling at the last municipal election. You described the course of polling that fell under your observation. I take it that you said that the polling was practically over at 2 o'clock?—In St. Mary's Ward, yes.

4954–6. Does that mean that both parties gave up at that time?—No, one polled up to 4 o'clock.

4957. Yes, but I mean that both parties practically ceased at that time to vote?—Yes, before.

4958. Did either party give up sooner than the other?—Yes, the Liberal party gave up. Why I had a note at half-past 10 to say the Liberals had retired in both wards.

4959. At half-past 10?—Yes.

4960. You had a note to say so?—Yes, I had a note sent.

4961. A note sent from whom?—I think it was from my brother.

4962. What had he to do in the matter, was he a candidate?—Yes, he was a candidate for the St. Mary's Ward.

4963. And you received notice that the Liberals had retired at half-past 10?—Yes, or it might be a little over.

4964. You mean that though a few came up after that time there was no great press after half-past 10?—Yes.

4965. You described what took place at former elections?—At 1867.

4966. Yes, or any earlier you can speak of?—I was in the Minster Ward on that occasion.

4967. You have said that at former elections it was generally slack from 2 till 4 but odd ones came up from 2 till 4 at former elections?—Yes.

4968. And I took it you said that the busiest time was between 12 and 2 at former elections?—Yes.

4969. Between 2 and 4 was it more or less busy than it was at the very early morning?—Prety much the same.

4970. In describing the practice of voting up to 1857, you said the usual thing was 1*l.* for half a vote, and 2*l.* for a whole vote, and that in 1857, a change took place, what was the change?—Larger amounts given for votes, 4*l.* and upwards.

4971. Then we will take the election in 1857, was that the first of these elections that the change took place?—The first election was when Mr. Glover stood and the second was when Mr. Edwards stood for the first time.

4972. Did the change take place at the first or the second?—On Edwards' first appearance.

4973. And did that high price for votes continue from that time until recently in the subsequent elections?—Yes.

4974. From that date till now?—Yes.

4975. That is all I have to ask on that, but now about the circumstance that fell under your own observation in the election of 1857. You said you saw Henry Johnson pay 4*l.* into a voter's hands?—Yes.

4976. And you said also that Sir Henry Edwards was not 10 yards off?—Yes, and I called his attention to it.

4677. And what did he say?—He had his face towards me and I said "Mr. Edwards, see the bribery there," and he turned back again, and then gave me a polite bow.

4978. Did he see the 4*l.* paid?—I have no doubt about it, he is quite quick enough to do that.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

4979. I want to ask you a little about the Liberals. Mr. Keane polled 493 votes at the last election in 1865?—Yes.

4980. In your judgment how many of these men received messenger money?—Of the 493.

4981. Yes?—I do not know.

4982. Did two-thirds receive the messenger money, about?—I should think so. I only speak from my judgment.

4983. And in your opinion at that time would it have been utterly useless for any man to canvass this borough unless he was provided with messenger money?—Just so.

4984. Whatever their principles were?—Just so. Indeed, I may say that at three or four municipal elections the Conservatives were allowed to walk over on that account.

4985. I want you to direct your attention to the Liberals. I ask you now as a gentleman who has had a great deal of experience and a man of intelligence, I ask you would it have been useless from Colonel Towneley's election to the last election to canvass Beverley, unless he was prepared to pay money?—Totally.

4986. Whatever were his politics?—Whatever the man was it did not matter what his station or rank in life was, he must have brought the money-bag with him.

4987. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were larger amounts paid in 1857 than were paid by Colonel Townley?—Not the sum total.

4988. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Not the sum total?—No, it was called messenger money after Towneley's election. So much a day.

4989. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were the prices paid by Major Edwards larger than by Towneley?—Not the sum total.[1] The highest I know was 7*l.* I have given you the case.

Robert Whitton sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

R. Whitton.

4990. Were you a candidate for the town council at the last election?—I was for the Minster Ward.

4991. What time did the Liberals retire in that ward?—I think previous to half-past 10. I was filling voting papers up in a shop at the corner of Well Lane, occupied by a man of the name of Holmes, and

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previous to half-past 10 Mr. Taylor came from Mr. Boyes, where they had been filling up papers, and I said "What have you been doing?" He said, "We "have been doing nothing." I said, "I have done "nothing for half an hour," and I shut up and went round to the Mechanics' Hall to see if they were doing anything there. I went home, and I did not go to vote even for my own party because I knew the case was hopeless.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

4992. Practically the Liberals retired at 10 o'clock?—Soon after; I think it was 25 minutes past 10 when Taylor came to me to say he was closed.

4993. Then you had done nothing for half an hour?—Yes.

4994. You said that Taylor came to you at half-past 10?—Yes.

4995. And you said you had been doing nothing for half an hour?—I did.

4996. Then practically you closed at 10 o'clock. Is it so?—I did nothing from 10 o'clock.

4997. Then practically you closed at 10 o'clock. Is it so? Now answer my question?—You may call it so if you like. I did not fill any paper up.

4998. You filled none after 10 o'clock?—I did not after 20 minutes after.

4999. How many voters were polled on your side from that time till 20 minutes past 10?—I know nothing at all about it.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

5000. Were they comparatively few?—When I saw that the case was hopeless I went home, and did not even vote for my own party.

5001. Do you know whether it was the same thing in the Minster Ward?—I understood so.

5002. What time do you know they retired there?—I was a candidate for the Minster Ward.

5003. And it was at the Minster Ward they retired at half-past 10?—Yes.

5004. And when do you think they retired at the other ward?—I do not know; I did not go.

5005. You are speaking of what happened in the Minster Ward, are you?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Grantham.

JOHN GRANTHAM sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

5006. Are you a voter?—Yes.

5007. Parliamentary?—Yes.

5008. And municipal?—Yes.

5009. Are you a freeman?—No.

5010. An occupier?—Yes.

5011. How long have you been a voter for the municipal election for the town council?—About four times altogether.

5012. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have voted about four times?—Yes.

5013. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you mean for the last four years you have been qualified?—No, about seven years I have been qualified.

5014. And have you a vote for the parliamentary?—Yes.

5015. How long have you been qualified for that?—Only this last time.

5016. Did you vote at the last municipal election for the town council?—Yes.

5017. Which way did you vote?—I voted for the Conservatives.

5018. Which ward was that?—St. Mary's.

5019. Which way did you vote at the Parliamentary?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

5020. What time in the day did you vote at the municipal election?—About half-past 9 as near as I can tell.

5021. That is the time you voted?—Yes, as near as I can tell.

5022. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

5023. What was it?—A sovereign.

5024. Who gave it you?—Mr. Nutchey.

5025. Did he give it you into your own hand?—Yes.

5026. What did he say it was for?—Only for voting for the municipal.

5027. Where did he give it you?—At Mrs. Padget's shop.

5028. Did you understand it was for anything else?—No, nothing else.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

5029. He gave it you in Mrs. Padget's shop?—Yes.

5030. Had you ever been paid before any money for voting?—Only once.

5031. How much did you get?—2*s.* 6*d.*

5032. Nothing was said when you got 1*l.*?—No.

5033. Did you tell him you had voted?—Yes.

5034. How came you to go and vote for the Conservatives?—I do not know I am sure.

5035. You do know?—I had voted for them once before.

5036. And were you paid beforehand?—No.

5037. You were paid after you had voted?—Yes.

5038. And you expected the money?—Yes.

5039. You did not expect 1*l.*?—I heard them talking in the market, a quantity of people talking.

5040. Saying that money was going?—Yes.

5041. Did they say how much?—Yes, I heard it mentioned in the street.

5042. What did you hear?—That we should get a sovereign from the Conservatives.

5043. For voting for that day?—Yes.

5044. Was anything said in your presence about the parliamentary election that was to come on?—Not at all, I never heard that mentioned.

5045. I take it it had no influence in getting the 1*l.* one way or the other?—Not as regards voting for the general election.

5046. I ask you do you think that if they thought you would have voted against them at the parliamentary election they would have given you 1*l.*?—I am sure I cannot say.

5047. Do you think they would, what is your impression. Supposing the thing was to come over again and that they knew that you were going to vote against them on the election that was to come on in a fortnight's time, do you think that they would have given you 1*l.*?—I cannot say that they would.

5048. Do you think they would?—I do not think they would.

The witness withdrew.

J. Tebb.

JOHN TEBB sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

5049. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—An occupier.

5050. How long have you been an occupier?—For about 10 or 11 years.

5051. How many parliamentary elections have you voted at?—One.

5052. Only one?—Yes.

5053. Then you voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

5054. How did you vote at the municipal?—For the Tories.

5055. What did you get?—1*l.*

5056. Who paid you?—David Nutchey.

5057. Where were you paid?—At Mrs. Padget's shop.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

5059. Did you see John Grantham there?—Yes, we both went together; we work together.

5060. And what was the 1*l.* for?—My vote I suppose.

5061. What vote?—The municipal vote.

5062. Anything else?—Not that I know of.

5063. Did you hear the last man's evidence?—Yes.

5064. Do you think they would have given you 1*l.* for you vote if it was only for the municipal election and you would go and vote for the other side at the general election?—I think they would on that occasion, because they meant to be in for the municipal election, and I believe it was for that election.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

5065. Have you ever voted before?—Yes, twice.

5066. What have you got then?—I have had 2*s.* 6*d.* before, and once nothing.

5067. When did you get 2*s.* 6*d.*?—The year before.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

5068. There is a great difference between 1*l.* and 2*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

5069. You must have had some opinion of your own as to what made your vote of so much more value?—I do not know.

5070. Were you not surprised to get 1*l.*?—Rather.

5071. What did you think it was for in your own mind?—I could not think any other than that it was for the present vote.

5072. You must have inquired to yourself why the price rose from 2*s.* 6*d.* to 1*l.* If an article is sold for eight times its value it surprises a man?—Yes, but you cannot tell the price here at an election.

5073. What was the largest price you ever got before?—2*s.* 6*d.*

5074. Then you got this time eight times what it was ever before?—Yes.

5075. You must have had some notion for what it was?—Yes.

5076. Do you think it had anything to do with the parliamentary?—No, not with me.

5077. Do you think that the person who gave it you had any intention about the parliamentary election?—I cannot say; I never heard them say that.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS EVANS, sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

T. Evans.

5078. What are you?—A boot and shoe maker.

5079. Did you take any part in the last municipal election?—I did.

5080. What did you do?—To get up voters to poll.

5081. For which side?—The Liberals.

5082. They began voting at what o'clock in the morning?—Nine o'clock.

5083. And from that time did the voting go on briskly?—Yes, pretty fair till about half-past 10 or so.

5084. On the Liberal side?—Yes, we got on pretty well till half-past 10.

5085. And what then?—Of course we heard from many parts that a very great deal of money was being given by the Tories and a few of the heads of the party met and decided it was no use going on any longer.

5086. Do you know who those parties were, the heads of the party?—Yes, Mr. Hind and Mr. Whitton was another, and there were several others that met outside the room.

5087. Were you at the meeting?—I was, it was a meeting just outside the room where the voting papers were being filled up for our party. A few met promiscuously.

5088. Who was at the meetings?—Mr. Hind and Mr. Whitton another of the candidates.

5089. And you were there?—Yes.

5090. And anybody else?—I believe Mr. Greenhough and Mr. Taylor.

5091. You were all of the Liberal party?—Yes.

5092. What took place?—We decided to retire.

5093. What o'clock was that?—It might be about half-past 10 or a quarter to 11.

5094. Was it later than a quarter to 11?—No, I think not.

5095. Then in consequence of that decision what did they do?—We refrained then from trying to get voters to vote for the Liberal party. I went home and ceased to bring up voters because I considered it was done.

5096. You ceased?—Yes, and some of the others did.

5097. We have been told that Liberal voters did come up after that?—No doubt it might arise, because every municipal voter had a paper sent to him.

5098. When?—I should think the previous day, and consequently anyone could come to vote without being fetched, so that they could come up if they liked.

5099. Do you think that they came up in consequence of having these voting papers, of their own accord and not by your party bringing them up?—I have no doubt about it. They came up of their own free will.

5100. Your party did not bring them up?—No.

5101. Does that apply in St. Mary's Ward?—I was taking it for both wards.

5102. You are speaking of your knowledge of both wards?—Yes.

5103. You think at a quarter to 11 the Liberals had ceased from any active exertions to carry the election?—Yes, I am quite sure of it.

5104. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you give any notice of that to the other party?—No, not that I am aware of.

5105. Did they know of this meeting?—Oh dear no.

5106. You said that every Liberal voter had his voting paper the day before?—I do not know whether it was the day before; it was previous to the day of election.

5107. "Every" voter, I think you said. Is that so?—I believe so. I believe every Liberal voter was supplied with his voting paper.

5108. Then there was nothing particular turned upon your retiring and filling up the voting papers?—No, nothing particular.

5109. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was that decision of yours

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known among your party?—Yes, it was generally known that we had retired.

5110. Was this meeting that you speak of a meeting only of St. Mary's Ward, or was it a meeting of the whole party?—It was a few of both wards. It referred to both wards.

5111. When you came to this resolution you took some means to get it known among your party?—Yes, it soon got spread about among the party generally.

5112. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you spread it about?—It soon got spread about. One told another, as news always does get spread about.

5113. You did not send about the town?—No.

5114. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think you are a member of the town council?—Yes.

5115. You are now a member?—Yes.

5116. This election was on Monday, the 2nd November?—Yes, I believe it was.

5117. I suppose you were in the town council when the three retiring aldermen were elected?—Yes, I was.

5118. Who were they? What politics were they?—They were Tories.

5119. Being a member of the town council you can give us some information. What is the composition of the town council now?—There are 9 Liberals, and the rest Tories; 15 Tories, 9 councilmen, and 6 aldermen.

5120. There are 18 town councillors, 9 and 9, and then the 6 aldermen, including the mayor, are Conservatives?—Yes.

5121. There is a good deal of patronage exercised by the town council?—Yes.

5122. What do you say would be the amount that you have to disburse throughout the year?—I am sure I cannot say.

5123. About 2,000*l.*?—Yes; I should think there would be more than that.

5124. Will you tell me is there any distinction made in employing men, whether they belong to the Liberals or to the Conservatives?—There has been. Up to the time, that the nine Liberal councillors got in the bulk of the tradesmen had been Tories.

5125. That was up to 1866?—1867.

5126. You were beaten at the poll in 1866, and then you went to the court above?—Yes, we did.

5127. When did the Liberal candidates for the parliamentary election come into the town?—I believe they came in just before the municipal election.

5128. That would be on the Monday?—Yes; the municipal election was.

5129. When did the Conservative candidates come into the town?—I think they came in the day after.

5130. That would be on Tuesday the 3rd?—I think so.

5131. Was it known in the town at the time of the municipal election that there would be a contest?—Yes; oh yes.

5132. Were there any placards out?—I believe so.

5133. With the names of the candidates?—I believe so.

5134. When was the first meeting of the Conservatives?—I think it would be the night after the municipal election, if I recollect right.

5135. Now, we have heard a good many names here, Mr. Lowther and a number of other names, as being actively engaged in the bribery of the borough; did you see any of these men with either of the Conservative candidates on that night?—Yes.

5136. Men who had been engaged in the municipal election?—Yes.

5137. Who were they?—There was Lowther, Wreghitt, and Cleaver, and several others that do not come to my recollection just at this moment.

5138. Was there a man named Richmond?—Yes.

5139. You saw these men?—Yes.

5140. Those men had been known as actively engaged in spending this money the day before?—Oh, yes, perfectly.

5141. Were the candidates introduced at that meeting that you had on the 3d?—Yes.

5142. Who introduced them? Do you remember who was in the chair?—At the meeting I am referring to, Mr. Alderman Arden was in the chair.

5143. Mr. Kennard was a stranger?—Yes, he was a stranger.

5144. Who introduced him to the borough?—I am sure I do not know.

5145. Who proposed Mr. Kennard?—Do you mean at the nomination?

5146. Yes?—I am sure I do not know. Norfolk proposed one of them, or seconded one, and I think Mr. Bainton either proposed or seconded the other.

5147. Do you know who proposed the other?—I cannot call to mind just now.

5148. Had you seen Norfolk or Lowther with them in their canvass?—I cannot say that I ever saw Mr. Norfolk, but I saw Lowther and others.

5149. Men who had been engaged in the municipal election?—Yes, oh yes.

5150. Did Mr. Norfolk move at the meeting that Sir Henry was a fit and proper person to represent the borough?—Yes, he did.

5151. That is what I meant when I asked about "introducing." Who seconded him?—I forget who seconded him, I am sure.

5152. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you aware of any money being paid on your side at the municipal election of 1868?—No.

5153. Not at all?—I never paid or saw a penny spent.

5154. Do you know whether any was spent?—I do not know.

5155–6. Are you prepared to say there was none spent?—I am not prepared to say that.

5157. You have no opinion one way or other?—No.

5158. You yourself were returned to the town council in 1867. Are you aware whether any money was spent in your election?—I think not.

5159. You think not?—I am pretty sure not, because we were quite aware that if proper proceedings were taken we should get in without spending money, even if it had come to that.

5160. Are you aware whether it has been common on the Liberal side to spend money at the municipal elections?—I have heard of a small sum being spent.

5161. When you say you have heard, do you know more than hearsay?—No, I never saw a penny given in my life and never gave a penny.

5162. Have you ever heard where that money came from?—The money that was spent at the municipal election?

5163. Yes?—It was generally reported that it came from the Carlton Club.

5164. I mean the money that was spent on the Liberal side?—I do not know that there was any.

5165. I thought you said you heard there were small sums?—I thought you meant this time.

5166. I will waive this time?—I do not know I am sure, I cannot say. I never got into any of their secrets in money matters.

5167. You do not know more than you have told us?—No.

5168. Have you read this evidence that was taken before Mr. Baron Martin?—I have.

5169. Did you see that a man named Dixon had been paid by a man named Gray?—I do think I recollect something of that.

5170. Do you know Gray?—Yes.

5171. Who is he?—He is a tailor, a master tailor in the town.

5172. Did you ever make it your business to know where that money came from?—No.

5170. You do not know more about it?—No.

JOHN REAP called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

5174. Are you a freeman?—No.

5175. You are an occupier?—Yes.

5176 How long have you had a vote as an occupier, when did you first become a voter?—23 years ago.

5177. Have you been a voter for parliamentary elections all that time?—No, this is the first time.

5178. But for municipal elections you have been?—Yes.

5179. You have voted for the town council?—Yes.

5180. About how often have you voted?—15 or 16 times.

5181. What are you?—I am a labourer.

5182. Have you been paid on every occasion?—I have been paid two or three times, that is all.

5183. How much?—The highest is 10*s.*

5184–5. When did you get the 10*s.*?—About 15 years ago.

5186. How much were you paid the second time?—7*s.* 6*d.*

5187. When did you get that?—I suppose the year after.

5188. Have you ever been paid any money since, except the last time?—I got 15*s.* last time.

5189. I say except the last time, were you in the habit of voting without being paid?—I have voted two or three times.

5190. What did you get the last time?—15*s.*

5191. From whom?—From Mr. Richmond.

5192. I thought you got 20*s.*?—No, I did not.

5193. Where did Mr. Richmond pay you?—At Mr. Bainton's, at the "Tiger" inn.

5194. What time in the day did he pay you?—Between 11 and 12.

5195. Had you voted then?—Yes.

5196. What time did you hear you were going to be paid?—I do not know what time it was. I went back with them as soon as I voted to the "Tiger" inn, and they paid me.

5197. Who asked you to vote?—Mr. Richmond.

5198. Did he tell you how much he would give you?—No, he did not.

5199. What did he say to you?—He said I was to go and vote and he would make it all right when I came back.

5200. Did he not say something, did you not hear anything said about money at that time?—Of course I did, he said I will give you 15*s.*

5201. Did you hear from anybody else that money was going?—No, I did not.

5202. Where did he meet you?—He met me at the "Tiger" inn.

5203. You went to the "Tiger" inn?—Yes.

5204. Who told you to go there?—Nobody, I went to get a glass of ale.

5205. He met you there?—Yes.

5206. What did you get the 15*s.* for?—For voting I expect.

5207. A large sum, was it not?—I do not know.

5208. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

5209. Have you formed any opinion in your own mind what you received that money for?—No sir, I have not.

5210. Do you think it was for the muncipal voting?—I do not know what it was for.

5211. I only want to know what you think; we are inquiring about the state of your mind?—They never said anything to me what it was for.

5212. I know that; but I ask you what do you think it was for?—I do not know.

5213. You are a man who has lived in the world. I want to know fairly what you think?—I do not know; that is what he said. He said he would give me 15*s.*; that's all he said. I do not know what it was for.

5214. I am asking what do you think now?—I do not know, I am sure.

5215. Have you formed any opinion?—No.

5216. You say so, and I am bound to believe you, but I ask you again have you formed any opinion as to what you think that 15*s.* was given to you for?—No, I do not know.

5217. I do not ask you that. Have you formed any opinion as to what it was given for?—I expect it was for voting.

5218. Voting for what?—Voting for council choosing.

JOHN BEAN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

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5219. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—An occupier.

5220. Was the last election the first you had a vote at?—Yes, it was.

5221. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Trollope and Maxwell.

5222. At the municipal election you voted for the Conservatives, I suppose?—Yes.

5223. What were you paid?—17*s.* 6*d.*

5224. Who paid you?—Mr. Watson, the auctioneer.

5225. About what time in the day was this?—About half-past 12; from that to 1.

5226. Did he pay you at the "Golden Ball"?—At the "Golden Ball."

5227. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How long have you been a municipal voter?—Only twice.

5228. You have voted for the town council twice?—Yes.

5229. Did you get anything the first time you voted for the town council?—Yes.

5230. What did you get that time?—A crown.

5231. When did you get that?—I got it the 1st of March, the time before this.

5232. But the voting for the town council does not take place on the 1st of March?—No.

5233. That is for the election of pasture masters?—Yes, so it is.

5234. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He is an occupier, so he could not have got anything for choosing the pasture masters.

5235. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How is that? Did you vote for the pasture masters?—No.

5236. Then what did you get the crown for?—Why for council choosing.

5237. Then it could not have been on the 1st of March?—I do not know when it was; I do not know what day of the month it was.

5238. When did you vote for the town council?—The first time or the second time do you mean?

5239. The first time?—I came to the Town Hall first.

5240. That is where you voted; when was it?—I do not know when it was.

5241. It was in 1867, was it not?—I believe it was.

5242. I am told there was an election for the town council besides the one in November. There was a vacancy in the early part of the following year?—Yes there was.

5243. An accidental election; that explains it. You got 17*s.* 6*d.* for voting for the Conservatives. Did you vote for the Conservatives the other time?—Yes.

5244. Both times you voted for the Conservatives, but when you came to the parliamentary election you voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

5245. What was the 17*s.* 6*d.* given you for?—I expect for the council choosing.

5246. Anything else?—Not that I am aware of.

5247. What do you think?—I do not know for anything else.

5248. What do you think?—I do not know what to think else.

5249. You see there is a great deal of difference

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between 5*s.* and 17*s.* 6*d.* We have had to put the question several times to-day. I wish I could get a candid answer from you. Do you think it was for anything else. Tell me candidly and fairly ?—I have no doubt it was for some thing else.

5250. You think it was for some thing else ?—There is no doubt about it.

5251. What was that something else ?—Why the borough election.

5252. Were you here yesterday ?—Yes.

J. Dalton.

JOHN DALTON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner COX.

5253. What are you ?—I am a labourer.

5254. Did you vote at the last municipal election ?—Yes.

5255. For the Tories ?—Yes.

5256. What time was it ?—It was somewhere about 2 o'clock.

5257. How much did you get for your vote ?—I got half a sovereign.

5258. Where did you get it ?—At Watson, the painter's, shop.

5259. Did he himself put the money into your hands ?—Yes.

5260. What was the money for ?—They brought me to the Town Hall to vote first before they gave me that half sovereign.

5261. Then he gave you the half sovereign ?—Then we went back into his shop, and he gave me the half sovereign.

5262. Had you ever had money before for voting for the town council ?—Yes, I have sometimes.

5263. How much have you got those times ?—I got half a sovereign once before.

5264. How long ago was that ?—It would be six or seven years.

5265. What else have you got ?—I have got 5*s.* and 2*s.* 6*d.* and that.

5266. Then there was the last borough election for whom did you vote there ?—I voted for Edwards and Maxwell.

5267. This half sovereign that was given you for the town council voting, was there any understanding what it was given to you for ?—It was given me to poll I expect.

5268. Do you think it had anything to do with the parliamentary election as well ?—No, I do not think it had, because the people did not mention that to me.

5269. Had it any influence in inducing you to vote as you did for Maxwell and Edwards ?—No.

5270. Did it make you more likely to vote for Maxwell and Edwards ?—No.

5271. That 10*s.* did not ?—No.

5272. You are quite sure of that ?—I had been turned out of my work before by the Tories because I voted for the Liberal party, and I was afraid of being turned out again.

5273. Speak slowly, take your own time ; what was your answer.

5274. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He said he had been turned out of his work.

Witness. The crimson party turned me out of work because I polled for the orange.

5275. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When was that ?—It is between four and five years since.

5276. Where were you at work at that time ?—Working in the streets with the paviour.

5277. Were you working under the town council then ?—Yes.

5278. What was it you think made them turn you out ?—Because I polled for orange.

5279. Who was the employer set immediately over you ?—I expect James Lowther was the head man that turned me out.

5280. Did he look after the paviours ?—He was one of the committee.

5281. Was anybody else turned out ?—No.

5282. What is the name of the person you voted for when you were turned out ?—I am sure I forget now, they were orange men.

5283. That was the municipal election in November 1867 was it not ; was it the November or the March election ?—I could not poll at the March election. I did not poll for three years before this last time. I gave up polling. I thought I would not poll anymore until this last time.

5284. Which is the election you speak of they turned you out for voting in a particular way ?—It is about six or seven years since.

5285. And how long have you been qualified to vote for the town council ?—20 years and better.

5286. Are you a freeman ?—No.

5287. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What were your wages when you got turned out ?—Three shillings a day.

5288. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who told you you had to leave your work ?—The council gave the paviour orders.

5289. But what man told you they did not want you any more ?—It was the paviour that told me.

5290. What was the paviour's name ?—Miles Eccles.

5291. Who is Miles Eccles ?—He was a paviour.

5292. Was he employed by the town council ?—Yes.

5293. Is he in Beverley now ?—Yes, he is paving for them now.

5294. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You said that James Lowther turned you off ?

5295. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He said James Lowther was a member of the committee ?

(*Witness.*) He reported it to the council chamber.

5296. But Miles Eccles was the man that told you to go ?—Yes.

J. Smedley.

JAMES SMEDLEY sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

5297. Are you a freeman ?—No.

5298. Have you voted for the parliamentary elections here ?—I believe so.

5299. How long have you had a vote ?—As near as I can tell 12 or 13 years perhaps.

5300. For the parliamentary election ?—No.

5301. I asked you had you a vote for the parliamentary election ?—I had this last time.

5302. How long have you had a vote for the town council ?—12 or 13 years as near as I can tell you.

5303. Have you often voted for the town council ?—Yes, sometimes I have and sometimes I have not.

5304. What are you ?—I am a nail maker,

5305. How often have you voted for the town council ?—Five or six or seven times, perhaps more perhaps less ; eight or nine times.

5306. Have you always been paid when you voted ?—Well, I think I have, more or less.

5307. Tell me what is the lowest sum you received for voting ?—I believe 2*s.*

5308. Put out of mind altogether the last election, and tell me the highest that you have received ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

5309. I told you to put out of your mind the last election. What is the highest you received up to that time ?—10*s.*

5310. When did you receive 10*s.* ?—Eight or nine years ago.

5311. From whom ?—(*No answer.*)

5312. You might as well answer ?—I will as soon as I can.

5313. For whom did you receive the 10*s.* ?—I fairly cannot say at present, without it was a man in the "Golden Ball" chamber ; I fairly cannot say.

5314. For whom did you vote; what colour?—I should say for the crimson. I should really fancy so, not that I am an electioneerer at all, or ever take part in elections.

5315. Attend to the question; we will judge of that. What is the next sum you received?—I believe it was 5*s.*

5316. And the next sum?—I think the next was a glass or two of grog.

5317. And the next?—And I think the next was a glass or two of grog.

5318. Go on?—And I think it ended with a glass or two of grog, and 2*s.* the last time but one.

5319. That was in 1867?—I think it was, as near as I can say.

5320. Did you vote crimson all along?—No.

5321. Will you tell me when you voted yellow?—The time before last.

5322. When you got the 2*s.* and the glass or two of grog?—Yes.

5323. Who gave you the 2*s.* and the glass or two of grog?—Daniel Boyes gave me the grog.

5324. Who gave you the 2*s.*?—I will tell you directly—Wallis.

5325. Who was Wallis?—The shoemaker.

5326. You voted at the last election?—I did.

5327. I mean the parliamentary election?—I did.

5328. For whom did you vote?—I will tell you directly. Kennard and——

5229. You know perfectly well?—Yes, I do, but I really cannot bear his name in mind.

5330. Was it for Sir Henry Edwards?—Sir Henry Edwards and Kennard.

5331. What time in the day did you vote for them?—I could not say; some time before dinner I believe.

5332. You had voted a fortnight before at the municipal election, had you not?—Yes.

5333. What did you receive at that election?—17*s.* 6*d.*

5334. Who was with you when you received the money?—William Etherington.

5335. Where did you receive it?—Opposite the doors of the Town Hall.

5336. In the street?—Yes.

5337. Did the man pay you separately, or did he give you 1*l.* 15*s.* for you and Etherington?—He paid Etherington the money.

5338. What time of the day?—About 11, as near as I can say.

5339. Then I suppose you went and voted?—We had voted when we got the money.

5340. You were near the Town Hall?—Yes, outside.

5341. You had left the hall?—We had left the hall.

5342. And you got the 1*l.* 15*s.* From whom did you get it?—Mr. Chadwick.

5343. This was the first time you voted at a parliamentary election?—The first time.

5344. Did anyone canvass you at the municipal election?—No.

5345. Whom did you meet when you voted for the Town Council that morning?—A man named Chadwick.

5346. Did you meet him by accident or by appointment?—I believe by accident.

5346. Where did you meet him?—In St. John's Street.

5348. Where were you and Etherington going?—We were coming up with an idea of polling.

5349. And you fell in with him?—Yes.

5350. Teli me what he said?—He asked me if we had polled. I said no. He asked me what we wanted for polling. I said, "Well, there are about 10 of us; we shall want about 10*l.*"

5351. Were ten of you together?—We were not together at that time.

5352. But there were ten of you that had spoken together?—There were ten of us that had likely spoken together.

5353. Did the ten of you make up your minds together that you should get as much as you could?—No, we had not mind up our mind, but there had been ten of us together, and some of us had business to go one way and some of us another, though at the same time we did not know one another's opinions.

5354. You wanted 1*l.* a head?—I simply said a pound a head.

5355. For the ten?—For the ten.

5356. What did he say to that?—He said come on with me and I will see what I can do.

5357. Did you all ten go together?—We were not together at that time.

5358. You had been together before?—We had been together before.

5359. Now I should like to know the names of those men?—I do not believe that I can tell you so much about the names of them as my friend can who was with me at the time.

5360. Etherington you mean?—Yes.

5361. Etherington knows them?—I believe he knows most of them.

5362. Then Chadwick brought you up?—Yes.

5363. Only you and Etherington came up?—Only me and Etherington came up.

5364. Did Chadwick say what he would give you, or did he say I will do the best I can for you?—He would do the best he could for us.

5365. Did you expect to get 1*l.*?—No, I cannot say that did.

5366. And I suppose you were content when you got the 1*l.* 15*s.* between the two of you?—Yes.

5367. Now about the parliamentary election; were you canvassed?—I was not.

5368. Did not anybody come to you about the parliamentary election?—Yes, to my dwelling.

5369. Who came to you?—Mr. Maxwell and Trollope.

5370. They came of course; who else?—Mr. Crosskill and Mr. Boyes. I think that was all.

5371. Did not any of the crimson side come to you?—Not one.

5372. No one on the crimson side spoke to you at all about?—No one, not before the day of polling.

5373. Well on the day of polling who on the crimson side spoke to you?—Mr. Lowther met me in the market, he asked me if I had polled.

5374. I am speaking now of the parliamentary election?—Yes, the parliamentary election.

5375. I think you had voted for Mr. Lowther for the town council?—I had.

5376. He met you in the market; what did he say?—He says, "Smedley, have you polled or voted?" or what you call it. I said, "No." He said, "I expected you would have polled before now." I said, "No." I said, "I had made up my mind to give a vote for one." He said, "How is it that you didn't?" I said, "I went up to hear a lecture the other night, and they did not set down with my principles." He said, "Have you any objection to poll on my side?" I said, "I am at liberty to do as I like now." He said, "Come with me and poll for the Tories." I said, "I will never poll for a man that I never saw." He said, "If you have a desire to see him you shall see him." So we went, and he took me to the "Beverley Arms." There he asked for Mr. Kennard, and Mr. Kennard came out. Mr. Kennard kindly asked me for my vote, and I kindly told him I would give it. At the same time I asked him if he would do as much for me if I was putting up. He said he would if he could. Then I said you shall have mine.

5377. You had not made up your mind, then, till you met Mr. Lowther in the market on the day of polling for whom you would vote?—I had the night before.

5378. Why did you make up your mind, then?—The reason was, because when I heard them make the speeches——

5379. Heard who?—Maxwell and Trollope; their principles and mine were not as one.

5380. Their principles and yours were not one; that was the reason. I understand you. Then, had you heard Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Kennard before, then?—I never heard them at all.

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5381. How was it you had not voted before you saw Mr. Lowther as you had made up your mind?—I had not been long in the town.

5382. Where were you when Mr. Lowther came up to you?—Very near the front of the hustings.

5383. Was Mr. Lowther on the hustings?—No, he was not, he was on the flags.

5384. He came up to you?—He did.

5385. He took you away from the hustings where they were polling?—He did.

5386. Where did you go to?—I said that I would not poll for a man that I never saw.

5387. You had seen Sir Henry Edwards?—No, not at that election.

5388. I want to know where you and Lowther went to?—We went to see Kennard.

5389. Where were the hustings?—In the market place.

5390. You went down and saw Mr. Kennard; you did not see Sir Henry Edwards?—Not at all.

5391. Had you nothing to drink, or anything of that kind?—Not one ha'porth.

5392. Did you and Mr. Lowther stop anywhere?—No.

5393. I suppose a man of your principles would not have accepted money if you were offered it?—Well, I perhaps might if I had had it offered me.

5394. Nothing was offered you, was there?—Not one farthing.

5395. Did not something of this kind pass between you and Lowther. He asked if you had voted. You said, "Well, I have not voted; can't you get us anything?" or, "Is anything going?" Did you not say something of that kind to him?—No, I did not.

5396. Not a word?—I did not.

5397. Had you seen Mr. Boyes the day before?—Yes, I had seen Daniel Boyes.

5398. Where did you see him?—I saw him at my own house a day or two before; it may be more; I do not know.

5399. Had you seen him in the Old Waste, near Clowes's room? Do you know Clowes's room?—I do.

5400. Had you seen him there?—I did.

5401. When?—On the polling day.

5402. At that time had you made up your mind? Had you felt a disinclination to support Maxwell and Trollope at that time?—Did I feel inclined?

5403. Yes?—No, I did not.

5404. Did you not promise Boyes to vote for them?—At my own house.

5405. At your own house?—Yes, but begging your pardon I went to hear them make their speeches afterwards.

5406. Oh yes, but you promised him at your own house?—I did.

5407. On the day before the election, or the morning of the election?—Well, I don't know to a day or two. I really don't know.

5408. You promised to vote for them?—I promised them one vote.

5409. To vote for whom?—I did not say for whom.

5410. Then did you see him put down your name in a book as a supporter? He went about canvassing and put down the names; did you see him put down your name?—I do not know whether he did or not. I really did not take that notice.

5411. How many were there when they went canvassing?—There were Daniel Boyes, Maxwell and Trollope, and Mr. Crosskill.

5412. Then you promised the members that you would vote?—I said I would give them one.

5413. To the members themselves?—I did.

5414. You want me to believe that it was because you heard them speak that you changed your mind?—You can do as you like.

5415. That is what you wish me to believe?—That is a fact.

5416. Did you see Boyes again after you had made the promise?—Not till the day of the poll I did not.

5417. Did he ask you whether you had gone and voted for him?—He asked me if I had voted, I said No.

5418. You had not voted then?—I had not voted then.

5419. You were coming into the town then?—No, I had been up the town about business of my own.

5420. Oh, I misunderstood you then. I thought it was upon your first visit that you saw Mr. Lowther. You had been in the town before that morning?—I had not been in the town before that morning.

5421. You said you had been up the town on business of your own?—Yes, when I saw Mr. Boyes the last time, when he asked me if I had polled.

5422. What business had you been up in the town upon?—I had been to the "Cross Keys" to inquire for a man they call Mr. Beale.

5423. What time was that?—That would be somewhere about 11 or soon after.

5424. You had not polled at that time?—I had not polled.

5425. Now we will go to the "Cross Keys." You went to inquire for whom at the "Cross Keys?"—For a man they call Mr. Beale, a farmer.

5426. Had he anything to do with the election?—No.

5427. Did you expect him at the "Cross Keys?"—What made me expect him at the "Cross Keys" was simply this——

5428. Did you see him?—I did not.

5429. When did you see him about this business that you went to the "Cross Keys" for?—I saw him some two or three weeks after.

5430. Was the "Cross Keys" a crimson house?—I do not know.

5431. You went to the "Cross Keys" to look for a man you did not see for two or three weeks afterwards. What time did you get there?—Half past 10 or 11 o'clock.

5422. Did you go into the house?—I went and saw the landlord.

5433. Who was the landlord?—I really do not know him name; I know him when I see him.

5434. Was there any appearance of voters there, or placards up, or anything of that kind?—I did not see one.

5435. Where did you see the landlord?—I saw him just at the tap door.

5436. Had you any conversation with him about how the election was going?—No.

5437. Nothing at all?—No.

5438. You did not make any inquiry?—No.

5439. You came away immediately?—I did.

5440. Had you anything to drink there?—Not one gill, not a ha'porth.

5441. Then you did not go into the house at all?—I did not go into the house, only the passage.

5442. Then you saw the landlord?—I did.

5443. Did you see any other voters there?—No, I did not.

5444. Had you conversation with anyone there?—No, I had not.

5445. How long before you saw Mr. Lowther had you been in the "Cross Keys?"—10 minutes perhaps.

5446. Did you tell Mr. Lowther you had been at the "Cross Keys?"—No.

5447. He did not ask you?—No.

5448. Then afterwards you saw Boyes?—I did.

5449. Had you seen Boyes before you had the honour of shaking hands, which had such an influence upon you, with Mr. Kennard?—I had.

5450. You saw him before?—I did.

5451. I wish to call your attention to this, because what you told me before was that when you told Mr. Lowther you would not vote for a man that you had not seen, Mr. Lowther then and there took you down to the "Beverley Arms," and introduced you to Mr. Kennard?—He did.

5452. Then, had you seen Boyes before you saw Lowther?—I had.

5453. And after you had been at the "Cross Keys?"—Yes.

5454. Are you sure it was after you had been at the "Cross Keys" that you saw Boyes?—I believe it was; yes, I believe so.

5455. When you saw Boyes then, did he ask you for whom you were going to vote?—He asked me if I had voted yet; I said No.

5456. He asked you when you were going to vote?—No, he did not.

5457. Did he ask you anything else?—No, he did not.

5458. Did he not ask you to vote as you had promised, Maxwell and Trollope?—No, he did not.

5459. He asked you nothing else?—He did not.

5460. Did he not ask you anything else at all?—No, he did not.

5461. Did you tell him you would not vote for Maxwell and Trollope then?—I did not.

5462. Did he not ask you if you were coming to vote according to your promise?—No, he did not; he asked me if I had voted.

5463. You had promised, you say. He did not ask you if you were going to vote according to your promise?—No, he did not.

5464. Did you not say you were going to vote for Edwards and Kennard?—I did not.

5465. Did you not say you would have voted according to your promise but for something which you could not explain?—Never, sir.

5466. This was before you saw Mr. Lowther?—It was.

5467. Never said anything of the kind?—Never.

5468. Do you know Clowes's house?—Yes.

5469. Had you been in his house that day?—No.

5470. You had not?—Never was in his house.

5471. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know who Daniel Boyes is?—Yes.

5472. Do you know him well?—Yes.

5473. Is he the same person we have heard as being elected a town councillor?—Yes.

5474. Is he the man whom you say gave you a glass of drink?—Yes.

5475. The same man?—Yes.

5476. Was that at his own election to the town council?—Yes.

5477. Is it the same Daniel Boyes who came to canvass you?—Yes.

5478. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You spoke of ten persons?—Yes.

5479. When Chadwick spoke to you?—Yes.

5480. There was something said about a pound a head?—Yes, for the ten.

5481. Were you the first that proposed the pound a head?—I believe I was.

5482. Before Chadwick said anything about a pound?—Yes.

5483. You say at the last municipal election you got 2*s.*?—Yes.

5484. And the time before you got 2*s.* and a glass or two of grog, and on one or two occasions it went so low as a glass of grog only. What was the reason you fixed upon so high a price as you did upon this particular occasion?—I really did not fix upon it thinking to get it, not for a moment, but I simply said, "a pound a head."

5485. Did you say it seriously?—No, I cannot say that I did.

5486. It was not very simply stated?—It really was not when you come to look at it.

5487. Instead of being said very simply, I think it was rather the contrary, it showed that you knew what you were about; he accepted it directly?—No he did not, he said he would see what he could do.

5488. He did not refuse it?—No, he did not.

5489. He said he would see whether he could do it?—Yes, he did.

5490. Why did you fix upon a pound, a price ten times what you had got on one or two occasions previously?—I do not know the reason.

5491. Oh nonsense!—I do not know the reason.

5492. Nonsense! you must know?—I do not know the reason. One thing was their saying that they were giving 10*s.* a man on the orange side.

5493. You had heard that the price had risen on the orange side?—Yes, I heard that they were giving 10*s.* a man.

5494. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) From whom did you hear that on that day?—Thomas Clubley, of Beckside, promised every man 10*s.* that had a mind to come and poll for the orange party.

5495. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) To vote for the other side?—To vote for the Liberals.

5496. That was what induced you—— ?—To say 20 shillings.

5497. You thought the Tories would give double as much as the Liberals?—Well, I thought they might do.

5498. Why did you think they might do?—I do not know. I thought we would say 1*l.* any way.

5499. I wish you would be candid and free with me. The Commissioners sitting here know a great deal about this matter. Try and give me answers that look reasonable.—Gentlemen, I say gentlemen, I am now standing on my oath.

5500. You shall not argue with me. We will have no speechifying. Tell me why you fixed upon that price?—I cannot answer that question. I really cannot answer you that question.

5501. That would be 10*l.* for the lot?—That would be 10*l.* for the lot.

5502. Who were the lot?—As I told you before, my friend who was with me will perhaps tell you more about the lot than I can.

5503. I should like you to tell me all you can about the lot, then we will get the rest out of him?—I was one, Etherington was two, and Addy was three.

5504. Now another?—I would rather you would appeal to my friend.

5505. I would rather not; I will have all I can get out of you?—I was one, Etherington was two, Addy was three.

5506. Now thé fourth?—(*No answer.*)

5507. This lot of men what were they?—They were poor men like myself.

5508. Were they labourers?—Yes.

5509. Where did they work?—Most of them about Beckside, I believe.

5510. You spoke on behalf of them. Had they all met together previously and laid their heads together? Well, no I do not know whether they had or not.

5511. But you spoke for the ten?—I spoke for the ten.

5512. What right had you to speak for them unless they told you to do so?—They really did not tell me to do so.

5513. How did you know you might speak for them?—I simply said 10*l.* for ten of us.

5514. You must have known of a particular ten men by whom you were permitted to speak?—I had been in the company of four or five of them,

5515. In the company of several of them?—Yes.

5516. And they had given you leave and authority to speak on their behalf?—Well, I do not know whether they had given me leave or not.

5517. You took it upon yourself?—Well, I daresay I did.

5518. That is to say, you were to speak as to the price you were to get?—Well, I daresay I was.

5519. There is no doubt about it?—There cannot be a doubt about it.

5520. Whom were you to speak to on their behalf, to consult with about the money to be got on their behalf; you were to go for them to somebody?—I went to the first man I met in the street.

5521. That was Chadwick?—I saw Chadwick.

5522. But you had been in the company of several of them, and they had agreed with you that you should go and speak to somebody?—No, I cannot say that they did agree with me at the time.

5523. They let you go?—I happened simply to speak to the first man I met.

5524. Did you not tell me just now that it was agreed among you that you should see what could be got for them?—Well, I don't know.

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5525. Did you not tell me that just now ?—I said I happened to speak to the first.

5526. What was it you agreed with these men? You were to speak as to the price you were to get ?—Yes.

5527. That is to say you were to speak to the Tory side ?—To either side for that matter.

5528. After that your mind got influenced by hearing this lecture ; you went to the lecture, and your mind was changed by what Maxwell and Trollope said. That changed your mind ?—It did.

5529. And nothing else ?—Nothing else.

5530. That you swear ?—I will swear it.

W. Etherington.

WILLIAM ETHERINGTON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

5531. Are you an occupier or a freeman ?—I am not a freeman I am an occupier.

5532. And you voted for the Conservative candidates at the last municipal election?—Yes.

5533. And also in the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

5534. With whom did you go to the municipal election ?—To vote for ?

5535. Did you come with Smedley on the 2nd of November last ?—Yes, I did.

5536. You got some money paid ?—Yes.

5537. Who paid it you ?—Chadwick.

5538. At the "Golden Ball"?—No, not at the "Golden Ball."

5539. Where did you get it ?—He got it from the "Golden Ball."

5540. Where did he pay you ?—In the square.

5541. What amount was it ?—1*l.* 15*s.*, 17*s.* 6*d.* a piece.

5542. Did you and any other men agree that Smedley should make a bargain with you ?—No,

5543. That is not true ?—No.

5544. Do you know of any men being with Smedley ?—I was with him at the time when we all were.

5545. What did you all say ?—We were going to Mr. Boyes' to vote.

5546. That is to say, you and Smedley, and who else ?—There was John Brooks, Robert Franks, William Addy, John Wardell, Edward Beattie, John McGennis. I can't tell you the other two.

5547. What took place between them and Smedley ?—I did not hear him say anything, no more than I did myself.

5548. You were all together when you met Chadwick ?—No, we parted. We had been at Beckside together.

5549. Were these Beckside labourers ?—Six of them were, and I believe the other was. One I know was an Irishman, but I can't carry his name.

5550. Six of the ten were Beckside labourers ?—Yes.

5551. Were they all come from Beckside ?—Eight of us did, me and Smedley and the other six.

5552. Did you come into the town together ?—Me and Smedley did, we were all together at Beckside.

5553. Did not you come in the town together ?—I cannot say whether we were all together or not when we met Chadwick.

5554. But you all started together ?—We all started together. We came down the flags together by the Minster. I could not say whether we were all together at the time or not.

5555. You came together as far as the Minster ?—Yes, and then I think some of them parted.

5556. Where did you see Chadwick, in the square ?—No, we met him in Highgate.

5557. I thought it was close to the Minster ?—It runs down to the Minster.

5558. Then it was the other end of Highgate you met him ?—It was this end.

5559. What then ?—Chadwick said to Smedley, "Have you voted ?" and he said, "No, we had not."

5560. Then what did Smedley say to Chadwick ?—Chadwick said had we voted, and he said, No, we had not; and he says, "Are you going to vote ?" and he said, "Yes, what do you want ?" he says, "A pound a piece for ten of us."

5561. What did Chadwick say to that ?—He said, "Can you get it ?" "I will try," he says.

5562. Did anything happen to you when you had voted ?—No, he went, and he says, "It's all right."

5563. Did you go back and speak to these other men ?—They had left us then. I do not suppose there were four or five of us together.

5564. Who were with you at that time ?—I think Brooks, Franks, Wardell, Beattie, and McGennis.

5565. They were with you ?—Yes, and the others had left us.

5566. Did they hear what passed between Chadwick and Smedley ?—I cannot say whether they did or not.

5567. Because they did not seem to have come ?—Brooks said he would not take it ; he would sooner go to the orange for 5*s.*

5568. He is the man who has been a witness here. He said he would sooner take 5*s.* for the orange ?—Yes, and I think that was the way we got broken.

5569. They went to see what they could get from the orange ?—They did. I think we all did.

5570. You came from Beckside intending to vote orange ?—I did not, and Smedley did not, but there is others did. I know Wardell did and Brooks, and I know McGennis and Beattie did, and Addy.

5571. You heard them say so ?—Yes, I did.

5572. Then you went and got the money as you say and voted ?—Yes.

5573. Now then, the parliamentary election, what did you do at the parliamentary election ? Did you come with Smedley in the town then ?—Yes, we both came together.

5574. Where did you go with him ?—We went and stood in front of the hustings.

5575. Tell me where the hustings were ?—They were in the Saturday market place.

5576. And you went and stood there ?—Yes.

5577. How long did you stand together there ?—I am sure I cannot tell you. I should think perhaps three-quarters of an hour.

(*Smedley is ordered to leave the court.*)

5578. Had you made up your mind how to vote when you came into the town ?—I had mine.

5579. Had any one canvassed you ?—Yes.

5580. I ask you, if you had made up your mind how you were going to vote, why did you stay so long in the market place ?—Well, I had my day to spend : I had broken it. I stayed till the last, till the poll was closed.

5581. You might have voted before that ?—Yes, I could of course.

5582. Did you go anywhere with Smedley ?—No, I did not go nowhere with him, we were in the market place ; we went and had 'lowance together.

5583. Where did you get your 'lowance ?—I think we were at the "Dog and Duck" once. No, I beg your pardon; I believe it was at Muller's, at the "King's Head."

5584. Who were there with you ?—Nobody but him and me.

5585. Who paid for you ?—We paid for ourselves.

5586. What had you ?—I think we had a glass of ale apiece.

5587. Where did you go from the "King's Head ?"—Back into the market place.

5588. You two together ?—Yes.

5589. About what time was that ?—I think it was about the closing of the poll.

5590. At that time you had not voted ?—Yes, we had voted.

5591. What time did you vote ?—As near as I can

say, I think it would be 11 o'clock, it might be a little after, I cannot say.

5592. I forgot to ask you what time you came into the town on the morning of the polling day?—I am sure I cannot say; after I had my breakfast.

5593. About what time?—Perhaps 9 o'clock, or a little after, between 9 and 10.

5594. Now did any one speak to you when you were with Smedley?—Yes, different folks we spoke to. William Vernom spoke to us, and asked us for our vote.

5595. Is that the lamplighter?—I believe he is.

5596. Did he speak to you or Smedley?—I believe to us both, but I don't know what he said to Smedley. He asked me if I was going to give them a lift. I said, I did not know, I thought I should if I gave anybody, but I had not made my mind up.

5597. He asked you to vote?—Yes.

5598. Did you hear him say the same to Smedley?—No, I did not.

5599. Did he say anything to you, when you told him you had not made up your mind?—He says, "You had better go and give us a lift." "I shan't just yet," I says. That was all the answer I gave him.

5600. And you did not go?—Not then I did not.

5601. Did you see him speak to Smedley?—Yes, he was talking to him, but I don't know what he said to him.

5602. How far was he from you?—Perhaps as far as you are; it may be a little further.

5603. How did he seem to speak to him?—I should think he was axing him the same as he was me.

5604. Was he standing close to him?—Not quite.

5605. What do you mean by "not quite?"—It might be as far off as I am from that gentleman there.

5606. Who was the other man you were speaking to?—I think a shoemaker, comes from Bishop Burton.

5607. How long did he continue in your company?—He just axed me and that was all.

5608. Did you continue after that any time in Smedley's company?—We were together all day.

5609. Did anyone else come and speak to you?—Yes, I think James Lowther and Robert Park.

5610. That was after Vernom left you?—Yes.

5611. How long after?—It would be between 10 and 11.

5612. I mean after Vernom left you did Lowther speak to you?—It would be between 10 and 11, perhaps three quarters of an hour.

5613. Where were you then, in the same place?—Standing agin the hustings, agin the "Green Dragon."

5614. Where you were before?—Yes.

5615. What was said?—Park said, had we voted at the parliamentary election? I said "No." He said, "Are you going to vote for us?" I says, "Yes, I "shall if I do anybody." Well then he says, "You "had better go now," and he says, "Call your "neighbour with us, Smedley," and so I called him and he came, and Lowther says, "Have you voted, Smedley?" and he says "No."

5616. Did Lowther ask you why you had not voted?—No; he said, was I going to vote for him.

5617. Lowther was with Park?—Yes.

5618. Did either ask you why you had not voted?—Park said, was I going to vote for him.

5619. Did he ask you why you had not voted?—No, he did not say anything.

5620. Did he ask you why you had stayed so long in the town?—No, he did not say anything about it.

5621. Did Park ask you why you stayed so long without voting?—I am sure I cannot say whether he did or not. He said Was not I going to vote for him? I said, Yes, I should if I did for anybody.

5622. Upon your saying you would vote for them if you did for anybody, what did Park say?—He says, "You had better go and get done with it at once." I said if my neighbour went I would go, so they asked him, and he said he should not vote for a man he had never seen, that was Kennard. Lowther says, "Come on, you can see him then."

5623. Did you see Smedley go away with Lowther?—I did, to the "Cross Keys."

5624. Did you go with him?—No.

5625. You saw Smedley and Lowther go away together?—Yes, and Robert Park.

5626. Where did they go to?—To the "Cross Keys," he made a mistake.

5627. You saw Smedley, Lowther, and Park go away together to the "Cross Keys?"—Yes.

5628. When did you see Smedley again?—It was not many minutes before he came back.

5629. And then you went and voted?—We came right away and voted.

5630. Did Smedley give you anything afterwards?—No.

5631. Did you ever receive anything from Smedley?—No, not one farthing.

5632. Lowther?—No.

5633. Park?—No.

5634. On your oath did you receive anything from Smedley?—I never did from anybody.

5635. You got the money for Smedley at the municipal election?—Chadwick paid me the money.

5636. And you gave Smedley his part?—Yes.

5637. Upon your oath did not Smedley give you anything after you voted at the parliamentary election?—Not a farthing, if I was to never leave this spot no more.

5638. Before?—Never a farthing no time.

5639. Did you receive anything from any person on that day?—No, I never did.

5640. Nor since?—Nor since neither, I can take an oath.

5641. How often have you voted?—I think as near as I can tell 16 or 17 years.

5642. For whom have you voted generally?—Well sir, I have voted for both parties.

5643. Have you generally been paid?— No, I have not.

5644. You have been paid before you got this 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

5645. When was that?—Well, sir, I got 4*s.* at Mr. Boyes'.

5646. That was in 1867?—Two years this next council choosing.

5647. Anything else?—Yes, I got 5*s.* about eight years since.

5648. Who paid you that?—I could not rightly say who it was.

5649. This I suppose was your first parliamentary vote?—Yes.

5650. Now you know this will come out. Do you swear you have never received any money in consideration of your giving your vote?—Never a farthing, not for the borough election; never a farthing if I was never to stir from here any more.

5651. Have you ever had any promised?—Never a farthing.

5652. Have you heard of your wife receiving any money?—No.

5653. Or any relation for you?—No, I never have, never a farthing piece.

5654. Have you been talking to Smedley about the evidence he gave here?—No, I have not said anything to him.

5655. Since Smedley was examined have you said anything to him about the evidence he gave here?—No; we went and had a glass of ale together.

5656. Did you talk over the subject of this inquiry?—No, he did not say nought to me and me to him. I had nothing to do with him.

5657. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You said just now Smedley made some mistake, what was that?—Mistake, sir.

5658. Yes. Just now when you were answering this gentleman you said, Smedley had made a mistake in his evidence, you said, first of all, Smedley went away with Lowther and Park to the "Cross Keys?"—Oh, yes, he said he went to the "Beverley Arms." I was in at the time he said so.

5659. You mean he mistook the inn?—I was in at the time when he said so, and I knew it was a mis-

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take, because I was with him at the time when Lowther and Park went, and it was to the "Cross Keys." I knew he had made a mistake, but I knew it was not my place to say anything just then.

5660. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You and Smedley came in upon the day of the municipal election, and Smedley was your spokesman on that occasion?—Yes.

5661. You came in on the morning of the parliamentary election with him?—Yes, I did.

5662. Came in together?—Yes.

5663. Had you made up your mind at that time for whom to vote?—Yes.

5664. Did Smedley tell you he had made up his mind for whom to vote?—I think he had made up his mind before.

5665. Did he tell you?—He said he should poll, if he did for anybody, for Kennard and Edwards.

5666. Did he tell you he had promised Maxwell and Trollope?—No, he did not.

5667. Did you keep in his company all day from the time you came into the town till he went to the "Cross Keys?"—I was with him every bit of the day; we came together and we went away.

5668. How long did you remain in front of the hustings before you had the visit from Mr. Vernom?—We were not long.

5669. How long?—I am sure I could not say.

5670. About how long?—A few minutes. He was a canvassing.

5671. Were you an hour there when he came up to you?—No.

5672. And after he came up to you then some time afterwards Lowther came up to you?—No, sir, Robert Park.

5673. Park and Lowther were together?—Lowther did not come, he stopped where he was.

5674. They beckoned to you?—Park came himself.

5675. You had not promised Vernom?—No, I had not, neither of us had.

5676. And you did not vote, did you, till Smedley had come from the "Cross Keys?"—No.

5677. You saw Smedley go down with Lowther and Park to the "Cross Keys," and then when Smedley came up you voted?—We went away and voted.

5678. Did you know what he went to the "Cross Keys" for, to meet some farmer was it?—He had been for to see Mr. Beales, of Newgate Lodge.

5679. Had you gone that day with him into the "Cross Keys" before?—I did not go with him, he had been twice to see this farmer.

5680. Do you recollect you telling me you never left his company that day?—He went two or three times to see for some farmer.

5681. Did you go with him?—Yes.

5682. Then you left his company. You told me just now you had not left his company from the time you came from his house till he went to the "Cross Keys?"—Yes.

5683. Then he had been two or three times away?—He went to see this Beales, of Newgate Lodge.

5684. Then he went down with Parks and Lowther to the "Cross Keys?"—Yes.

5685. For what?—It was about this Kennard; he said he would not vote for a man he had never seen.

5686. Was Kennard at the "Cross Keys?"—I am sure I could not say, I did not go to see.

5687. The "Cross Keys" is a small public-house; you know it?—I have been in it.

5688. And then immediately they came up you voted?—Yes, we went away soon after.

5689. Did Smedley tell you to come and vote, it was all right?—No.

5690. Why did you remain there?—He never said a word to me.

5691. The moment he came up did you go and vote?—No, not the moment.

5692. How soon after?—I am sure I could not say, a few minutes. Parks said, "You had better go and "vote, and have done with it." I says, "If I do "vote, I shall vote for you."

J. Smedley.

JAMES SMEDLEY re-called.

5693. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How often had you been at the "Cross Keys" that day?—Once perhaps, or twice.

5694. Had you been more than once?—Well, I would not say whether once or twice.

5695. Had you been more than once?—I could not say.

5696. And was it for the purpose of seeing the farmer you went there? Did you go for any other purpose than to see the farmer?—I did not.

5697. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of that.

5698. Perfectly sure?—Perfectly sure.

5699. Did Vernom speak to you that morning?—He did.

5700. You did not tell us that. I asked you if anyone had ever spoken to you; you did not tell us that?—I told you as near as I could tell.

5701. Did he ask you to vote?—I do not know whether he asked me to vote or not.

5702. Did he ask you whether you had voted?—I believe he asked me if I had voted, or who I was going to vote for.

5703. How long was that before Mr. Lowther spoke to you?—Perhaps a quarter of an hour, perhaps not so long, perhaps more; perhaps half an hour.

5704. Did you see Lowther when he was speaking to you, when Vernom spoke to you?—No.

5705. Then Mr. Lowther and Park came to you. Parks came to you, did not he? Did not you see Park that day?—I did.

5706. Did not he speak to you?—Well, I would almost say Lowther spoke the first.

5707. Did not Park speak to you that day?—He did, but I believe Lowther spoke the first.

5708. Did Park go with you anywhere?—Yes.

5709. Where?—To poll.

5710. But before you went to poll did he go with you anywhere?—I cannot say.

5711. Oh yes you can?—I cannot.

5712. What is to prevent you?—I cannot say.

5713. I will remind you. Did he go with you to the "Cross Keys?"—Park?

5714. Yes?—He did not.

5715. That you will swear?—I will swear.

5716. Did Lowther go with you to the "Cross Keys?"—He did not.

5717. That you swear?—I will swear.

5718. Then you swear that neither Lowther nor Park went with you that day to the "Cross Keys?"—I will swear neither of them went with me to the "Cross Keys."

5719. Did Park and Lowther go with you whereever you went?—Lowther went with me.

5720. Did Park go?—Not all the way.

5721. Where did Park stop on the way?—He did not go with us at all. We met him as we came out of the door.

5722. You said "not all the way"?—Quite right, sir.

5723. Where did he stop on the way?—We left him somewhere on the Waste.

5724. Where?—Near to "Cross Keys."

5725. As you and Lowther were going?—As me and Lowther were going.

5726. To the "Cross Keys?"—No, I beg your pardon.

5727. It has slipped out?—I beg your pardon. When me and Lowther was going to "Beverley Arms," I mean. We never was at the "Cross Keys."

5728. You said it?—Begging your pardon, I did not think of such a thing. Begging your pardon, you must excuse me.

5729. You said it?—Begging your pardon, you must excuse me. Betwixt Beverley hustings and the "Cross Keys" is not more than 100 yards. Park at the same time might take a pace or two with us, but he did not go with Lowther and me.

5730. You did not go with Lowther at all to the "Cross Keys"?—I did not.

5731. Is the "Cross Keys" between the hustings and the "Beverley Arms"?—Yes.

5732. And when you came back immediately you went and voted with Etherington?—Yes.

5733. He went with you to vote?—He went with me.

5734. He remained there till you came back?—He did.

5735. You had arranged to vote together?—No, I do not believe we had.

5736. Don't you know you had?—No.

5737. Did not you come into the town for the purpose?—I believe not. I don't know that I told Etherington who I should poll for, and I really cannot bear it in mind whether he did me or not.

5738. But you came into the town together?—Yes.

5739. And remained all day together?—We did.

5740. The whole day?—I believe the most of it.

5741. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where was it you shook hands with Captain Kennard?—Up in the chamber.

5742. At what hotel or inn?—"Beverley Arms."

5743. Are you sure it was not the "Cross Keys"?—I am sure it was not the "Cross Keys."

5744. You are quite sure it was not the "Cross Keys"?—I am positive it was not the "Cross Keys."

5745. Who took you to see Captain Kennard?—Mr. Lowther.

5746. Did he tell you before you set off on your journey where he was going to with you?—He did not.

5747. He told you he was going to see Captain Kennard?—He told me he was going to see Captain Kennard.

5748. But he did not tell you where?—No.

5749. Did you go in the same direction, whether you were going to the "Cross Keys" or "Beverley Arms"?—Just the same.

5750. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The Commissioners authorize me to say they have formed no positive opinion as yet upon the matter, and therefore they will be governed by what may come out afterwards. At present the order for your expenses is suspended, and I decidedly agree with my brother Commissioners in that.

JOSEPH KITCHEN sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Kitchen.

5751. Are you a voter for the parliamentary election?—Yes.

5752. And a voter for the town council?—Yes.

5753. Are you an occupier or a freeman?—An occupier.

5754. How long have you been qualified to vote for the parliamentary?—Perhaps three or four years.

5755. What are you, a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

5756. And how long have you been qualified to vote for the town council?—For the town council about the same time, I believe.

5757. What are you?—A labouring man.

5758. Where do you work?—I works anywhere where I can get work.

5759. You are not in regular employ?—No, I am not.

5760. Have you ever worked for the town council?—No.

5761. Or for any of the large manufactories in the place or large works?—I have been under Mr. Crosskill.

5762. What did you work as?—I was his night-watch, watched at nights.

5763. You voted at the last election of the town councillors?—Yes.

5764. Whom did you vote for?—For the Tories.

5765. What name?—Mr. Lowther.

5766. You got something for your vote?—Yes.

5767. What did you get?—15*s.*

5768. Who gave it you?—It was given to me by a man they called Charlton. It was given to him to give to me. He received 30*s.* I was to have 15*s.* I gave him 15*s.* in silver out of my pocket, and he gave me the 30*s.*

5769. Where was it?—At the "Golden Ball."

5770. What o'clock in the day?—About half-past 12 o'clock.

5771. What was the money given you for?—It was for voting.

5772. For the town council?—Yes.

5773. And the other too?—No, there was nothing mentioned.

5774. Did you understand it was for the other?—Not at all at that time.

5775. What did you understand it as at any other time?—I thought afterwards perhaps it might be to influence that way.

5776. After you got it you thought so?—Yes.

5777. Did it have that influence?—Yes, partly.

5778. Then I suppose you voted for the Tories?—Half and half.

5779. It half influenced you, then, is that it?—Yes; I voted for one and one, split the vote.

5780. Whom did you vote for at the parliamentary?—For Trollope and Edwards.

5781. Then the 15*s.* induced you to vote for Edwards?—Well, partly, I think. I felt somewhat obligated to do so on that account.

5782. On account of the 15*s.* you mean?—Yes.

5783. And that was the understanding, I suppose, when the money was given you?—There was no understanding, only by myself. There was nothing said.

5784. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I should be very much surprised if there had been.

ROBERT CHARLTON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

R. Charlton.

5785. Are you a voter?—Yes.

5786. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

5787. At the parliamentary election?—Yes.

5788. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

5789. Tell me, was that the first time you voted?—Yes.

5790. You voted as a freeman or a householder, are you a freeman?—No.

5791. Did you vote at the election for town councillors?—Yes.

5792. For whom did you vote then?—The crimson side.

5793. For Lowther —For St. Mary's ward.

5794. What did you get?—1*l.*

5795. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Browsho, at the "White Swan."

5796. Did you go up by yourself or with others?—There was me and another man.

5797. Who was the other man?—Thomas Anderson.

5798. Who spoke to you about going there?—We were going by and he was stood and they asked him what he gave.

5799. Who stood?—Mr. Browsho.

5800. You asked him what he gave?—He said 15*s.*

5801. What o'clock was it?—About a quarter past 10.

5802. What time did you get the money?—About half-past 10.

5803. You asked him what he would give?—Yes.

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5804. What did he say ?—He said 15*s.* We said if he would make it up 1*l.* we would both go with him.

5805. That was 10*s.* a-head ?—No, 1*l.* apiece.

5806. Were you canvassed about the parliamentary election at all ?—Yes, by Mr. Edwards and Captain Kennard.

5807. Anyone else ?—No, sir, the other party never came to see me.

5808. You did not promise them ?—No.

5809. At the time you received the 1*l.* did not it appear rather large to you. I will ask you at once did not you receive it and accept it thinking it was meant to influence your vote for the borough ?—Not at all.

5810. You did not ?—No.

5811. And you never thought it was ?—No ; I thought it was because they wanted to get in to be the council.

5812. Where do you live ?—Binnington's Yard, Toll Gavel.

5813. Had you ever voted before for the town council ?—Yes.

5814. What did you get then ?—I once got 2*s.* 6*d.* before.

5815. You voted for the crimson party ?—I do not know which party it was.

5816. I suppose you would vote for any party who gave you money ?—Yes.

5817. I take it the same thing in the parliamentary election, you would vote for anyone who would give you money ?—No, sir, I had no money offered.

5818. You would vote for anyone that would give you money ?—It is something for a poor man to get what money he can.

5819. Would not you vote for it ?—Yes.

J. Tomlinson.

JOHN TOMLINSON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

5820. Are you a freeman ?—No, sir.

5821. How long have you been an occupier ?—Eleven years.

5822. For whom did you vote at the municipal election ?—Mr. Lowther and Catterson and Usher.

5823. And at the parliamentary election ?—For the Liberals.

5824. Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

5825. Did you get anything for your vote at the municipal election ?—Yes, half a sovereign.

5826. Who gave it you ?—William Catterson.

5827. Was he one of the candidates ?—No, sir.

5828. Was he the son of one of the candidates ?—Yes.

5829. What time in the day was that ?—Near one o'clock.

5830. Had you voted at the time ?—Yes.

5831. Were you canvassed for your vote at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

5832. Who canvassed you ?—Mr. Lowther, Thompson, and Robert Park.

5833. Did Sir Henry Edwards and Capt. Kennard canvass you ?—Yes.

5834. What did you say to Sir Henry Edwards when he asked you for your vote ?—I told him I had promised my vote.

5835. Was that all that passed ?—I said if they had paid me as they had the others at the municipal election I should have given him a vote, and as they did not use me as they had other men I should not do so.

5836. What did you say to Sir Henry Edwards ?—I said if his party had behaved as they ought to have done I should have given him a vote.

5837. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What you said before was, "If they had paid me as well as they had others"?—That is just the same thing.

5838. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did he say to that ?—He said it was not along of him. I said, No, it was his connexion, and I should not support him.

5839. Do you swear those were the words you used ?—I think so.

5840. And do you swear he said to you it was not along of him ?—Yes, I will.

5841. And to that you replied ?—I said it was his connexion.

5842. Did he make any reply when you said it was his connexion ?—No, sir.

5843. That was all that passed ?—He took up his hat and bade me good night.

5844. Was Sir Henry Edwards alone ?—No, sir.

5845. Who were with him ?—There was Captain Kennard with him.

5846. Anyone else besides Captain Kennard ?—Thomas Dunning.

5847. Anyone else ?—I think there was barber Thompson.

5848. The man we have heard so much of. Do you swear barber Thompson was with Sir Henry at that time ?—Yes.

5849. In your house ?—Yes, I was in my shop working at the time.

5850. What are you ?—A shoemaker.

5851. And you meant that if you had got 1*l.* like other people you would have voted for Sir Henry ?—Yes.

5852. And you would have ?—Yes.

5853. And it was because you were angry at only having got 10*s.* that you voted against him ?—Lowther canvassed me. I said I would give him my vote if they behaved to me the same as they did to other men, whether they got anything or nothing.

5854. Was it after the municipal election that Lowther canvassed you ?—Lowther canvassed me for the municipal election, Park and Lowther.

5855. When was that ?—I don't know, a night or two before the municipal election.

5856. Did they say anything about what you had received ?—No.

5857. Not a word said about money then ?—No, not a word.

5858. How did you come to say you would vote for them if you received the same as other people ?—I had got 3*s.* once before, and I wanted to be behaved to as other men were.

5859. What was the occasion you got the 3*s.* ?—The municipal election.

5860. What year ? — I cannot tell you ; two or three years before.

5861. To what did this conversation refer ? The municipal election ?—Never had a word about anything else.

5862. You have told us when Lowther and Park canvassed you a night or two before the municipal election, you said if you were dealt with the same as other men you would vote for them. To what election did you refer ?—The municipal.

5863. No other election ?—No.

5864. But you did vote for them ?—Yes, I promised them.

5865. That was the reason you did not vote for them at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

5866. But for that you would have voted for them ?—I should have given the major one.

5867. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When you told Sir Henry Edwards you should have voted for him if they had behaved as well to you as others, what were the words he used in reply ?—He said it was not along of him.

5868. Did he say anything else ?—No, I do not think he did.

5869. Were those the very words he used ? — I think there was not anything else said.

5870. What did you understand by that ?—I said it was his connexion.

5871. When he said it was not along of him what did you understand him to mean by that ? What did you suppose those words meant ?—I meant it was along of his canvassers.

5872. What did you understand he meant from those words "it was not along of him"?—I don't

know what I understood. It appeared to me he was very sorry to have such men of such bad conduct about him.

5873. Somebody else had been guilty of bad conduct; is that what you say?—Yes.

5874. Just say; you speak down into the box. What did you say just now? You said something about bad conduct?—Well, sir, having men of bad conduct. They were not men of their word; that was it.

5875. You suppose somebody had not kept their word?—Mr. Lowther had not, and Robert Park.

5876. In what way?—They said they would behave to me as well as to other men, and they did not. I got 10*s.*, and they gave 1*l.* to other men.

5877. That was all you said?—Yes.

5878. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It may be very important, because other gentlemen's names are mixed up with this. Will you tell me the day that was?—I cannot.

5879. As near as you can. How many days after he came into the borough?—Mr. Edwards?

5880. Yes. We understand he did not come into the borough till the 3rd; how many days had he been in the borough?—It was the night before the election Mr. Edwards canvassed me.

5881. When that conversation took place?—Yes.

5882. It is a very serious matter, and there are witnesses, Dunning, barber Thompson, and Mr. Kennard, and you say that was said in your shop, in your house, the night before the election?—Yes.

5883. Did you tell him you had only got 10*s.* at the municipal election where other persons were getting 1*l.*?—I believe I did.

5884. I am sure you will be very cautious, because this affects other gentlemen, and we must be very careful. Can you say whether you did or not say to him, "I got only 10*s.*; other men got a pound, and therefore I will not vote for you," or words to that effect?—I believe I did.

5885. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Why do you say you believe? Are you quite sure?—I am sure of it.

5886. This was said in the hearing of Capt. Kennard, Dunning, and Thompson the barber?—And Robert Park.

5887. And Lowther?—Lowther was not there.

5888. Was Park in the house at that time?—I think he was.

ROBERT MOORE sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner COX.

R. Moore.

5889. What are you?—A tailor.

5890. Are you a voter?—Yes.

5891. For the parliamentary?—I was this last time.

5892. You came in then for the first time?—Yes.

5893. As an occupier?—Yes.

5894. Have you been a voter for the municipal election?—Yes.

5895. How long?—Seven years I believe.

5896. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

5897. For whom did you vote then?—I voted for the Conservative party.

5898. Give me one of their names?—Mr. Lowther.

5899. Lowther and company?—Yes.

5900. Do you know a man of the name of Akrill?—Yes.

5901. Did you see him about the time of the town council election?—I did see him, but not to speak to him; I saw him in the square.

5902. When did you see him to speak to him?—The next morning.

5903. After the Monday?—Yes.

5904. Did he come to ask you to vote for the town councillors?—He asked me which way I had voted.

5905. Did he not come to canvass you for town councillors?—Not on that occasion; he was in the habit of coming to my house almost every day, and he asked me which way I had voted.

5906. And you mean to say he did not come to ask you before to vote for them?—No, not particularly for that.

5907. Did he come to ask you to vote for the parliamentary?—No, he did not mention that.

5908. I believe Mr. Proctor is your brother-in-law?—Yes, and I was in there.

5909. What day was that?—On the council Monday, the same day, in the afternoon.

5910. And you met a man named Robert Walker?—Yes.

5911. What did he say to you?—He asked me if I had voted, I said, "No;" he asked me if I meant to vote. I said "Yes," and he said I was to come on with him; he said the other side was boxed up, and there was no sugar on the other side.

5912. Did he say there was no sugar on the other side?—He said they was short of money on the other side.

5913. That was what Robert Walker said?—Yes.

5914. And he asked you if you had voted?—Yes, he did.

5915. Did he suggest you would get anything by voting for him?—A person named Robert Thirsk came up at the same time.

5916. And this was all against your home?—Yes.

5917. What did Thirsk say?—Robert Walker said, "Here is a man who has not yet voted, and he is "going to vote for our party."

5918. "Here is a man that is going to vote for our "party," he said that?—Yes, I always did vote for that party, Conservative.

5919. What did Thirsk say?—He asked me what money I wanted.

5920. Yes, go on?—I asked what they were giving; I said, "What are you giving," and he said 17*s.* 6*d.* I said, "Very well then, I will go and vote."

5921. Did you not stand out a little time for higher terms?—I said I would have a pound, and he said 17*s.* 6*d.*, why should any more be said about it; and we went in.

5922. Went in where?—We went in to Mr. Dickinson's shop, and he paid me a pound there.

5923. Who gave you a pound?—Robert Thirsk.

5924. And he gave you a pound there?—Yes.

5925. And after that you went to vote?—Yes.

5926. Who took you to vote?—Robert Walker.

5927. What did you do with this 1*l.*; did you count your money?—I counted it as I went home.

5928. Did you count the money before you went to vote?—No.

5929. Did you see how much it was before you went to vote?—No, I did not.

5930. You first of all found it was a pound when you went home?—Yes.

5931. I understood you to say the first time you counted it and found it was a pound was after you got home?—The first time I counted it and found it was a pound was as I was going home.

5932. After that you saw Akrill again?—Yes, he comes in nearly every morning, he lives opposite, he is a neighbour.

5933. Did you talk to him about it?—Yes.

5934. What passed?—He asked me if I had voted. I said "Yes." He asked me how much I got, and I said I got a pound; he said I had done very well, and that was all he said.

5935. Were you canvassed for the borough?—Yes, both parties came to me.

5936. Did Sir Henry Edwards come?—Yes.

5937. Who came with Sir Henry Edwards?—I did not see them. I was up in the chamber. I did not go to the door. I was ill at the time upstairs.

5938. Did you see who came?—Yes, I looked through the chamber window and saw them. Akrill was with him, and several others.

5939. What was the 1*l.* given to you for? For your vote?—Yes.

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5940. But vote for what ?—For the municipal election.

5941. And that only ?—I cannot say anything more about that.

5942. Did you understand that it had anything to do with the parliamentary election ?—I did not think anything about it.

5943. Did it not strike you this 1*l.* was rather a high figure ?—It was very much larger than I had had before.

5944. How often had you had it before ?—Only once before.

5945. What did you get then ?—I think it was 5*s.*

5946. How long ago was that ?—Four or five years since.

5947. I understood you to say you always voted that side ?—Yes, I had always voted that side.

5948. This time you got 1*l.* ?—Yes.

5949. Which was very much higher of course ?—Yes.

5950. At the borough election you voted Conservative too ?—No.

5951. You voted Liberal ?—Yes.

5952. For the first time, you having been on the Conservative side ?—Yes.

5953. You say you thought this 1*l.* a very unusual fee ?—I did not think any more about it. I got it and I did not think any more about it.

5954. You say you stood out for 1*l.* ?—No, I only mentioned that to him, if he had given me 10*s.* I should have been satisfied.

5955. And he offered you 15*s.* or 17*s.* 6*d.* at first, and you got 1*l.* ?—Yes.

5256. You knew the figure was going much higher than it used to ?—Yes.

5957. What was the reason for that in your own mind ?—I did not think then.

5958. When you said you thought it was a high figure, you must have had a reason for thinking so ?—I did think after, but not at the time; I thought after it might be a little to influence me in the borough election.

5959. You thought that was the reason of the rate running so considerably higher ?—I thought that was the reason, but on the day I was very ill and I did not think much about it.

5960. (*Mr Barstow.*) Whatever you thought it did not seem to influence you much ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

G. Brusby.

GEORGE BRUSBY sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

5061. What are you ?—A wheelwright.

5962. Where do you work ?—At Crosskills and Son.

5963. Are you a voter for the parliamentary borough ?—Yes.

5964. How long have you been a voter for the parliamentary borough ?—About nine years.

5965. How often have you voted ?—Twice.

5966. The last time and '65 ?—Yes.

5967. You had no vote before that ?—No.

5968. What did you get for your vote in '65 ?—3*l.*

5969. For whom had you voted before ?—Keane.

5970. For Keane alone; did you give him a plumper ?—Yes.

5971. From whom did you get the 3*l.* ? You laugh. I know it is a pleasant recollection. Who gave you the 3*l.* ?—I cannot tell.

5972–3. Oh yes, you can ?—I cannot tell.

5974. Where did you get it ?—Well, I can't tell.

5975. Yes, you can ?—At the Mechanics'.

5976. Through the hole in the wall ?—That was the place where I got it.

5977. Who took you down ?—I went down of my own accord.

5978. Who told you ?—No one.

5979. Had you heard that money was going there ?—It was the common talk of the town.

5980. It was a notorious fact, was it ?—Yes.

5981. Who gave you the 1*l.* ?—Mr. Bird.

5982. Have you a vote for the borough ?—Yes, I have.

5983. And for the town council ?—I have not at present.

5984. Had you at the last town council election ?—No.

5985. Had you ever one ?—Yes.

5986. How long ago ?—About two years ago I had one.

5987. Then I suppose you did not vote at the town council last time ?—I did not.

5988. And got no money ?—No, I did not.

5989. You got no money ?—None at all.

5990. Your name is Brusby ?—My name is George Brusby.

5991. Were you in the town at the municipal election ?—Yes.

5992. At the "Golden Ball" ?—No.

5993. Where were you ? Was it at the other shop ?—No, no shop in particular.

5994. Did you not receive 1*l.* on the election ?—No.

5995. Upon your oath ?—Upon my oath I did not.

5996. Nor anything ?—Nor anything.

5997. Were you canvassed by any party ?—Only by the Liberal party.

5998. Well I am as anxious to get all out about the Liberal party as well as any other; who spoke to you about the Liberal party ?—Mr. Elwell.

5999. At what time ?—In the morning at 10.

6000. And he came to ask you to vote for the Liberal ?—Yes.

6001. Did he offer you any money ?—Yes, he did not know I had not a vote.

6002. What did he offer you ?—10*s.*

6003. Where ?—In the square.

6004. Did you tell him you had not a vote ?—Yes.

6005. What brought you to the square ?—I just came up to see the stirring.

6006. I suppose there were numbers of men in the square ?—Hundreds.

6007. You knew they were all being paid ?—No.

6008. There was no secret about it ?—I do not know.

6009. You saw a number of men there, did you not ?—Yes.

6010. Did you not know they were waiting to be paid ?—They said they were.

6011. Did the man speak to you or you to him ?—There were three or four talking together, he knew some of them were voters; he said, Have you a vote, and I said, No.

6012. I did not ask you for whom you voted at the last borough election; you voted for Keane before ?—I voted for Maxwell and Edwards.

6013. You divided you vote ?—Yes.

6014. Was there any money going then ?—I never saw any.

6015. Now tell me did you hear any was going ?—No.

6016. Who canvassed you for Edwards ?—Sir Henry Edwards first.

6017. Who canvassed you for Maxwell ?—Lady Herries for one.

6018. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Oh, then, that accounts well enough for the one vote, and I will not ask you any more questions.

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6019. I did not catch the name of the man from whom you got the 10*s.* ?—I did not get it.

6020. No, but offered ?—Elwell, James Elwell, I believe.

6021. What is he ?—He is a cabinet maker.

6022. On which side was that offered you ?—The Liberal party.

6023. Now I want to know this, at Keane's election you got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

6024. And Mr. Bird gave you a pound ?—Yes.

6025. How did it come about that Mr. Bird gave you a pound ?—We went to the Mechanics' and there was a rush of people there who wanted to get in, and we could not get in there, so a report went that there was a bird flying down to the "George and Dragon" with a bag of gold.

6026. Just repeat what you have said ?—There was a report going on that there was a bag of gold going down at the "George and Dragon," and me and a friend of mine went down there and I got a pound there.

6027. Did you see the bag of gold ?—Yes, I did.

6028. Where is the "George and Dragon"?—In High Gate.

6029. How did you get it, where was it paid you ?—It was paid in a back room behind the house.

6030. Why did you say that Mr. Bird gave it to you ?—Because no one else did.

6031. You saw him give it you, and knew Bird quite well ?—I know him quite well.

6032. He is a cabinet maker ?—Yes.

6033. And it was he who was in the room paying away this bag of gold ?—Yes, it was.

6034. At this time you had not got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall ?—No, I had not.

6035. Why did you think yourself entitled to get 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall then ?—I got one then.

6036. You got 2*l.* altogether at the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

6037. You got one then ?—Yes.

6038. Then another day you got 1*l.* ?—Yes, I got three altogether.

6039. Three different sums ?—Yes.

6040. You were paid in the Mechanics' Hall in the way we heard ?—Yes.

6041. How came it you were paid twice at the Mechanics' Hall?—We went from Duffills, the "George and Dragon," to the Mechanics' Hall.

6042. Did anyone authorize you to go ?—No, they did not authorize anyone as far as I am aware.

6043. Did you bargain for any sum of money at all ?—There was no bargain at all.

6044. You did not tell anyone you got a pound at the "George and Dragon"?—I cannot say.

6045. Was not it understood you were to have 2*l.* for a vote ?—Nothing was understood about it.

6046. It was understood that you were to have as much as you could get?—As much as we could get.

6047. You got this money from Mr. Bird, and then went back to the Mechanics' Hall and got your money there ?—Yes.

6048. You were sharper than your neighbours ?—Than some of them.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

6049. When Elwell made you an offer of 10*s.* in the square at the municipal election—— ?—He made it the morning, the municipal-day morning.

6050. Did he make that offer to other people ?—Yes.

6051. That were standing by ?—Yes.

6052. Did any of them take the offer ?—I cannot say ; I do not think they did.

6053. Who were they ?—The next witness, my uncle, I believe was one of them.

6054. Do you remember anyone else he made the offer to ?—My father was there the same time.

6055. Anybody else ?—I cannot say any more, there were three of us together.

6056. Did he make the offer to anybody else ?—I cannot say.

6057. Were there more standing there ?—None but us together.

6058. When he made the offer ?—There were not.

6059. It was only to you three he made the offer ?—It was, so far as I am aware of.

6060. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Why did not you take the offer ?—Because I had not a vote.

6061. Your father and the other were voters ?—Yes.

6062. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Which George Brusby are you ?—It is termed No. 1 in the list.

6063. Where do you live ?—East Gate.

6064. What are you ?—A wheelwright.

6065. What is your father's name ?—William.

6066. What is your uncle's name ?—George.

The witness withdrew.

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George Brusby sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

6067. What are you ?—Well, I served my time to be a smith, but my eyes are bad and I am keeping a cow now ; I cannot work as a smith.

6068. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

6069. How long have you been a freeman ?—I was born in Beverley.

6070. That does not answer my question ; how long you have been a freeman ?—Two and thirty years I have been.

6071. For whom did you vote last parliamentary election ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

6072. For whom did you vote at the municipal election ?—Lowther, Usher, and t'other.

6073. I know, that will do. Now, on the day of the election you were in the square, were not you ?—Yes; I came up to the hall.

6074. Did you see a man named Elwell there ?—Yes.

6075. Did he offer you any money ? Do you know Elwell at all ?—Yes, I know Elwell.

6076. What politics is he ?—A Liberal, I suppose.

6077. Did he offer you any money ?—He asked me if I could take 10*s.*

6078. Did you take it ?—No.

6079. Why not ? — Because I had promised the other party.

6080. Had the other party said what they were going to give you, what they intended to give you ?—No they had not.

6081. Had you heard what was going on the other side ?—Yes.

6082. And that had to do with your refusing to take 10*s.* from Elwell ?—I came and polled, and I got a sovereign from the other party.

6083. That was your reason for your not taking the 10*s.* was it ?—Yes.

6084. Now about these other elections ; I suppose you voted for most elections in Beverley for the last 32 years ?—No, I have not.

6085. Why is that, have you been away ?—I have been away for 20 years.

6086. Did you vote in Keane's election ?—Yes, I believe I voted.

6087. For whom did you vote then ?—I voted for Keane.

6088. Did you get anything ?—Yes, I got the same as the rest, I expect.

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6089. How much is that, we do not know?—I got two sovereigns, I believe.

6090. Did you get the money at the Mechanics' Hall in the way we have heard of?—Yes.

6091. You were not so fortunate as to go where Mr. Bird was at the "George and Dragon"?—No.

6092. Have you voted for any other election?—Yes; I voted for the last election.

6093. But I mean before Keane's?—Yes, I voted for Major Edwards the first election.

6094. In '57?—Yes.

6095. Did you get anything then?—Yes, I got 3*l.*

6096. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who paid you?—Thomas Oxley.

6097. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He is the man we have heard of; he is a butcher, is he not?—No, a bricklayer.

6098. Where were you paid?—In the streets.

6099. Did you vote in 1859, for Walters and Edwards and Walker?—Yes, I voted for Walters.

6100. Did you get anything?—I got 2*l.* then.

6101. Who paid you?—I can hardly tell you that.

6102. I think if you try to think you will know who paid you?—I cannot call to mind just now, however I know I had it.

6103. Where did you get it?—In the street; I was out of town at the time, and I came up to poll. I was working under the Tories at that time.

6104. In what way were you working under them?—At smithing; I was a blacksmith.

6105. What do you mean by the Tories?—I mean all the Tories there are in the country side; Major Edwards and all his colleagues.

6106. Do you mean you used to shoe horses for them?—Yes, and I came to poll for them.

6107. I suppose there was a Tory blacksmith and a Liberal blacksmith, was there?—Oh, yes.

6108. Was that really so?—Yes, and you would have been worried if you had not polled for them.

6109. You were a Tory blacksmith?—I was forced to be.

6110. I do not know why you were forced?—I am a Liberal man, and I never polled at all but when forced for the Tories.

6111. I am speaking of Mr. Walters' election?—Yes, I polled for him.

6112. We have been told Mr. Walters was a Liberal?—Yes.

6113. Then you were working for Tories?—Yes.

6114. Was that the end of your Tory connexion, or did you go on working?—No, I left them, for you cannot go back to a place after you have polled against them.

6115. I do not understand?—You cannot go and work for a Tory after you have polled against him.

6116. Now in 1860, that was Walker and Gridley, which way did you vote then?—I got two sovereigns that time.

6117. You remember who paid you, that I am sure?—No, I do not.

6118. You do not remember who paid you?—I do not recollect at present.

6119. You do not seem to remember your own friends?—No, I do not.

6120. Had you lost your eyes at that time?—No; I have not to say lost them now; I can see you now, but I cannot see to do a good deal of smith work, the fire affects them.

6121. Do you really mean to tell me you cannot tell us who paid you at Gridley's election?—No, I cannot.

6122. Now you have been 32 years on the register, did you vote in Denison's election, that was '57, the same year as Edwards' election?—No, I think I did not poll.

6123. Did you vote in Gordon's election?—Yes, I voted for Gordon.

6124. Did you get anything?—Yes, I got a sovereign for Gordon, I believe.

6125. Now, who paid you then?—I really cannot say, it is a long time ago.

6126. Well, it is long, I will not ask you?—It is so long ago I cannot speak.

6127. You voted in Lawley's election, I suppose?—No, I did not.

6128. Are you quite sure?—I was not here at all, I had been out 20 years, I came in just about the major's first election.

6129. Gordon's election was before?—Yes, just before.

6130. Was Gordon's the first election you voted at?—Yes, and the Irishman, what do you call him?

6131. Hastings, you mean, do you?—No, Glover,

6132. Did you get anything for Glover?—No, I never polled for Glover; I never polled for an Irishman in my life that I know of.

6133. Then the only times you got money at the borough election was Keane's, and Walter's, and Gridley's, and Gordon?—Yes.

6134. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And Edwards?

6135. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Aye, and Edwards too?—Yes.

6136. Now, you voted a good many times in the municipal elections?—No, I have not; only since I have come into the town, for the last time 10 years.

6137. How many times have you voted?—Five or six years.

6138. You have generally got money?—No, I have not.

6139. Never got any?—We have no money on our side to pay.

6140. You were offered 10*s.* this last time?—That is right enough.

6141. You never had anything before?—No, I generally polled for nothing that side rather than have anything.

6142. Will you tell me you never got anything at the municipal elections before?—I will, if that is the truth.

6143. That is my question; except this time, 1868, you never received any money for voting at a municipal election?—I have not.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

6144. There were two elections in '57, did you only vote at one of them; did you vote when Glover put up?—Who was it with him?

6145. Major Edwards put up in '57, and Glover put up in '57, did you vote in Glover's election?—I polled for Major Edwards the first time he came.

6146. Before that, in the same year, there had been an election. Glover put up?—I did not poll at that, that was the first election I polled.

6147. You did not poll at Glover's election?—No.

6148. When did you say you left off working for the Tories, you say at one time you left off?—When I was working for a gentleman in the town, Mr. Layborn.

6149. You left them to work for Mr. Layborn, did you say?—No, he was a Tory; he paid me off as soon as I had polled the other side.

6150. Who was that?—Mr. Layborn.

6151. What is he?—He was a farmer, a gentleman farmer.

6152. What were you then by occupation?—A smith, a blacksmith.

6153. What, you shoed horses?—Yes.

6154. At that time do you mean to say you shoed only Tory horses?—Yes, at least they were his property.

6155. You said (the words I took down), I was working under the Tories at the time, Major Edwards and his colleagues?—Yes, I was under Lord Hotham.

6156. You said Layborn?—That was another, it

is not only once, I have left my employment through the Tories several times.

6157. When did you leave off working for the Tories ?—About 10 years since, at the major's first election.

6158. How do you know you lost your employment from that cause ?—I went back and they told me there was nothing else for me to do.

6159. Did they give their reason ?—No.

6160. Who were they, I cannot make out who they were ?—I do not know that is a matter.

6161. It is a matter. I am very curious to know who were they who said they would not have anything more to do with you for having voted ?—I won't say that.

6162. But positively you must ?—I am not forced to tell you.

6163. Yes, you are indeed, and the consequences will be very serious to you if you do not ?—Mr. Layborn was one.

6164. He told you he would have nothing more to do with you because you voted a particular way ?—He sent his servant with the money and said he had nothing more for me to do.

6165. That was Mr. Layborn said that ?—He sent his servant with my wages as soon as he knew I polled.

6166. He told you it was no use going back to the party ?—No, his servant told me his master had sent the wages, and I need not go in the place any more.

6167. When was that, do you know how long ago ?—I cannot say.

6168. Do you mean that was when Major Edwards first of all came ?—That was another time.

6169. Was it before that time ?—Yes, that was the reason I had to leave the town, to get work elsewhere.

6170. You found you could not get work here ?—He told everybody else not to employ me.

6171. You think because you gave that vote that really compelled you to leave the town ?—It was nothing else.

6172. Have you ever worked for the Tories since ?—Oh, yes.

6173. You have ?—Yes, we are middling good friends now.

6174. You have got friends again ?—Yes.

6175. You have made it up ?—Oh, yes, we are good friends now.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

6176. You are putting yourself forward as a moral man voting on principle ; did you ever vote for the Liberals unless you got money ?—Yes, at the municipal elections.

6177. I am speaking of parliamentary elections ; did you not get money every time ?—Yes, and several other people.

6178. Then do not talk about always voting for the Liberals on principle.—I was not talking ; I told you I got money.

William Dixon sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

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6179. Your name is William Dickson ?—Yes.

6180. Are you a voter for the parliamentary ?—Yes, this last time.

6181. Then you are an occupier ?—Yes.

6182. Are you a voter for the town council ?—Yes.

6183. How long have you been a voter for the town council ?—I think it was two years since, but I do not know ; somebody said I was put on.

6184. How long have you been on the list as far as you know ?—Two years.

6185. Did you vote at this last municipal election ?—Yes, for the Liberals.

6186. What did you get ?—15*s*.

6187. Who gave you that ?—Thomas Green.

6188. For voting at the municipal election ?—Yes.

6189. Whom did you vote for ?—Charles Brereton was one.

6190. Which ward was that ?—St. Mary's.

6191. Did you ever get money before for voting for the town council ?—Yes, 5*s*. the year before.

6192. Who gave you that ?—Taylor Gray.

6193. What side is he ?—Liberal.

6194. You took money twice from the Liberals for the municipal election ; 15*s*. you got from Thomas Green, that was this last time, November of last year ?—Yes, the last municipal.

6195. You voted for the parliamentary election ; whom did you vote for at the parliamentary ?—Edwards and Kennard.

6196. Did you get anything for that ?—No, they never even asked me for my vote.

6197. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No, nor had nothing promised.

6198. Do you know a man of the name of Doncaster ?—No, I cannot say that I do.

6199. Do you not know a man of that name ?—I cannot say that I do, I perhaps might do if he was here.

6200. You know there is such a man ?—Yes.

6201. Have you talked to him about voting ?—Not to my knowledge.

6202. Just think ; have you ever talked to him about voting ?—No.

6203. Where have you seen him ?—I have seen him in the streets several times, if it be the same man.

6204. What sort of a man are you thinking of ?—A labourer, an old man.

6205. You have seen him in the streets several times ?—Yes.

6206. Have you not talked to him about election matters ?—Not to my knowledge.

6207. You gave your vote this time for the first time, and you voted for Edwards and Kennard ?—Yes.

6208. And always before you voted Liberal ?—Yes.

6209. Can you tell me how that was, tell me plainly and fully ?—I had promised Maxwell and Trollope ; I told them in the market place I would give them my vote. I intended then to give it the biggest part of the day. Me and they were standing together.

6210. What do you mean by "they"?—Some more men. Harrison Broadley came up at the same time to give his vote, and I expect he was a Tory, and he came up and he was ha'ed and hoo'd and hissed by the Liberals, and I said to a particular friend, that will make me turn my vote.

6211. I do not know why that should make you turn ?—Harrison Broadley came up to give his vote, and he was known to be a Tory, and as soon as he came up, he came up on horseback, and they hooted and shouted him.

6212. What has that got to do with it ?—Nothing ; I could vote which way I liked.

6213. You said in consequence of something you saw you changed your mind. From the beginning of the day you had made up your mind to vote for the Liberals, as I understand ?—Yes.

6214. Then this gentleman coming up had something to do with your changing your mind ?—Certainly, which I had a right to do, when I seed a man so badly behaved to.

6215. Is it because they were ill treating him or behaving rudely to him that you changed your mind ?—That was the principal part of it.

6216. Because somebody was rude to somebody else ?—Yes.

6217. I thought it depended upon his coming on horseback, perhaps. Are you sure that that was the only reason that you changed your mind, there must have been something more than that ?—I do not know that there is.

6218. Are you sure of that ?—When I was in drink I told somebody I got paid for the day, and they told Joe Hind, and Joe Hind was up to me about it, and

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the others they were upset. I said I had been paid most liberally for my day, and they came and told Joe Hind, and some said the Tories were the best, and I expect there was some ill feeling.

6219. Was that the only reason for your changing your vote?—Yes, because never a Tory asked me for my vote. They did not even come to my house.

6220. Did you not get anything for your vote?—I got 15*s.* for the municipal; I never got anything for the parliamentary.

6221. You know what I mean. You got 15*s.* at the municipal?—Yes.

6222. That is what you say you got?—Yes.

6223. What more did you get, what more during that fortnight?—Not one farthing.

6224. Did you not say to Doncaster, that you would not vote without you got a trifle?—Oh, I said so, and so did a good many people.

6225. You said that?—Yes, a good many times. I said that to Doncaster and to Mr. Vickers there as well.

6226. What did Vickers say to you?—He said he did not think I should get anything to-day.

6227. Which side is he?—I expect he is the Liberal now.

6228. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was that the day of the polling?—Yes.

6229. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is, you said that you would not vote unless you got how much?—I did not mention the sum.

6230. Did you not mention 5*s.*?—No.

6231. Did you mention any figure?—No.

6232. You said you would have something or else you would not vote?—Yes.

6233. That you said to Vickers and Doncaster?—I do not remember saying anything to Doncaster.

6234. Just try and remember some of the others you said it to. Do you remember anybody else in particular?—No.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

6235. You promised Maxwell and Trollope to vote for them?—Yes.

6236. When did you promise them?—When we were in the market place.

6237. How many days before the election?—I cannot say, but it was fair day.

6238. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I daresay some gentleman can tell us what day that is.

(*The Messenger.*) The 5th of November it was.

6239-40. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) At that time you intended to keep your promise?—Yes.

6241. And you intended to keep your promise up to the day of the polling?—Yes.

6242. Then you came into the market place on the polling day, up to the hustings?—Yes.

6243. And then some one spoke to you, and you said you would not vote without getting something?—Yes.

6244. You had not polled then?—No.

6245. What time did you poll?—I should think betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock.

6246. I thought so. Who went with you to the poll?—No one at all. No one knew who I was going to vote for when I went into the Corn Exchange.

6247. Do you mean to say that you did not speak to anybody before you polled, or anybody speak to you?—Several persons passed remarks.

6248. Yes, you did not stand there all day in the market place. What time did you get to the hustings?—As soon as they started.

6249. What public houses had you been in before you polled?—I do not think I had been in any to my knowledge. I had been laid up.

6250. You know whether you were in a public house. Will you swear you were not in a public house that day?—I was in the "Valiant Soldier," but that was at night.

6251. I am speaking before you polled. You were standing there from 9 till 2 or 3, what public house did you go to?—Not one at all.

6252. You will swear that?—I will.

6253. Did you remain standing there all the time?—No.

6254. Where did you go?—Me and another man were walking up and down town.

6255. Who was the other man?—William Windas.

6256. You were walking up and down town, where did you go to? We shall have Windas, so you might as well tell. Where did you go to?—Up and down the town till the poll was closed.

6257. What time did you meet Windas?—I should say I should see him about 10 o'clock, and then we parted a bit.

6258. You came into the town with him?—No.

6259. Was he a voter?—Yes.

6260. What time did he vote?—I do not know.

6261. He did not vote with you?—No.

6262. You say you walked up and down the town with Windas, how long?—We should walk up and down till dinner time, and then he went, and I met him in the afternoon.

6263?—You did nothing but walk up and down?—We looked at the state of the poll.

6264. Were you with anybody else?—Another little man I was with called Samuel Dean.

6265. Was he a voter?—Yes.

6266. For whom did he vote?—For Maxwell and Trollope. I believe he gave Maxwell a plumper.

6267. Anybody else?—No.

6268. When did you part with Windas, did you part with him before you voted? It is a very strange story you are telling us. Did you part with him before you voted?—No.

6269. He remained in your company till you voted?—Yes.

6270. Were you together all the time?—He went away a little while to talk to a friend.

6271. And you went away to talk to a friend?—Sometimes.

6272. What friend?—Principally the men who work at the same works as I do.

6273. What work do you go to?—Hull draining.

6274. You say you saw somebody before you voted; who spoke to you?—I saw a great many people, but I had no conversation with them.

6275. And you say this gentleman came on horseback, and that was the reason you give us now you changed your mind?—Principally.

6276. What else was the cause?—Nothing else.

6277. Do you mean that we should understand that because you say a gentleman coming on horseback that you changed, and no other reason?—No.

6278. That you wish us to believe?—Yes.

6279. Did the gentleman who came on horseback speak to you?—No, I never spoke to him in my life.

6280. What time did you see him come in?—I should say it would be near upon 10 o'clock.

6281. You saw a gentleman come in near upon 10 o'clock, and then the conduct to him operated so strongly on your mind that you came and voted between 2 and 3, is that it?—Yes, he came in to vote about 10 o'clock.

6282. To whom did you say that you had been paid for the day; to whom did you say it?—Frederick Kirkman.

6283. Anybody else?—Not to my knowledge; there may have been two or three there who heard it.

6284. You said it two or three times?—Yes.

6285. Was that a lie?—Yes.

6286. Did you tell them how much you got paid?—They said they had gotten something, and I wanted to be a shilling above.

6287. Tell us how much you said you had been paid?—For the day?

6288. Yes, how much did you say?—I believe I said to them 5*s.*

6289. And said that more than once ?—Yes.

6290. Do you know Mr. Jackson of Thearne?—Yes.

6291. Do you know him?—Yes.

6292. Did you see him that day ?—No.

6293. Any time before ?—I was working for him ; that was the man as I told them that had paid me.

6294. Are you working for him now?—No.

6295. When did he discharge you ?—Before Christmas. I got his work done.

6296. How long had you been working for him before ?—I worked for him and his father nine or ten winters.

6297. You told them that he had paid you *5s.*?—Yes.

6298. You had been working for him at the time of the election ?—Yes.

6299. What were your wages ?—*5s.* a day.

6300. Have you been paid for that day ?—No.

6301. Was it stopped out of your wages ?—I never got nothing for that day.

6302. Has it been stopped out of your wages ? Were you paid daily or weekly ?—We was by the piece. We got money every week.

6303. You are a pieceworker ?—Yes.

6304. You say you got no money ?—No.

6305. Tell me, did Mr. Jackson take any interest in the election ?—I never heard him mention it.

6306. He is not a voter ?—I do not know whether he is or not.

6307. Did he vote for the borough ?—I do not know.

6308. Do you not know he is a voter ?—No.

6309. You mean to tell me that ?—Yes, I do.

6310. Did you see him that day ?—No.

6311. Did you see him the day before ?—No, I do not think I did.

6312. Had you been at work the day before ?—I do not think I had for a week or a fortnight before, I was very ill at that time, and some weeks I worked only two or three days.

6313. You were not ill on the day of the election when you were walking about from 9 till 2 ?—Yes, I was.

6314. Who came to see you when you were ill the day before the election ?—I had no doctor to come and see me.

6315. Did anybody else the day before the election —No, only the man who used to work with me.

6316. Are you a married man ?—Yes.

6317. Did the parties come to canvass you at home for Maxwell and Trollope ?—I never had them at my house, I did hear tell of them being in the yard.

6318. Who was in the yard that you heard ?—My wife told me they had been in the yard.

6319. What did your wife tell you ?—Major Edwards and his party.

6320. How long before the election ?—I cannot say.

6321. About ?—Two or three days.

6322. I think your wife is a Tory or rather inclined that way ?—No, she is real orange, and so am I, but not for the town of Beverley no more, I shan't.

6323. I suppose you left home under the understanding with your wife that you were going to vote for Maxwell and Trollope ?—I told her at dinner time that I was going to vote for Maxwell and Trollope.

6324. On that day ?—Yes.

6325. Did your friend Windas go with you to dinner ?—No.

6326. Did you see anyone from your dinner hour till you voted ?—No, I did not see no one.

6327. You told her you intended to vote for Maxwell and Trollope at your dinner hour ?—Yes.

6328. What was your dinner hour ? However you recollect that you saw the man on horseback at 10 o'clock, and that he changed your mind, and now you tell me that at dinner time you told you wife that you intended to vote for Maxwell and Trollope. You told me at dinner time you intended to vote for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

6329. Now the gentleman came in at 10 o'clock ?—Yes.

6330. How do you reconcile that ?—I see him come to vote and the man was ill used by the Liberals and that changed my mind.

6331. Did you intend to do it, do not tell me you told your wife so ?—It was in my mind to vote for Maxwell and Trollope even at the very last moment when I went to vote for Edwards and Kennard ; it was in my mind when I went to vote.

6332. That is all a fiction then about the gentleman. Tell us what you got ?—I have told you nothing at all.

6333. You swear that ?—I will.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

6334. You got a bit of money at the municipal election ?—Yes.

6335. I suppose you were not unwilling to take a little at the parliamentary if you could have got it? —No.

6336. What kept you so long in the town without voting ?—I expected there would be money.

6337. Did you ask anybody whether there was money stirring ?—Yes, I believe I did.

6338. Whom did you ask ?—Mr. Vickers.

6339. Is that John Smales Vickers ?—Yes.

6340. Did you ask anyone else ?—Mr. Nutchey.

6341. You went to both sides ?—Yes.

6342. Who else did you ask besides Vickers and Nutchey ?—I do not know that I asked any more particularly, but several men asked Mr. Lowther and Mr. Vickers again.

6343. The men that you were with ?—Yes.

6344. Were there a good many hanging off ?—A good many, and a good many I expect did not vote at all.

6345. And you were going about seeing what could be got ?—Yes, looking about. There were a deal of rows and persons falling out and fighting on that day.

6346. Did Vickers or anybody you spoke to endeavour to get you to vote ?—Yes, Mr. Vickers and a man they called John Dales ; they were both Tories. They asked me if I would give Mr. Maxwell a vote, as he was a good man ; and I said, Well, I do not know what I should do. I believe I said to Mr. Vickers I should not vote for nobody unless I got paid.

6347. You were going to vote for Maxwell and Trollope. What you have told us is all palpable nonsense? — No more than what I have told you gentlemen.

6348. Yes, but you cannot expect us to believe it? —A man may easily change his mind ; a little will do that.

6349. But what makes a man generally change his mind at election time ?—Money will often make a man change his mind, especially a poor man.

6350. Will you swear you got no money that day ? —Not a farthing. I had it in my mind not to vote unless I got something.

6351. Have you got any since ?—No.

6352. Has your wife got any ?—No.

6353. You will swear your wife has got none ?—I will.

6354. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You told Vickers and other people that you would not vote unless you got something ?—Yes.

6355. And was that your resolve when you told Vickers you would not vote unless you got something? Was that true, that you had made up your mind that you would not vote unless you got something ? —I had it in my mind that I would not vote unless I got something.

6356. Afterwards you did vote, and, you say, without getting anything. When did you change your mind ?—Not five yards off the place before I voted.

6357. A sudden inspiration ?—Yes, sir.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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J. Goldwell.

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JOHN GOLDWELL sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

6358. Are you a freeman?—No sir.

6359. Are you a voter as an occupier?—Yes, I am a voter.

6360. Did you vote for the first time at the last municipal election?—Yes; municipal.

6361. And did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

6362. For the first time?—Yes.

6363. In both?—No; I voted twice for the municipal, one was the time before last.

6364. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—I voted at the parliamentary for Maxwell and Trollope.

6365. And for whom did you vote for town councillors?—I forget the names.

6366. What ward did you vote for?—I voted for Saint Mary's ward.

6367. Was it for Lowther you voted?—Yes; I think it would be Lowther

6368. What party did you vote for at the former election?—I voted for the Lowther party. I do not know the names of them.

6369. For the municipal party in 1867?—Yes; I voted at the municipal in '67.

6370. What did you get on that occasion?—*5s.*

6371. From the Liberals?—Yes, from the Liberals.

6372. What did you get the last time?—At the municipal?

6373. Yes?—A pound.

6374. From whom?—Mr. Watson, a painter.

6375. At what time did you vote?—Between two and three o'clock.

6376. Did you know at that time the election was virtually over?—Oh yes.

6377. For what do you think you got the pound?—For voting.

6378. For voting when it was useless?—Yes.

6379. In your judgment, had it any reference to the parliamentary election?—In my judgment it had.

6380. Did you think so at the time?—Yes, I did think so at the time.

6381. Did you think it was in the nature of an instalment of what you were to get at the parliamentary election?—I thought so.

6382. Did you inquire what was going before you voted on the parliamentary election?—I did not.

6383. Had you heard there was no money going at the parliamentary election?—I did not hear there was any money at the parliamentary election.

6384. But you did hear there was no money going?—Yes; I did hear there was no money going.

6385. Then hearing there was no money going, you went and voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

6386. After having accepted the pound from the Conservatives previously?—Yes.

6387. Where do you live?—At 32, Dock Street, Hull.

The witness withdrew.

H. Arnott.

HENRY ARNOTT sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

6388. Where do you live?—In Beverley, Minster Moor Gate.

6389. Did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—No.

6390. How was that?—I was in London at the time when the election took place.

6391. You were away?—Yes.

6392. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

6393. For whom did you vote?—I cannot remember the names, but I voted for the Conservative party for Minster ward.

6394. Did you get any money?—No.

6395. And none was offered to you?—No.

6396. Do you know a man of the name of William Noon Dixon?—Yes, perfectly well.

6397. How did you vote in 1865, we will call it Keane's election?—I voted for the Conservatives.

6398. Was William Noon Dixon with you at Keane's election?—Yes.

6399. Did you procure him any money?—No.

6400. Did you take him to the "Cross Keys"?—No.

6401. Did you take him to any public house whatever?—No.

6402. Did you take him to any house whatever?—No.

6403. Then if he has said you promised him money directly or indirectly that is untrue?—That is untrue.

6404. Have you read his evidence, the evidence he has given here?—I have read it this morning.

6405. Is that evidence true?—No, part of it is.

6406. What part?—That part with respect to his being intoxicated. I picked him up in the street and took him to vote. When I say I picked him up, he was not laid down, but I took him in a cab to vote.

6407. Did you ever tell him the next morning that he had been bribed?—I do not remember that I did. We work in the shop together, and I might have "chaffed" him, but I can positively tell you I did not bribe him.

6408. Did he show you two pounds?—No, he did not, and where he got his money from for his drink I do not know.

6409. He did not show you any money the next morning?—No, I do not remember that he did.

6410. And whatever you said to him the next morning on the subject of bribing would be in joke?—It would be in chaff.

6411. At all events if anything was said that morning as to bribing it would only be in chaff?—No, it was only chaff in this way.

6412. For whom did Dixon vote at Keane's election?—I believe he voted for Keane and Sykes, but I believe he had promised his vote to Sykes and Edwards, but he was so drunk I think he made a mistake.

6413. Do you know anything about a pound?—I saw it stated in the paper where he said he received a pound when sober.

6414. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where did you pick him up?—Somewhere in——

6415. There, you picked him up?—When I say picked him up, he was not lying down, he was intoxicated.

6416. You do not mean it literally?—No.

6417. You voted for Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes; and Mr. Sykes at Keane's election.

6418. You did not vote at the last election?—No, I did not.

6419. Did you get any money when you voted?—For Sykes and Edwards?

6420. Yes?—No, not a penny.

6421. Had you voted before?—Yes.

6422. For what election?—When it was Denison, Wells, and Glover.

6423. Did you get any money then?—No.

6424. Did you on any occasion ever receive any money for your vote?—No.

6424*a*. I ask these questions for your good, I do not ask them from any information I have received, but I think it right to ask you?—If I had received any money I would have told you.

The witness withdrew.

ROBERT TOWSE sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

R. Towse.

6425. Where do you live?—In Lairgate, in this town.

6426. What are you?—A brickmaker.

6427. Have you got a vote for the town council?—Yes.

6428. How long have you had a vote for the town council?—I am sure I do not know, but I dare say 20 years.

6429. Are you a freeman?—No.

6430. An occupier?—Yes.

6431. Have you a vote for the borough?—Yes.

6432. How long have you had it?—The last time.

6433. For whom did you vote for town councillors?—Lowther, Usher, and Catterson.

6434. And how did you vote at the borough?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

6435. Do you remember going to Dickinson's shop on the day of the election for town councillors?—Yes.

6436. Did you see anyone?—I saw Monkman and Bentley.

6437–8. Did you see Lowther?—Do you mean James Botterill Lowther?

6439. Yes?—No.

6440. But you saw Bentley and Monkman?—Yes. Monkman brought me 15*s*.; he brought me here to vote.

6441. He brought you here to vote, you say?—Yes.

6442. Repeat that. Who brought you here to vote?—Monkman.

6443. Where did he give you the 15*s*.?—In this town hall.

6444. What was the 15*s*. for?—For voting for councillors.

6445. For anything else?—No.

6446. Did you ever get anything for your vote for town councillors?—Half-a-crown.

6447. When was that?—Two or three years ago.

6448. And then you got half-a-crown.—Yes.

6449. What was the highest?—I think that was; I do not recollect any more.

6450. Do you know why this last time it ran so high as 15*s*.?—There was plenty on stir. I did not get so much by a crown as some.

6451. Had you no thought it referred to the borough?—Nobody ever mentioned anything to me about the borough.

6452. Had you no thought it was for something like that, being 15*s*. instead of 2*s*. 6*d*.?—I should have taken 2*s*. 6*d*. if that had been all.

6453. You must have thought there was some reason for your having so much larger a sum. You got six times as much as you had ever had before?—Yes, that is true.

6454. What did you think they gave you six times as much as they did before for?—I did not think.

6455. Will you swear you did not think it was something else than the municipal?—I did not think at all what it was for.

6456. You got 15*s*. without thinking what it was for? Do you mean to say you did not think it was for something else besides the municipal?—I did not think anything at all about it. I took the 15*s*. when I voted, and went away.

6457. Were you not surprised at it; you knew it was six times beyond what you had received before?—No, I was not surprised.

6458. And you swear it had nothing to do with the borough election?—They never said nought about the borough election.

6459. Did you not think it had something to do with it?—No, I never thought at all.

The witness withdrew.

JOSEPH SYKES sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Sykes.

6460. What are you?—A bootmaker.

6461. How long have you been a voter for the parliamentary borough?—I only voted last time.

6462. For whom did you vote?—I voted for the Liberals.

6463. How long have you been a voter for the town council?—About three or four years.

6464. Have you voted all those times?—I believe I have voted three times.

6465. Did you vote for the Liberals always?—No.

6466. For whom did you vote the last time?—For the Conservatives.

6467. Did you get anything?—A sovereign.

6468. From whom?—From William Beilby.

6469. Where were you paid?—Going out of the Town Hall.

6470. Do you know where Beilby got the money from?—From Nathaniel Kemplay.

6471. Did you know where he got it?—No.

6472. He handed you a sovereign?—Yes.

6473. What time of the day was it?—It would be about half-past 11.

6474. Did you know at the time the Liberals were beaten?—Yes.

6475. Now I ask the state of your mind. Did you not receive the 1*l*. as an instalment for what was to come at the parliamentary election?—No. I thought they wanted to have a very large majority, and if they got in with a large majority at the municipal, they hoped they would carry the parliamentary, and that is what they did.

6476. You thought they were trying to influence the parliamentary election by the largeness of their majority for the municipal?—Yes, that is what they said.

6477. Who said it?—It was said in the town.

6478. And you thought just the same yourself; you got that sum that way?—Yes.

6479. In order to influence the majority?—Yes, that is just it.

6480. Would you have voted for them if you had not got a pound?—No, I should not. I voted for the sovereign.

6481. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I wish to understand what you mean. Do you mean, when you got a pound, it was said they intended to have so large a majority as to influence the parliamentary election?—Yes.

6482. Did you understand the pound to be for your individual vote at the parliamentary election?—No.

6483. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How could carrying the municipal election by a large majority influence the par-

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liamentary ?—The great talk was, if they carried the municipal election it would have a great influence on the parliamentary.

6484. The people would have to vote apart; the municipal votes would not affect the parliamentary ?—If they get a large majority in the town council, we generally think the municipal majority has a great deal to do with the parliamentary.

6485. You think if there is a majority in the town council it would act on the parliamentary ?—Yes.

6486. Do you remember anyone saying this to you ?—No; it was town talk, talk about the town.

The witness withdrew.

S. Barrett.

SAMUEL BARRETT sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

6487. Are you an occupier ?—Yes.

6488. How long have you been an occupier ?—Four years.

6489. I see you voted for the Conservatives at the municipal election ?—Only for Sir Henry, I voted for Trollope.

6490. I mean the council, you voted for the Conservatives ?—Yes.

6491. At the parliamentary election you voted for Edwards and Trollope ?—Yes.

6492. What are you ?—A hatter.

6493. I suppose at the municipal election you got something for your vote like everybody else ?—Yes.

6494. Who paid you ?—Robert Thirsk.

6495. What time did you vote ?—About half-past 11.

6496. And you were paid after you voted ?—No, before.

6497. Where were you paid ?—At Mrs. Dickinson's shop, the pork butcher's.

6498. How much ?—A sovereign.

6499. What did you at the time you were paid take the money for ?—I took it for my vote for the council choosing.

6500. Be honest and tell us true; at the time you took it was it for anything else than council choosing ?—I do not think it was; at the same time it did not influence me at all, I should have voted that way if I had got nothing.

6501. How have you voted before ?—I never have voted before.

6502. Not for the council ?—No.

6503. Do you mean to say this made no influence over your vote for the parliamentary ?—No.

6504. Would you have voted that way if you had got nothing at all ?—Yes, if I voted at all.

6505. If you voted at all ?—That is to say I might might not have voted. I did not intend to vote, only I heard that morning I could have got a sovereign, and I thought I might have got it as well as anybody else, so I came and voted.

6506. I am speaking of the parliamentary election, if you had had no payment whatever would you have voted the same ?—If I had no payment whatever I should have voted for Sir Henry Edwards.

6507. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) At the borough you were paid for your vote ?—Not at the borough.

6508. I mean at the municipal ?—Yes, I was paid for my vote then, and if I had not been paid perhaps I should not have voted at all.

6509. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do not tell us what you would have done, we must accept that you were were paid for your voting.

6510. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Had you voted for the town council before ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

H. Condor.

HENRY CONDOR sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

6511. What are you ?—A labourer.

6512. Where do you work ?—For Mr. Cussons.

6513. What are the works ?—Tanyards.

6514. Have you a vote for the town council ?—Yes.

6515. How long have you had a vote ?—About seven years.

6516. Have you often voted for the town council ?—Yes, different times.

6517. Did you vote last time ?—Yes.

6518. Which way did you vote ?—I voted for Lowther, &c.

6519. What did you get for your vote ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

6520. Where was that ?—I got it in the market place.

6521. Where ?—It was in the street of a man of the name of Rippon.

6522. Was it in a shop ?—It was near a shop, near to Baskitt's.

6523. Who was it gave you the money ?—Rippon.

6524. Did you vote for the borough ?—Yes.

6525. Which way did you vote ?—I voted for Sir Henry Edwards and Capt. Kennard.

6526. You voted at other elections for the town council ?—Yes.

6527. Did you get anything for your vote then ?—Yes, I once got 5*s.* before.

6528. Once before you got 5*s.* ?—Yes.

6529. Was that the highest you ever got ?—Yes.

6530. Five shillings before was the highest and 17*s.* 6*d.* this time ?—Yes.

6531. Well, what was your vote given for this time; when you got the 17*s.* 6*d.* what did you understand that was for ?—For the town council.

6532. What else ?—Nothing else whatsoever.

6533. Did you understand why the 17*s.* 6*d.* was given this time; why the price was so much higher than in times before ?—No, I did not hear what was the reason of it.

6534. Did you think in your own mind there was any particular reason ?—I did not think there was any particular reason at all.

6535. Were not you surprised at getting so much more than you had got before ?—No, I was not.

6536. What o'clock did you vote for the town council ?—About half-past 10, as near as I can tell.

6537. Was the election going on on both sides briskly then ?—Yes, it was.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

6538. Was your name put down in a book ?—No, it was not when I received my 17*s.* 6*d.*

6539. But before that ?—No; my name was never down in a book.

6540. Who spoke to you about getting 17*s.* 6*d.* ?—It was a man of the name of Taylor, I believe, who told me of the 17*s.* 6*d.*

6541. What is he ?—A labourer, I believe.

6542. Did he ask you had you a vote for the members that were to be elected ? This was the first time you had become a parliamentary voter ?—He never asked it of me.

6543. It was the first time you had become a parliamentary voter ?—Yes.

6544. Did anyone know you were a parliamentary voter ?—No.

6545. Of course they might have known by your name being on ?—They might of course know by my name.

6546. The names were published about a fortnight or three weeks before the election ?—I dare say it would be about that time.

6547. The names of all the parliamentary electors were published ?—I dare say they would be.

6548. Did anyone ask you whether you were a parliamentary elector ?—No ; that day it was never mentioned to me.

6549. Who canvassed you for the borough ?—I was canvassed by both parties.

6550. What are you ?—A labourer.

6551. Where do you work ?—At Mr. Cusson's.

6552. The alderman ?—The young man is the alderman, his father was alderman at the time, I believe.

6553. What was Taylor's Christian name ?—He generally goes by the name of Jonas ; I could not say the Christian name, the first name.

6554. Where does he live ?—He lives in Keldgate.

6555. What is he ?—He is a labourer.

6556. Does he work in the same place as you ?—No ; he has worked at the same place as I have, but he works at the Old Foundry.

The witness withdrew.

George Cross sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

6557. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

6558. I need not ask you then, you are over 21 ?—Yes, I am 23.

6559. Of course the last time was the only time you voted ?—Yes.

6560. Did you vote for the town council ?—Yes.

6561. What did you get ?—15*s.*

6562. What are you ?—A labourer.

6563. Who paid you the 15*s.* ?—I do not know.

6564. Where did you get it ?—George Herring took me to get it at the "Golden Ball."

6565. You went to the "Golden Ball" to get 15*s.* ?—Yes.

6566. Had you voted at that time ?—Yes.

6567. How did you vote ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

6568. How was that ? You got 15*s.*, and I suppose you voted Conservative at the municipal, you voted for Lowther ?—Yes.

6569. How was it you voted for Maxwell and Trollope at the parliamentary election ?—The 15*s.* had no influence on me.

6570. No, we know that. Did you hear any money was going on either side ?—Well, I heard it was.

6571. I mean the parliamentary election ?—No.

6572. Did you hear that there was no money to be had ?—Yes.

6573. You did ?—Yes.

6574. You inquired ? Is your father a voter ?—Yes.

6575. You heard there was no money to be had ?—I did not particularly ask.

6576. But you heard there was no money to be had ?—Yes.

6577. Then you went and voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

6578. Was it generally believed there was no money going on either side on the parliamentary election ?—I do not know, I am sure.

6579. You have not heard of any money going on either side on the last parliamentary election ?—No.

6580. When you received the 15*s.* do you think it was meant to have an effect upon the parliamentary election ?—Well, I think perhaps they might have thought so.

6581. Perhaps those who gave it to you might have thought so ?—Yes.

6582. You did not get that thought from anything they said to you ?—No.

6583. At that time had you made up your mind ?—When ?

6584. You knew the parliamentary election was pending, you knew it was coming on ; at that time had you made up your mind for whom you would vote ?—Yes.

6585. For whom ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

6586. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do I understand that at the time you took the 15*s.* and before that time you had made up your mind to vote for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

6587. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I must ask you did anyone tell you on the Liberal side to go and get the money ?—No, I do not think they did.

6588. You had intended to vote for Maxwell and Trollope ; did anyone tell you on the Liberal side to go and ask for the money ?—No.

6589. Be cautious and recollect yourself. I am satisfied you will tell the truth if you recollect it. Did anyone tell you on the Liberal side to get the 15*s.* ?—I believe they was talking about it.

6590. Amongst the Liberals ?—Yes, and they told me to do as I liked.

6591. Tell me who told you on the Liberal side to go and get the 15*s.* ?—They did not tell me to get it.

6592. You say they were taking about it ?—Yes.

6593. Who was ?—Martin Hunt.

6594. What aged man is he, is he a leading man on the Liberal side ?—I do not know that he is.

6595. I do not mean a great leader but a man who takes a part on the Liberal side ?—Yes.

6596. He is ?—Yes.

6597. When was he talking to you about it ?—It was on the municipal-day morning about half-past 12, when I voted.

6598. Did not he suggest to you it would be a good thing to go and get some of the Tory money, the 15*s.* ?—He said I was to suit myself, I was to do as I liked, he did not persuade me.

6599. No, not persuade you, I did not say he did, I said suggest or hint to you it would be a good thing to get the 15*s.* ; that is so ?—I cannot say, we were talking somewhat like that and he told me to please myself.

6600. He told you it was going ?—Yes, he said they were paying on the other side.

6601. And you talked about the parliamentary election that was coming on, did not you ?—I cannot say that we did.

6602. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did Martin Hunt vote himself at the municipal election ?—

6603. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And at the parliamentary ?—Liberal, I believe.

6604. Both parliamentary and municipal ?—I believe so.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

6605. Did you inquire whether there was any money going on the Liberal side at the municipal election ?—Yes, I did, I believe.

6606. Of whom did you inquire ?—I am sure I forget.

6607. I am sure you will tell us if you remember, and for that reason I ask you again of whom did you inquire ?—Well, I almost think I asked Martin Hunt if there was any.

6608. Do you remember what Martin Hunt said to you ?—He told me there was none, but he told me there was some on the other side, and I could suit myself.

6609. At what time was this you had your conversation with Martin Hunt ?—It was going on for half-past 12, from about half-past 12.

6610. In which ward did you vote, the Minster or St. Mary's ?—It would be the Minster ward.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

6611. Did I understand you that Martin Hunt was the man who put you up to go and get this money ?—No, he did not put me up to go for it.

6612. As far as you have told me at present he was the only one who talked to you about getting this money from the Tories ?—I heard several talking

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there was money to be gotten on the Conservative side, I could not say who they were.

6613. Who was the first one that told you that?—I believe Martin Hunt was the first one that told me, but I had heard people talk before.

6614. Those people told you too?—I heard them, but I do not know that they were talking to me.

6615. Do you know who they were?—No, I do not.

The witness withdrew.

R. Grassby.

ROBERT GRASSBY sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

6616. Are you a freeman?—No.

6617. How long have you been an occupier?—I have only had a vote this time.

6618. But how long have you been a householder? In Beverley?

6619. Yes?—Four years in Beverley.

6620. Do you keep a public house?—Yes, only two years of it.

6621. For two years you have kept a public house?—Yes.

6622. How did you vote at the municipal election?—For Lowther.

6623. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

6624. Did you get any money at the municipal election?—Yes. 15*s.*

6625. How much?—15*s.*

6626. At what time?—About half-past 9.

6627. Who paid it you?—Thomas Harris.

6628. He is a patent manure manufacturer, is not he?—Yes.

6629. Where did he pay you?—In the street.

6330. Near this place?—No, a bit away off here.

6631. Well, he paid you in the street?—Yes.

6632. You had something given you to treat with, some money was given you to spend at your own house in drink?—There was three gallons spent, that is all.

6633. What is the cost of three gallons?—6*s.*

6634. Who gave it you?—Mr. Lowther.

6635. That is to say it was to treat the people who voted for Lowther and his friends?—He never said so, he never said a word about treatiug.

6636. You knew what it was for?—He never mentioned it to me.

6637. You did treat the people who voted?—Of course, those came who supped at it; it did not matter who it was.

6638. Both sides?—Anyone that came in got it and had a sup as long as it lasted; it did not matter who it was.

6639. When you took this money, this 15*s.* and 6*s.*, what did you take it for?—For my vote, the 15*s.*

6640. Which vote?—The municipal.

6641. Was that all you took it for?—Yes, the other never was named at all.

6642. When you voted for the municipal election, did you consider yourself absolved from any further obligation to Lowther, did you consider yourself free?—Free?

6643. Yes, to vote as you chose at the other?—Yes.

6644. Had this money you had received then anything to do with the way you voted at the parliamentary election?—No.

6645. Would you have voted for Edwards and Kennard if you had received nothing?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

6646. You say now that Lowther gave you money for three gallons?—Yes.

6647. Did he say for three gallons?—Yes.

6648. He said so?—Yes.

6649. Then there is no doubt the 6*s.* was given to you for beer?—To be sure it was given me for it.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

6650. It was given to treat the voters, you knew it was given to treat them, was it not?—He never mentioned who it was for.

6651. I do not say he did, was not it given you to treat the voters?—It was given away to be drunk at my house.

6652. To treat the voters?—I never asked him a word; anybody that came in supped it; it was drawn on the table and they drank it as long as it lasted.

6653. You would have voted of course as you did vote, for Edwards and Kennard, without that, and you would have voted for Lowther and his friends, would you not, without the 15*s.*?—Yes, I would.

6654. And the 15*s.* had no influence on your vote for the borough?—No.

6655. And no influence on your vote for the municipal?—I should have voted for both as I did if I had not got a halfpenny.

6656. You would have voted without the money or the beer as you did?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

T. Railton.

THEW RAILTON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

6657. What are you?—I deal in confectionery, selling nuts and oranges and fruit.

6658. Are you a voter?—This last I was.

6659. You have never had a vote for the borough before?—No.

6660. You are an occupier?—Yes.

6661. How long have you had a vote for the town council?—Five or six years.

6662. Have you voted often?—Two or three times.

6663. Did you vote last time for the town council?—Yes.

6664. Which way?—Crimson.

6665. Do you remember any one of the names?—No, I cannot.

6666. For which ward?—I am in St. Mary's ward.

6667. Did you vote for Lowther?—I do not know; I was very ill, and they brought me in a cab, wrapped up in a blanket; I do not know for who it was.

6668. Are you sure it was St. Mary's ward?—I live in the Minster Ward.

6669. Did you get anything for your vote?—15*s.*; no, 17*s.*

6670. Who gave it you?—Matthew Wilson gave it to my missus.

6671. Did Browsho have anything to do with it?—He said he received it of Browsho, but I never saw him have anything to do with it.

6672. Did you say 17*s.* or 15*s.*?—17*s.*

6673. Had you got anything for your vote at former elections for the town council?—I think I once got 2*s.* 6*d.*, and another time, 5*s.*

6674. Was 5*s.* the highest that ever you got?—I think it was, to my recollection.

6675. Where was the 17*s.* paid?—I cannot recollect; I cannot say.

6676. Did not you go to Dickinson's shop?—No, I went into the cab again.

6677. Did not you drive to Dickinson's shop first?—No, they drove me here, to this hall, and back again.

6678. Straight to your own house?—Yes.

6679. The highest you got on former times was

5*s*. ?—Yes, I do not think I ever got any more ; I cannot remember.

6680. Do you know why you got so much more this time ?—No, I cannot think.

6681. Whom did you vote for at the parliamentary ?—Crimson.

6682. You voted for Edwards and Kennard, then ; what was the 17*s*. given to you for ?—Well, I thought it would do me good at that time ; I was very ill.

6683. Then it was for your vote ; you knew the 17*s*. was for your vote ?—Yes.

6684. For your vote at the town council ; did you suppose it had anything to do with the parliamentary ?—I never thought nothing about it.

6685. You must have thought ?—I was thinking about another world ; I was very ill ; it never entered my mind ; I had plenty to do with my body ; I was so afflicted, it never entered my mind.

6686. What did not ?—The other election.

6687. Not when you got the 17*s*. ?—No, never in the least. I did not think I should be here at that time.

6688. What o'clock in the day was it ; was it the forenoon or the afternoon ?—I cannot say whether it was forenoon or afternoon.

6689. Do not you remember what time of the day it was you were in the cab ?—I do not know whether it was forenoon or afternoon ; they fetched me out of the bed, and wrapped me up in a blanket.

6690. When you went to the vote at the parliamentary, were you still ill ?—Yes, I was fetched in a cab.

6691. Who took you ?—Mr. Vickers, the doctor who was attending on me.

6692. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Dr. Vickers ?—Yes.

6693. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did he tell you what he wanted you to go in the cab for ?—It was to vote.

6694. And did he take you up to vote ?—Yes.

6695. That was at the parliamentary, if I understood you ; I am now talking about the parliamentary election, when you went and voted for Sir Henry Edwards ?—Yes, Mr. Vickers the doctor took me.

6696. To vote for Sir Henry Edwards ?—Yes.

6697. And before you went he told you that was what you were going for ?—Yes.

6698. I understand you were ill on both times ?—Yes.

6699. Did you ever have any offer of money from the Liberals to vote for them ?—Nobody ever spoke a word to me. I was 20 weeks abed.

6700. Did they offer your wife any money to vote for the Liberals ?—Not to my knowledge.

6701. Do you know whether any money was going on the Liberal side ?—No.

6702. You were ill in bed ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

PAUL MARSH DUFFILL sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *P. M. Duffill.*

6703. Are you a voter for the borough ?—Yes.

6704. When did you first become a voter ?—About 10 years since.

6705. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

6706. Freeman by birth ?—Yes, by birth.

6707. And you took up your freedom about 10 years ago, about ?—Yes, about.

6708. What does it cost to take up your freedom being a son of a freeman ?—About 10*s*.

6709. You have a vote for the pasture masters ?—Yes.

6710. Do you yourself stock the pastures, or do you receive the money that comes out of them ?—I receive money out of the stock.

6711. The pasture masters are elected every year ?—Yes, they are.

6712. You voted for them ; and have you received any money for voting for the pasture masters ?—I believe I have once ; yes I did once.

6713. How much ?—7*s*. 6*d*.

6714. How long ago was that ?—It was a good while since.

6715. About two or three years ago, or more ?—Going three years.

6716. Who gave you it ?—John Westerby. He is dead.

6717. Is that the only money you received for voting for the pasture masters ?—I believe I got another 2*s*. 6*d*.

6718. In another year ?—In another year.

6719. You of course also voted every year for the town councillors ?—I have voted twice for the town council.

6720. Only twice ?—Only twice.

6721. I am not speaking of the last time ; did you vote twice before the last time ?—No, only once before.

6722. When was that ?—I cannot say ; I got 5*s*. for it.

6723. Was it two or three years ago ?—About three years ago.

6724. The same time that you voted for the pasture masters, the same year ?—Yes.

6725. One would be in November and the other in March ?—Yes.

6726. You got 5*s*. for that ?—Yes.

6727. How did you vote at the first parliamentary election you voted at ?—The first election I had voted for was for Gridley, the Liberal.

6728. Was that the first you voted at ?—Yes.

6729. What did you get for that ?—2*l*.

6730. Perhaps you will tell me what year was Gridley's election ?—I could not say.

6731. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It was 1860.

6732. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then the next would be Keane's election ?—It was.

6733. How did you vote that time ?—I voted for the Liberals, and got 2*l*. again.

6734. We heard the practice ; I suppose you came into the Mechanics' Hall and you had the hand put out and all that ?—Yes.

6735. What I want to know, without going into the machinery of it, was it known among the men who supported the Liberals that they would get 2*l*. if they voted ?—Yes, 1*l*. each morning.

6736. That went by the name of the messenger money ?—That I cannot say.

6737. One pound at the nomination and one pound at the polling ?—Yes.

6738. At the last election how did you vote ?—I voted for Kennard and Edwards.

6739. What did you get for that ?—Nothing at all. I never got a halfpenny of the major's money in my life.

6740. You changed your politics then ?—Yes.

6741. How did you vote for the municipal elections ?—I voted for the Tories.

6742. You had voted at the former municipal elections for the Liberals ?—Yes, at one time.

6743. Then you voted for the Tories at the municipal election ?—I did.

6744. What did you receive ?—12*s*. 6*d*. ; but I had more offered by the orange a good deal.

6745. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I wish all witnesses to understand that the more they tell us of their opponents the better.

6746. You have got first to tell me what you received. You received 12*s*. 6*d*., when did you receive that ?—Election-day morning.

6747. From whom ?—David Nutchey.

6748. Did you not hear that money was going ?—Yes, but I was satisfied with that.

6749. Did he give you anything to drink besides ?—No.

6750. You told me you were offered more by what you call the orange party ?—Yes.

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P. M. Duffill.

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6751. Who offered you more ?—Benjamin Spivey.

6752. What time did he say that ?—He said that about 10 o'clock.

6753. Did you try and get from the Liberal party anything ?—Not at all; I was not ten minutes or a quarter of an hour going and doing the job and voting and all. He came to the house to fetch me away and I had done it then.

6754. You had voted before he made the offer ?—Yes, but he did not know that.

6755. You were Liberal at Mr. Keane's election and Mr. Gridley's election. Were you canvassed by the Liberals at the last election ?—Yes.

6756. Who canvassed you ?—Thomas Duffill and Vickers.

6757. Who came to you on behalf of the Liberals ?—There were Southwick—I cannot say, there a regular school of them.

6758. Do you recollect whether they hinted to you there was any money going or not ? I mean the Liberals ?—No they never said anything to me about it.

6759. Nothing to you about money ?—Not a word.

6760. Did the Conservatives say anything to you about money going ?—Not the least bit.

6761. Had you inquired at all whether any money was going ?—Yes, I did.

6762. From whom did you inquire ?—I taxed Spivey, for one, if the party were giving anything. He said not a halfpenny.

6763. Who did you ask on the other side ?—I never axed the other party at all.

6764. How was that, why did you not ask the other party ?—I thought I would not scream about for money.

6765. You did not go about town in Gridley's election, you got it without screaming ?—It required a deal of looking after.

6766. I suppose that you had heard that there was money going on the Conservative side ?—When was that ?

6767. The last time ?—I heard from both sides that there was no money going at the last election.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

6768. In the first place I ask you where Spivey lives ?—In Silvester Lane.

6769. What took place when he came to your house ?—He asked if I had voted.

6770. I suppose you told him at once, yes, you had ?—I said so, and he said, I had 15*s.* ready for you.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

6771. Did Spivey, when he said there were 15*s.* ready for you, give you any idea where the money was to come from ?—No, because he had it in his hand, and I was to have the same.

6772. Did he say where he got it from ?—No, but he was going to take me to get some.

6773. Where was he going to ?—I cannot say, I should not have known until I got there. It was no use me going with him.

6774. Did he not give you an idea ?—Not a word when I told him I had done.

6775. He got 15*s.*, did you not ask him where he got it from ?—He said he got it from the Liberal party.

6776. Did he not say who gave it to him and where he got from ?—He did not.

6777. What o'clock in the day was that when Spivey came to you ?—About 10 o'clock or five minutes past, because it was a quarter to 10 when I went up to deliver my vote. I should not be a quarter of an hour going there and back.

6778. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your employment ?—A fishmonger.

G. Sanderson.

George Sanderson sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

6779. You are a foundry man, are you ?—Yes.

6780. And you work at the old foundry ?—Yes.

6781. Are you a freeman or occupier ?—A freeman.

6782. How long have you been a freeman ?—I voted in the second election, that was in 1847.

6783. And since 1847 ?—Yes.

6784. How did you vote at the municipal election ?—This last, do you mean ?

6785. Yes ?—I voted for Lowther and Usher, and that party in the Minster Ward.

6786. I believe in the parliamentary you voted for Edwards and Kennard ?—Yes.

6787. What did you get at the municipal election ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

6788. At what time in the day ?—About 11 or a little after.

6789. Who paid you ?—Samuel Bishoprick.

6790. What is he ?—He is a joiner and cabinet maker in the town.

6791. Where did he pay you ?—In Landress Lane.

6792. At the time you were paid what did you understand the money was for ?—It was for the municipal election. I did not understand it was for anything else.

6793. We see that you voted for Edwards and Kennard at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

6794. Will you pledge your oath that the 17*s.* 6*d.* that you received then had no influence on your mind in inducing you to vote for Edwards and Kennard ?—Nothing at all, and when they gave it me I did not think they meant it for that.

6795. Supposing you were not paid at all, would you have voted for Edwards and Kennard ?—Yes, I believe I should.

6796. My reason for asking you is that always before you voted for the Liberals ?—Yes.

6797. Have you always voted for the Liberals up to this time ?—Up to this time.

6798. Will you pledge you oath again that the bribe you received at the municipal election had nothing to do with your vote at the parliamentary ?—Nothing at all, I am sure of it, and never was meant for it.

6799. That you cannot possibly say.

6800. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was not in your mind ?—It was not in my mind.

6801. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted first in 1847 ?—Yes, Towneley's second election.

6802. Did you get anything ?—1*l.*

6803. Is that all ?—Yes.

6804. Is that really all you got ?—That is really all.

6805. The next was in 1852, Lawley, Wells, and Glover. Did you get anything then ?—3*l.*

6806. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you vote for Lawley and Wells ?—Yes.

6807. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then the next, 1854, was Gordon's election. Did you get anything then ?—Nothing then.

6808. For whom did you vote ?—For Gordon.

6809. The next was 1857, and the candidates were Denison, Glover, and Wells. For whom did you vote then ?—Denison and Wells.

6810. Did you get any money ?—No money at all; not a halfpenny piece.

6811. In 1857, again, Edwards and Wells. Did you get anything then ?—No money then.

6812. For whom did you vote ?—For Wells.

6813. The next election was 1859, that is what we call Walters' election. Did you get any money then ?—2*l.*

6814. From whom ?—A man of the name of Taylor paid me.

6815. Did you get it from Walters' party?—I got it from Walters' party.

6816. The next election was 1860, Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

6817. What did you get then?—2*l.* then.

6818. From whom?—From Gridley's party.

6819. The next election was the one we call Keane's election, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane. Did you get any money then?—2*l.* then.

6820. Who did you vote for?—Keane.

6821. And you got the money from his party?—Yes.

6822. You say this last election, in 1868, you got nothing whatever?—Nothing at all; not a farthing piece.

6823. Now I will begin with 1865, and go upwards. Who paid you money at Keane's election?—I got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, and the other at the "George and Dragon."

6824. In 1860, that was Gridley's election?—Yes.

6825. Who gave it you then?—A gentleman who I never seed before, and I never seed him since to my knowledge.

6826. Where were you paid?—In a room in the "Packhorse."

6827. Where were you paid in the "Packhorse"?—Up in a room in the chamber.

6828. Who announced you?—There was a man at the bottom of the building, at the bottom of the stairs, named Herdsman, Wilberforce Herdsman, and he passed us up.

6829. Did you see any man with a book?—No, there was no person there with a book. This person who paid me had not a book.

6830. He did not require a book?—He did not require a book that I know of.

6831. Were the others who went upstairs with you voters?—They were all voters who passed up there. Herdsman knew all the persons, and nobody passed but voters.

6832. Were there a considerable number?—A good number at that time.

6833. In 1859, which was Walters' election, who paid you then?—Robert Taylor.

6834. What did he pay you?—He paid me 2*l.*

6835. Where?—In the Reform committee room.

6836. Where was that committee room?—It is just a little up here, in what they call Butchers' Row.

6837. Was it in a public house?—No; in their own committee room.

6838. Were there a good many present?—They went in one at a time.

6839. Taylor knew you, I dare say?—Yes.

6840. Did anybody introduce you in the way you say Herdsman did?—No; we went in at the front door, and they took up into a back room and let us out at the back. They only let one in at the time.

6841. Somebody let you in; there must have been a doorkeeper?—I suppose there was, but there was a large crowd at the door.

6842. And you were let into the room one by one?—Yes.

6843. You voted as well at the municipal?—Sometimes I have voted, and sometimes I have not.

6844. How often do you think you have voted altogether at the municipal?—I am sure I do not know; perhaps seven or eight times. I have missed several municipal elections.

6845. You generally got a bit of brass?—No; very little brass that I got. I do not know that I got any till the last time. I always voted on the Liberal side, and I never seed much brass stirring there. I might get a drop of ale from a friend at night.

6846. When was the first time you voted?—I cannot say.

6847. Did you vote before the year 1857?—No, never before that.

6848. You tell us you never got any money at the municipal elections at all?—Never, except 1*s.* or 2*s.* I may have got, but no more.

6849. You may have got as much as that?—Yes.

6850. Did you ever get as much as 5*s.*?—No.

6851. What was the largest you ever got?—I cannot say. I once voted for the Tories, and I got 12*s.* 6*d.*

6852. That is a good sum of money. How many years ago was that?—About 16 years ago. That was the only time I voted for them, I think, till the last time.

6853. (*Mr Serjeant O'Brien.*) Can you tell us who gave you this 12*s.* 6*d.*?—No, I cannot, but it was in the "Golden Ball." There were so many people there I could not say who it was, it was so long since.

6854. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have only got 1*s.* or 2*s.* on the Liberal side?—No, and sometimes nothing at all.

6855. Did you ever get as much as 2*s.* 6*d.*?—No; 1*s.*, and perhaps 2*s.*, and not that very often.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

6856. I see you voted generally Liberal?—Yes, up to the last time.

6857. And I suppose you were a Liberal in principle?—I don't know of that particularly. I have been up to the last time.

6858. I mean those were your political principles?—Yes, I always was, before the last time, a strong Liberal.

6859. Then the money that you received, the 3*l.* that you received at Lawley's election, and the 2*l.* that you received at Gridley and Keane's, had that money any influence on your mind in voting?—No, I do not think the money made much difference to me; there was more going on the other side.

6860. Had it any influence on your mind?—No.

6861. No more than the 17*s.* 6*d.* you received at the last election?—No more than that.

6862. How long have you been working at the foundry?—Perhaps 15 or 16 years.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

6863. You say you voted for the Tories 16 or 12 years ago, I am not certain which?—Fifteen or sixteen years ago for the municipal.

6864. And after that you always voted for the Liberals till last time?—Yes.

6865. And do you say that money had nothing to do with your change?—Nothing at all.

6866. What did you change this last time for?—I changed in my own opinion. Nobody axed me to change or tried to get me to change, or nothing mentioned to me of that sort.

William Jarvis sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

W. Jarvis

6867. Have you a vote for town council?—I voted for both municipal and parliamentary.

6868. At the last?—Yes.

6869. Did you get anything for your vote?—At the municipal I did.

6870. How much?—15*s.*

6871. Who gave it you?—Nutchey. James Haddlesey got it, we were both together.

6872. Where were you, in the market place?—Haddlesey went in and got it, one sovereign and a half.

6873. What time of the day was that, what o'clock?—I am sure I cannot say; some time about 11.

6874. Was it before dinner?—Yes.

6875. For whom did you vote, who got your vote; did you vote for the Tories?—I think for the municipal.

6876. And did you vote for the Tories or the Liberals?—I voted for the municipal.

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W. Jarvis.
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6877. For which party did you vote ?—For Whitton and Norfolk.

6878. Which way did you vote at the parliamentary ?—Sir Henry Edwards and Kennard.

6879. Have you ever voted for town council before? —Never.

6880. Never before ?—No, nor nowhere else.

6881. How long have you been in Beverley ?—Ten years.

6882. How is it you never had voted before ?—I lived in a place in a yard.

6883. You were never on the list before ?—I never was on the assess before.

6884. What was the 15*s.* for ?—I do not know, to get us to vote I should think.

6885. Haddlesey gave it you ?—Yes.

6886. What did Haddlesey say it was for ?—For voting, I expect, at the municipal.

6887. Do you think it had anything to do with the other voting ?—I did not know anything about it then.

6888. When did you know something about it ?—When I got the money. I did not know anything about the parliamentary then.

6889. You knew the parliamentary was coming on? —Well, of course we heard tell of it.

6890. Do you think it had anything to do with that ?—No, I don't ; I am sure I don't.

The witness withdrew.

J. Haddlesey.

JOHN HADDLESEY called and sworn, and examined by the Chief Commissioner.

6891. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

6892. Are you a freeman or occupier ?—An occupier.

6893. How long have you had a vote as occupier ? —I should think 12 or 14 years.

6894. Have you a parliamentary vote ?—I never had one only this time.

6895. You have had the vote for the town council ? —Yes ; 12 or 14 years.

6806. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Edwards and Kennard.

6897. For whom did you vote at the municipal election ?—For the Conservatives.

6898. Did you receive anything at either election for your vote ?—I did at the municipal election.

6899. How much ?—15*s.* I believe.

6900. You believe. You know you got 15*s.* You also got 15*s.* for the last witness ?—Yes, I did.

6901. You got 30*s.* ?—Yes.

6902. From whom did you get it ?—David Nutchey.

6903. What time of the day did you get it from Nutchey ?—Half-past ten.

6904. You had voted then ?—No.

6905. He gave it you before you voted ?—Yes.

6906. Where did you see Nutchey ?—Just opposite Padget's shop.

6907. Did you go to him or did he come to you ?— I think he came to me.

6908. You were collected in a body outside, I suppose ?—No, there was me and William Jarvis.

6909. And any others ?—I believe John Kay.

6910. He came to you ?—Yes.

6911. Did he tell you what he would give you for your vote ?—He asked us if we had voted. I told him no.

6912. Had he a bag with him ?—No.

6913. Did you see a bag at all in his hand ?—No.

6914. Then, he handed you a sovereign and a half? —Yes.

6915. Did he give it you in the street ?—I really cannot say exactly.

6916. Or did he take you into a house ?—He took me into Padget's shop.

6917. What kind of a shop is it ?—A painter's shop.

6918. He took you in there, and handed you a sovereign and a half ?—Yes.

6919. And thanked you for your support, or hoped you would support him, vote still for the party, or anything of that kind ?—No, he did not say anything.

6920. Did he not say anything of that kind ?—He asked us if we would support him, or something of that.

6921. Not him, but support the party ?—Yes.

6922. Not him, he was not "up" ?—No, he was not a candidate.

6923. And you said you would ?—Yes.

6924. And you did support the party ?—To be sure I did.

6925. Had you voted before at a municipal election ?—Yes.

6926. How did you vote before ?—Always for the Conservatives.

6927. Any money ?—Well, I believe I did get some once.

6928. How much ?—I believe 7*s.* 6*d.*

6929. From whom ? — Well, I believe Nathaniel Kemplay paid me 7*s.* 6*d.*

6930. How long ago ?—It may be six or seven years since.

6931. Is that all the money you ever received for voting ?—Yes, I believe it is.

6932. You say you "believe ;" you mean that you know ?—Yes.

6933. You never received more ?—No.

6934. And always voted Conservative ?—Yes.

6935. Did he ask you whether you would support the party before he offered you the money, or after, or how ?—He never asked me anything before I went to vote.

6936. He asked if you had voted ?—He asked if I had voted.

6937. You said no ?—I said no.

6938. You went and voted, or did he give you the money first ?—I went and voted.

6939. Then you came back, and he gave you the money ?—I believe he gave it me before I went.

6940. What are you ?—I am an ostler.

6941. Did anyone canvass you at the last election on either side ?—Edwards and Kennard came.

6942. Was anyone with them? Did you see Nutchey ?—Nutchey was not with them.

6943. I did not say "with them." Did you not see Nutchey afterwards, before the parliamentary election ?—No, never betwixt.

6944. Are you sure ?—I may have seen him in the street.

6945. Did you have any conversation with him ?— No.

6946. Did he not come to you ?—No.

6947. Nobody canvassed you but Edwards and Kennard ?—Edwards and Kennard canvassed me.

9648. I suppose the Liberals canvassed you ?—I was not at home. I believe they called.

9649. Fifteen shillings was a large figure ?—I don't know.

9650. Did you know at the time that the Liberals were beaten hollow ?—I think they would not be at that time.

6951. I asked you, did you know at the time ?—I am sure I did not know.

6952. Did you not hear ?—I never heard anything.

6953. Did you not inquire how the voting was going on ?—No.

6954. Having got your 15*s.* you went up and voted ? —I went up and voted.

6955. Without making any inquiry ?—No, I did not.

6956. Then you voted the same way at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

6957. What do you think, now, the 15*s.* was given for ?—It was for the municipal election.

6958. What do you think now ? seriously, what do you think now ? The party were spending money

very freely. In your judgment, do you think it had any reference to the parliamentary election?—I think not.

6959. You think not?—I think not.

6960. It did not influence your mind?—Not in the least.

6961. You say it had no influence on your mind?—No, not in the least.

6962. Not if you had got 5*l.*?—No.

6963. In fact, you would not give your vote at all for money?—I do not know. It is always acceptable, is money.

6964. That is not the question; you would not give your vote at all for money? You would not be influenced by money in giving your vote? You took 15*s.* for voting for your own party at the municipal election. I must ask you, would the money have any influence at all upon your vote?—Well, I should not have voted the orange side.

6965. Had the money any influence at all upon your vote at the municipal election?—I took it.

6966. Had the money any influence upon your mind in giving your vote?—I do not think it had.

6967. I am speaking now of the municipal?—No.

6968. Had it not?—No.

6969. Then, of course, it had none on the parliamentary election?—No, not in the least.

6970. Had it as much with one as with the other?—It had none on either side.

6971. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say that when Nutchey gave you the 15*s.* he asked you to support him?—Yes.

6972. Just tell me as exactly as you can what were the words Nutchey used?—He asked me to support the Conservatives.

6973. Are you sure those were the very words?—Yes, as near as I can tell them.

6974. What did you understand by that, "to support the Conservatives"?—Why, it was Mr. Whitton ——

6975. Come, we must lead you. Was it to support the Conservatives only then, or afterwards also?—It was just then for the municipal. There was never anything else but the municipal mentioned to me.

6976. He said "to support the Conservatives." As far as that goes it would leave it in doubt whether that meant then, or afterwards also. Do you think it had anything to do with the election that was coming on?—No, I do not think it had.

6977. And you said you would support the Conservatives?—Yes.

6978. And you think that was meant only for that time?—There was never anything else mentioned but the municipal.

6979. Of course, you knew what you took this money for. Did you understand that you were bound as to the other also?—

6980. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He said it had no influence on his mind one way or the other.

6981. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) But he varied his words. First of all he said, "Nutchey asked us to support him." Now he says the words were "to support the Conservatives." Are those the words?—Yes.

6982. Are those the words, "the Conservatives"?—Yes.

JOHN SHIELDS called and sworn, and examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Shields.

6983. What are you?—A labourer.

6984. Are you freeman or occupier?—I am not a freeman.

6985. How long have you been an occupier?—Seven years.

6986. For whom did you vote at the last municipal election?—The crimson party.

6987. And you voted for the orange at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

6988. What money did you get for the municipal election?—10*s.*

6989. What time in the day was this?—Two o'clock.

6990. Who paid you?—I do not know the man who paid me.

6991. Where were you paid?—At the "Golden Ball."

6992. Were you paid by a man with a bag of money before him?—I did not see any money.

6993. Was it a man sitting at a table in a room at the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.

6994. Had you any money offered to you on the other side?—No.

6995. Who took you to the "Golden Ball"?—Robert Park.

6996. Did you get any money at the parliamentary election?—No.

6997. Had you any offered to you?—No.

6998. Did you hear of any money being given?—No.

6999. On either side I mean?—No.

7000. Do you know a man named Clowes?—Yes, I know the man.

7001. What is Clowes?—He is a saddler.

7002. Did you go into his shop shortly after the election?—I often go in there, both before and after.

7003. Did you ever tell him you had seen a man who had 3*l.* the day before?—I told him I saw a man who said he had got 3*l.*

7004. Who was that man?—I do not know him.

7005. You do not know his name?—No.

7006. Where did he tell you that he had got this 3*l.*?—In the street.

7007. Did he tell you which side he had got it from?—No, he did not say anything at all about it.

7008. Did he say he got it for voting?—He did not say what he got it for.

7009. Why should you mention that to Clowes?—I went into the shop and I told him I heard there had been bribing.

7010. Was that your reason for saying that the man told you he had got 3*l.*?—Yes.

7011. Are you sure you do not know the man?—I will swear I do not know him.

7012. Whereabouts in the street did he tell you this?—I should not know him again if I saw him.

7013. You have been an occupier seven years; how often have you voted at the municipal election?—Three times, I believe.

7014. Did you get any money?—Never, only this time.

7015. Whom did you generally vote for at the municipal election, orange or crimson?—It just depends which way I get my work.

7016. That is, in what employ you are. You vote as your master votes?—Yes.

7017. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did Clowes ask you who that man was that got the 3*l.*?—No, he did not ask, not particular, that morning.

7018. Not particular. But did he ask you?—No, he did not ask me.

7019. He did not ask you who it was?—No.

ISAAC COOK called and sworn, and examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

I. Cook.

7020. What are you?—A schooler of young horses.

7021. You break horses in, is that it?—Yes, and school them tractable for ladies and gentlemen to ride.

7022. Have you got a vote?—Yes, I voted at the last election.

7023. For the parliamentary election?—Yes.

7024. Is that the first time you have had a vote?—Yes, in this town.

7025. Then you have only lately come here?—I have been here about 15 years.

7026. Have you had a vote for a long time for the town council?—This is the third time I have voted for the town council.

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7027. Did you vote last time?—Yes.

7028. Which way did you vote?—I voted for the Tories.

7029. Tell me one of them?—I really can't. I don't bear it in mind, the names of them I voted for. Mr. Whitton solicited my interest, and I said I will give you my interest, Mr. Whitton, use it which way you think proper.

7030. He was one of the candidates?—No.

7031. Which ward are you in?—St. Mary's ward.

7032. What did you get for your vote?—You mean at the municipal?

7033. Yes?—I got 10*s.*

7034. Who gave you that?—David Nutchey.

7035. When did he give it you?—About half-past nine in the morning.

7036. And where did he give it you?—He gave it me opposite St. Mary's Church.

7037. Then you told me you were a parliamentary elector; did you vote for members of parliament?—Yes.

7038. Which way did you vote then?—I voted for Sir Henry Edwards and Kennard.

7039. Now, to go back to the other municipal elections, did you get any money for your vote at any other?—I got half-a-crown once, and 2*s.* another time.

7040. Is that all?—That is all.

7041. Which way did you vote those times?—I voted once Tory and once Liberal. The half-a-crown I got from the Tory and the 2*s.* I got from the Liberal side.

7042. And this time you got 10*s.*?—This time I got 10*s.*

7043. Do you know why it was so much more than usual?—I am not able to say why it was so much more.

7044. What do you think?—Well, I am not able to say; I cannot form an opinion upon it.

7045. Did you think when you took it that it had nothing to do with the parliamentary election?—No, not in the slightest degree.

7046. You do not think so?—I do not.

7047. Did you ever get any offers of money this last time from the other side?—No, I did not.

7048. Not the Liberals?—No.

7049. I am now talking of the election for the town council?—No, I did not.

7050. Did the Liberals never?—Never.

7051. Did you hear that money was going on the other side?—I do not interest myself at all in it; I never bother about such-like matters myself.

7052. Did you hear there was money going on the other side?—I might have heard so, or I might not. Of course I do not retain such subjects myself.

7053. Excuse me, you do, because you took 10*s.* you know, and that I call part of the same subject?—I considered I have an equal right to take it as other people.

7054. Never mind about that; you never heard anything of money going on the other side, is that what you say?—I did not.

7055. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had the 10*s.* any influence upon your vote?—Not in the slightest degree.

7056. It was quite unnecessary?—Well, as far as that went it was, I considered I had an equal right to take it as well as the rest of the people.

7057. I ask you, had the 10*s.* any influence upon your municipal vote when you voted for the town council?—Of course, when I received 10*s.* I voted for the same party.

7058. You would have voted for them without receiving the 10*s.*?—I would not have gone and voted the other way if I had received 10*s.* at their hand.

7059. Do you think the 10*s.* had any influence on your mind in giving your vote?—I should not have voted at all, 100 to 1, for I was going out of town, and in ten minutes' time I should not have been in the town. I should not have voted at all. I was met and asked to go and vote, and they said they were giving 10*s.* a man.

7060. Did the 10*s.* have any influence upon your vote for the town council?—On the municipal certainly it had; I went and voted directly.

7061. Then it did influence that vote?—Certainly it did, because I was going to walk out of the town, and I should not have bothered about it.

7062. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand that if you had not got this 10*s.* you would not have voted at all?—I was engaged out of town.

7063. Would you answer the question?—I was engaged out of town and I should not have stopped.

7064. I ask you, if you had not got this 10*s.* you would not have voted at all?—I should not, no.

M. Gray.

MATTHEW GRAY called and sworn, and examined by the Chief Commissioner.

7065. What are you?—A stoker at the Beverley gasworks.

7066. They are under the town council?—Yes, I suppose so.

7067. How long have you been a parliamentary voter?—Only once.

7068. And how long have you been a voter for the town council?—Once, only once.

7069. Have you voted for the town council?—Yes.

7070. For whom?—For the Conservatives.

7071. What ward?—Minster ward.

7072. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For the Conservatives.

7073. Were you canvassed?—Yes, by both parties.

7074. Were you canvassed when you voted for the town council?—Yes.

7075. By whom?—By the Conservatives.

7076. I mean the individuals who canvassed you?—Mr. Lowther was one.

7077. And who else?—I am sure I cannot say.

7078. Before the day of election?—Yes.

7079. By the way, are there many voters in the gasworks?—Yes, there are three or four.

7080. I suppose all vote one way?—No.

7081. Did Lowther promise you anything if you voted for him?—No.

7082. Did you promise him?—No.

7083. When he canvassed you a few days before?—No.

7084. Did you tell him if you got money you would vote?—No.

7085. You said you would not make up your mind?—I would not promise anyone.

7086. On the morning of the polling day for the town council did you receive any money?—Yes.

7087. How much?—17*s.* 6*d.*

7088. From whom?—From Jonas Taylor.

7089. Who is he?—He is a labourer.

7090. Where?—At the old foundry.

7091. When did he give it you?—Between 12 and 1 o'clock.

7092. On the day of the polling?—Yes.

7093. How was it that he gave it you? had you seen him before?—He took me to the "Golden Ball," and Mr. Watson gave it to me; he had to get change.

7094. You went to the "Golden Ball" and saw Mr. Watson?—Yes.

7095. Who took you to the "Golden Ball"?—Jonas Taylor.

7096. When did he take you there?—Between 12 and 1 o'clock.

7097. Had you voted?—Yes.

7098. Who asked you to vote that morning?—No one.

7099. Who told you that money was going?—Mr. Greenhough.

7100. When?—As I was going up the street.

7101. He told you they were giving 17*s.* 6*d.*?—No, he did not tell me they were giving 17*s.* 6*d.*

7102. What did he tell you?—He told me they were giving money.

7103. On the Conservative side?—Yes.

7104. I suppose you came to vote expecting money?—No, I know nought about it; I had never been before.

7105. You had not promised anybody?—No.

7106. Did you hear they were giving money the first thing you came into the town?—Yes, the first thing as I was coming up the town.

7107. As you were coming up the town you met this man, and he told you you would get money for your vote?—Yes.

7108. And then you went and voted and got the money?—Yes.

7109. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For the Conservatives.

7110. Who canvassed you?—Both parties.

7111. But for the Conservatives, did Mr. Lowther?—Mr. Edwards and Mr. Kennard, and other gentlemen; I am sure I do not know many of them.

7112. Did Mr. Lowther?—Yes.

7113. Mr. Lowther canvassed you also?—Yes.

7114. Did he canvass you in their company or apart from them?—In their company.

7115. How many days after you had voted for the town council?—I am sure I cannot tell you that.

7116. It was only a fortnight between; how many days after?—It was a week before the parliamentary election.

7117. Then they canvassed you while you were at work?—Yes.

7118. Who is employed immediately over you in the gasworks?—Mr. Foxhall is manager, and Mr. Tomlinson is foreman.

7119. Had they canvassed you before?—No.

7120. Did Mr. Lowther know you had received the 17*s.* 6*d.*?—No, he did not know I had received it.

7121. How do you know that?—I never told him.

7122. Mr. Lowther was one of the candidates for the town council that you voted for?—Yes.

7123. And you had never voted before?—No.

7124. Had you learned at all, ascertained the likely price, if I may so call it, that you would get for a vote at the municipal election?—No, I did not know nought about it until I come there and got that.

7125. You never heard what the ordinary price was?—No.

7126. Then if you were asked what you would take, you did not know what you would take?—I would take what they would give me.

7127. You would vote for anybody who paid you you best, is that so?—It appears so. They paid me best and I took their money.

7128. I only want to know. I suppose you would have done the same thing if the orange party had given you 30*s.* to vote for them?—No, I should not.

7129. You would not?—No.

7130. Had the 17*s.* 6*d.* any influence upon your vote at all at the municipal election; were you influenced by the fact that you received 17*s.* 6*d.*?—I think I had done well to get it for my vote.

7131. But you told me you would not have voted for the orange if they had given you double the sum?—No, I always intended to vote for the Conservatives.

7132. You would have voted whether you got money or not, is that so?—Yes.

7133. Then it really had no influence in making you vote that side?—No.

7134. I need not ask you had it any influence upon your vote at the parliamentary?—No. I did not know which I should vote for at the parliamentary election; I did not know that I should vote at all.

7135. (*Mr. Bartsow.*) How many men are employed at the gasworks?—Ten or twelve.

7136. How many of them are voters?—There is four of them; no, there are six.

7137. You voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

7138. Can you tell me whether any others voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Well, I am sure I could not say, only by hearsay, who voted.

7139. You do not know how the men voted?—No, not to speak true.

7140. Can you say how many voted either way?—No, I could not.

7141. Was any pressure put upon you by the manager to vote?—No; we were at liberty to vote any way we had a mind.

7142. That was understood in the gasworks, that you were at liberty to vote any way you had a mind?—Yes.

7143. And some voted one way and some another?—Yes.

7144. Were you offered any money at the parliamentary election?—No.

7145. Did you hear of any money being offered to any of your men?—No.

7146. On either side I am speaking of?—No.

7147. Were you offered any money except this that you took at the municipal election?—No.

7148. No money on the Liberal side?—No.

7149. This was the only sum of money you were offered?—That was the only money I was offered.

7150. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You said you did not know when you went up which way you should vote?—No.

7151. When do you mean, when you went up?—When I went into the town.

7152. About the parliamentary?—When I went into the town I did not know whether I should vote at all or not.

7153. When did you make up your mind?—At dinner time.

7154. What made you make up your mind?—I saw they were a good many ahead, and I thought I might as well give them a lift as anybody else to keep them on. That was all.

ROBERT CASTLE sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

R. Castle.

7155. What are you?—A cooper.

7156. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

7157. How long have you been a freeman?—I was loose in 1858.

7158. From your apprenticeship you mean?—Yes.

7159. For whom did you vote at the last municipal election?—The Conservatives.

7160. And at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

7161. What did you get at the municipal election?—1*l.*

7162. Who paid you?—David Nutchey.

7163. At Mrs. Padget's?—Yes.

7164. What time in the day?—It would be about 11 o'clock.

7165. When you received that money what did you understand it was for?—For voting for the municipal election.

7166. Now just think, and tell us for what did you receive that money?—For voting for the town council.

7167. No other purpose?—No.

7168. How should you have voted if you had not received any money?—I should have voted the same way.

7169. You are quite sure of that?—Yes.

7170. Had that 1*l.* any influence in the vote you gave a short time after at the parliamentary election?—Not in the slightest.

7171. You would have voted for Edwards and Kennard if you had not received it?—Yes.

7172. You were loosed, you told us, in 1858, who did you vote for in 1860?—I was too late with my freedom then.

7173. You had not taken your freedom?—No.

7174. Then is Keane's election the only one at which you voted?—That was the first.

7175. Who did you vote for at Keane's election?—Mr. Keane.

7176. Did you get any money?—2*l.*

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7177. You got it in the way so often described to us at the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

7178. That is the only time you voted ?—The only time without this last.

7179. Who told you to get the money at the Mechanics' Hall ?—It was generally known all over the town.

7180. No particular person told you ?—No particular person told me.

7181. You voted, I suppose, sometimes at the municipal election ?—Yes.

7182. Have you got any money for that before this 1*l.* ?—I got 2*s.* 6*d.* once. I think that is about all I did get.

7183. Do you know when you got 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—The year before last, I believe.

7184. On which side did you vote ?—The Liberals.

7185. Do you remember who the candidate was ?—I believe there was Mr. Westerby. I don't know who the other two were.

7186. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you ever vote for the pasture masters ?—Yes, I voted for them.

7187. Did you ever get anything for that ?—I believe I once got a shilling.

7188. When was that ?—That was in 1862 or 1863, I believe.

7189. Just after you took up your freedom ?—I took my freedom up in 1861.

7190. And you got 2*s.* 6*d.* the time before last for voting for town councillors ?—Yes.

7191. Did you ever vote for the town council before the time you got 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes, I voted for the Conservatives and got nothing.

7192. Have you got anything besides the 2*s.* 6*d.* till you got this last 1*l.* ?—No.

7193. You are sure you got nothing else ?—Sure of that.

7194. What did you understand that 1*l.* was for, eight times what you had had before ?—For voting for the town council.

7195. Were not you surprised at getting so much more than usual ?—I don't know, I am sure.

7196. Did not you think it was for anything else ? Did you think it had anything to do with the borough election ?—No, not in the least ; not with me it had not.

7197. Did you think it was meant for that ? Did you understand that as what it was given for ?—It was given to vote for the town council, and nothing else.

7198. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When you got your freedom how much did it cost you ?—2*l.* 10*s.*

7199. You were loosed in 1858, and you did not take up your freedom till 1861, it struck me you did not pay for it yourself ?—Yes, I did.

7200. Out of your own earnings ?—Yes.

7201. You accepted 2*s.* 6*d.* for voting for the Liberals ?—Yes.

7202. I understood you to mean you were a Conservative ?—I voted both ways.

7203. I understood you to say, is it so, that you are a Conservative in principle ?—I believe I am. I have voted the biggest part that way, for the Conservatives.

7204. But you voted for Keane under the influence of the 2*l.*, did not you ?—It had a little bit of influence.

7205. Don't tell me a little bit of influence. It influenced your vote, did not it ? I want to know, did it or not. We are to judge here of the state of your mind, and we want to know ?—It like bought me.

7206. Did the 2*s.* 6*d.* buy you for the Liberals ?—I don't know. I think they were both giving alike then.

7207. Giving the 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—There might have been a little difference. I voted according to my master then.

7208. And the 2*s.* 6*d.* additional. Who was your master ?—Mr. Westerby.

7209. Did the 1*l.* the last time buy your vote ?—No, because I meant voting for them if there had been nothing.

7210. The 1*l.* was altogether useless ?—Not to me.

7211. It was useless in securing your vote. You knew it was given to you to secure your vote ?—There was nothing mentioned about it.

7212. In these transactions people don't mention. Did not you know it was given to you to influence your vote ?—It was given to me after I voted.

7213. How long after ?—Perhaps a quarter of an hour.

7214. Did not you know you would get it before you voted ?—I knew I should get something, I did not know what.

7215. Did not you know it was given to you to secure your vote, or as a reward for having voted ?—I cannot say, I was canvassed for my vote and I promised them, and I went and voted.

7216. You cannot say whether it was given to you for having voted or not. We are to judge of the value of your evidence. Do you mean to tell us you did not know it was given to you as the price of your vote ?—It was given to me for voting for them.

7217. Did you hear what price was going ?—I heard 10*s.*, 12*s.* 6*d.*, 15*s.*, 17*s.* 6*d.*

7218. You heard that before you voted ?—Yes, the first thing in the morning.

7219. You had not been long on the roll of voters for the borough at that time ?—No.

7220. Did anyone go with you ?—No, I went to vote by myself.

7221. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In 1865 did you hear anything about money giving on the Conservative side for Edwards and Sykes ?—I cannot recollect.

7222. You told us you got 2*l.*, and you told us it was the talk of the town you could get 2*l.* on the Liberal side ?—Yes.

7223. Did you hear it was the talk of the town on Edwards and Sykes' side ?—I was never asked to vote.

7224. That is not what I asked you. I asked you was it the rumour of the town that there was money going on Edward and Sykes' side ?—Yes, I believe it was.

7225. Who was your employer in 1865 ?—Mr. Westerby.

7226. You heard Keane's money was paid at the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

7227. Where did you hear Edwards and Sykes' money was paid ?—I never heard where they were paying it. I heard there was money paying, but I did not hear where.

7228. It was the talk of the town that Keane's money was to be got at the Mechanics' Hall, and it was the talk of the town that money was paid by Edwards and Sykes ; where was it the talk of the town that money was paid for Edwards and Sykes ?—I cannot tell, I am sure.

7229. The two things must have gone together; they must have said where the money was to be paid. Think. Where was it ?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

T. Sumner.

THOMAS SUMNER sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

7230. What are you ?—A joiner.

7231. Have you a vote for the town council ?—Yes.

7232. How long have you had it ?—It may be 17 years.

7233. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

7234. How long have you been a freeman ?—I cannot say exactly. Near upon two and twenty years.

7235. Have you often voted for the town council ?—Yes.

7236. Did you vote last time ?—Yes.

7237. Which side did you vote ?—Conservative.

7238. Which ward ?—St. Mary's.

7239. What did you get for your vote ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

7240. Who gave it you?—A man they call Joseph Elliott.

7241. Where did he give it you?—In the street.

7242. What street? Near here?—I could not say which street it was in, between here and North Bar.

7243. Do you know what o'clock that was?—Between 10 and 11 some time.

7244. Was that after you had voted, or before?—After.

7245. Did you know you were to have that money?—Not at the time. I knew I was going to have something.

7246. How did you know that?—Because he said something of this sort. "Come on, Tom, it's all right."

7247. Was he a man going about doing that sort of thing?—No, he was a man that worked at the same place as I did.

7248. Then though you got this 17*s.* 6*d.* from him, yet it came from somebody else?—Yes.

7249. Do you know where?—I could not say that I know exactly; I know what he said.

7250. What was it?—He said he got it from a man named Browsho.

7251. You did not see him get it?—No.

7252. He went and fetched it?—I don't know where he got it, and I did not see him get it.

7253. When you voted on previous occasions, I suppose you got something?—I hardly know what I got before.

7254. Just give me an idea. Did you ever get 2*s.* 6*d.*?—I might get 2*s.* 6*d.*, 3*s.* 6*d.*, or 5*s.*

7255. Did you ever get more than 5*s.*?—I could not say to speak to——

7256. Do you swear you never got more than 5*s.* for your vote?—To the best of my knowledge I do not know what I got.

7257. But you know you got 2*s.* 6*d.*, 3*s.* 6*d.*, and 5*s.*?—I know I got 2*s.* 6*d.*, and 3*s.* 6*d.*

7258. And 5*s.* You don't remember whether you ever got any higher?—I cannot remember.

7259. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

7260. This 17*s.* 6*d.* is a large sum; what was that for? You have heard this question put over and over again in this room?—For the council choosing.

7261. Did you expect it was for anything else?—No.

7262. Are you sure it was for nothing else?—No, sir.

7263. You are sure it was for nothing else?—There was never nothing mentioned to me about anything else.

7264. Nothing mentioned to you. Of course people do not mention those things, but still people manage to make themselves understood. When transactions of this kind are going on, without mentioning there is a way of doing things by hints and signs, and so on; had you not any idea it was for something else?—No, it was for nothing else that I knew of.

7265. Oh, when you only got 5*s.* ever before, you must have thought it was for something else?—No, I did not.

7266. When you took the money, more than three times what you had got before, you must have thought, such a leap in the price meant something. You are a man of great experience, and have been a freeman a great number of years. You are well acquainted with the town. You knew what were the common prices for these votes, and suddenly the price leaps up to 17*s.* 6*d.*; did not you think that was for something else? Now, be candid?—No, I did not.

7267. You did not think that unexampled rise was for any other purpose than what you previously got 5*s.* and 3*s.* 6*d.* for?—No, I thought it was for the same purpose.

7268. And you were not surprised at the amount?—No, I was not.

7269. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How often have you voted at parliamentary elections?—I am sure I cannot say.

7270. Have you voted nine or ten times in the 22 years?—It may be six or seven times.

7271. I suppose you were paid every time you voted? You will pardon me for suggesting it, have not you been paid?—Sometimes.

7272. I want to know have you been paid; how much? I don't want to go through the whole list of it. What is the largest sum you ever got?—I think I once got 3*l.*

7273. When was that?—I cannot tell you how long since. I was at Mr. Edwards and Sykes' election.

7274. Was that the first time you ever got any money?—No.

7275. The first election you ever voted at, I suppose, would be Lawley and Wells and Glover, in 1852?—Yes, I believe it was.

7276. You got money then?—Yes, I did, I believe.

7277. How much; did you vote for Glover?—Yes.

7278. How much?—2*l.* 10*s.*, to the best of my recollection.

7279. Do you remember Gordon and Hastings' election?—Yes.

7280. Did you get any money then?—I do not think I was at home at the time.

7281. Do you recollect, in 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells; did you vote then?—Yes; that would be Glover's second election.

7282. You voted for Glover?—Yes.

7283. What did you get?—Nothing, I think.

7284. Just recollect. Did you vote for him out of gratitude for the 2*l.* 10*s.* you got before?—I did not get any money that time.

7285. Do you recollect what you got at Edwards and Well's election in 1857?—I don't think I got anything.

7286. Did you vote?—Yes, I think I did.

7287. If you did, my impression is you got something. For whom did you vote?—I should vote for Edwards.

7288. What did you get?—To the best of my recollection I do not remember that I got anything that time.

7289. You won't say you did not?—I won't say I did not, and I won't say I did.

7290. Now, Walters and Edwards, in 1859. Did you vote at that election?—Yes.

7291. What did you get?—2*l.*

7292. Did you vote for Edwards?—For Walters and Edwards.

7293. In 1860, Walker and Gridley. Did you vote at that election?—Yes, I believe I did.

7294. For whom?—Mr. Walker, I think.

7295. What did you get?—I think 25*s.*

7296. In 1865 Edwards, Sykes, and Keane. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

7297. What did you get?—I think 3*l.*

7298. And now you voted at the last municipal election and got 1*l.*?—No, 17*s.* 6*d.*

7299. Had the money any influence on your mind at all in giving your vote?—No.

7300. It had no influence on any one occasion?—No.

7301. The money had not?—Not for parliamentary.

7302. I am asking you at all the parliamentary elections; had the receipt of money by you any influence on your mind in causing you to vote as you did at any of the elections?—No, I do not think it had.

7303. Who else is to declare the state of your mind but yourself; you say it had not?—No.

7304. On any occasion?—I should have voted for them if I had not got anything.

7305. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In 1865 you got 3*l.* from Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

7306. Who did you get it from?—I did not get it from no one.

7307. You did not get it from common rumour; where did you get it?—I got it in a manger.

7308. Where was the manger?—In the stable at "Cross Keys" yard.

7309. How did you come to find yourself in the stable?—A man said I was to go and look and see if I could find a feed.

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7310. Who was the man ?—Mr. Skinn.

7311. Who is Mr. Skinn; what is his Christian name ?—William.

7312. Where did Mr. Skinn tell you this ?—He was in the yard, just against the stable door.

7313. Who sent you into the "Cross Keys" yard at all ?—I am sure I don't know. I suppose I went to get a glass of ale.

7314. Into the stable to get a glass of ale. Now just tell us the story from beginning to end ; it will save time ; it has to be told ?—I think I went in to get a glass of ale and was going out the back way.

7315. Tell us first of all what inquiry did you make about money on that occasion ?—None that I know of.

7316. Who spoke to you about money first ?—No one that I know of.

7317. How did you come to know that there was any money going ?—I don't know that I was looking for money at all.

7318. You know quite well you inquired whether there would be any money on Edwards and Sykes' side, and some person told you there was. I want to know whom that person was ?—I am sure I don't know.

7319. Nonsense, you do know quite well ?—It was the talk in the town.

7320. Was it the talk in the town where you would get the money ?—I do not know that it was.

7321. How did you come to go to the "Cross Keys" yard ?—I was in the habit of going there to get my 'lowance.

7322. Were you in the habit of going to the stable-yard to get your allowance ?—I was in the habit of going to the house.

7323. On what day was it at the election that you got the money ?—I do not know.

7324. Was it on the polling day ?—Yes.

7325. About what time ?—About 11 or 12 o'clock.

7326. When you went into the yard that day whom did you see ?—I saw Mr. Skinn.

7327. Did you see anybody there besides Mr. Skinn? I am sure I cannot say whether there was anybody else or not.

7328. Were there more men in the yard besides Mr. Skinn ?—I could not swear, not to be confident.

7329. When you got 3*l.*, that is not a very common thing, and you can surely answer whether there was more than one person in the yard ?—There may have been more passing in and out ; I did not take notice.

7330. Do you wish us to believe that you do not know whether there were more men in the yard besides Mr. Skinn ?—I do not remember seeing anyone else in.

7331. Then am I to take it that you and Skinn were alone in the "Cross Keys" yard at 11 or 12 o'clock. We shall have Mr. Skinn, you may as well tell us ?—I cannot say; I am speaking to the best of my memory, I cannot do any more.

7332. I can tell you you are not telling the truth ?—I have told you all I know.

7333. Very well, I will take that. You do not seem willing to tell us and we shall hear from Skinn. You will not say whether you were alone or whether there were more ?—There might be more or there might not, I cannot remember who were there or who were not.

7334. Had you had your allowance ?—Yes, I had had several glasses of beer during the morning.

7335. And Skinn told you to go and find your feed ?—Yes, Mr. Skinn told me to go.

7336. Were there many in the stable there ?—Not that I know of.

7337. Did you see anyone there ?—No, I did not.

7338. Was Mr. Skinn standing as if he was holding the stable door ?—I cannot say, he stood as you might be standing here.

7339. In 1859 you voted for Walters and Edwards ?—I voted for Walters, I believe, once. I do not know what year it was in.

7340. And you got 2*l.* ?—Yes.

7341. From whose side did you get it ?—From Mr. Walters' side.

7342. You got nothing from Major Edwards ?—Not that election I did not.

7343. Who paid you ?—I think they call the man Taylor.

7344. What is Taylor ?—He used to be a grocer in this town. I do not know what he is now.

7345. Do you know his Christian name ?—Robert, I believe.

7346. Where did he pay you ?—In an empty shop.

7347. In an empty shop where ?—In Toll Gavel.

7348. Now, are you quite sure that you got nothing from the Conservatives at that election ?—I do not remember that I did.

7349. You must remember. You got 2*l.* from Walters, and I be bound to say Edwards did not get your vote for nothing ?—I am confident I did not get nothing.

7350. You swear to us distinctly you got nothing from Edwards ?—I will swear I did not get anything at that election.

7351. Then there was an election before, in 1857. Are you quite clear you got nothing from the major then ?—I could not answer, not to speak truth.

7352. You might remember ?—I cannot.

7353. Cannot remember whether you got money or not ?—No, I cannot, I am sure.

7354. You remember some of these things. You remember even such a trifle as 1*l.* from Walker. Cannot you remember whether you got anything from Edwards ?—I do not think that I did, but I cannot say that I did or did not.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

7356. In answer to my learned colleague you said you did not get anything for voting for Major Edwards at "that" election. Which election was that ?—I do not know. The election the gentleman there mentioned.

7357. Am I to understand that you do not answer for all the elections? There was one election in 1857 at which you voted for Edwards and another in 1859 at which you voted for Walters and Edwards ; are you quite sure that you did not get anything at either of those elections ? You voted for Edwards in 1857 and again in 1859 when you voted for Walters, and when you voted for Walters you told us you got 2*l.* from his side. I want to know whether at either of those elections you are quite sure you got nothing from Edwards' side, the 1857 and the 1859 one ?—I could not speak confidently whether I did or not.

7358. I have only one more question to ask you, that is about the feed when you went to the stable door in 1865. Did you see anybody else go in to get feeds ?—I do not know whether I did or not.

7359. Were you there long ? — No, not above a minute or something of that sort.

7360. Not in the yard more than a minute ?—No, I was not. There is as it might be a road through into the street.

The witness withdrew.

H. Meadows.

Henry Meadows sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

7361. Are you a voter for the borough or for the town council, or for them both ?—For both.

7362. When did you become a parliamentary voter ?—This last election.

7363. And how long have you been a town council voter ?—Fourteen years.

7364. Have you voted for the town council often ?—Only three times.

7365. Were you paid each time ?—No.
7366. What were you paid the first time ?—2*s.* 6*d.*
7367. What the second ?—Nothing.
7368. What the third ?—15*s.*
7369. How did you vote the first time, when you got the 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—I voted Liberal.
7370. How the time you were not paid at all ?—Tory.
7371. And the last time you voted ?—Tory.
7372. Who paid you ?—Mr. Browsho.
7373. What time ?—Half-past nine.
7374. Did he tell you what he was going to pay you ?—Yes, he said he would give me 15*s.*
7375. Before you voted ?—Yes.
7376. How did you vote at the parliamentary ?—Kennard and Maxwell.
7377. You divided your vote between Kennard and Maxwell ?—Yes.
7378. How was that ?—That was my opinion.
7379. Do not talk to me about your opinion.—I have no other reason for it.
7380. Kennard was a Conservative, was he not ?—Yes.
7381. And Maxwell was a Liberal ?—Yes.
7382, You divided your vote ?—Yes.
7383. You know the price of a vote for the town council ?—I got 2*s.* 6*d.* once before, and once nothing.
7384. You know about what they used to get for voting for town councillors. You know it was current knowledge in the borough what you used to get for voting ?—2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.*
7385. How long have you been in the borough ?—About 14 years.
7386. It was as well known then as it is now ?—2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.*, yes.
7387. Did you ever hear of anyone getting more than 5*s.* except the last time ?—No.
7388. I need hardly ask of you, but of course the 15*s.* had no effect on your vote one way or the other ?—No.
7389. Had it any effect on your voting for the town council ?—No.
7390. No effect on your mind at all ?—Not at all.

The witness withdrew.

GEORGE VETCH sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

G. Vetch.

7391. What are you ?—A smith.
7392. Are you a freeman ?—No.
7393. How long have you lived here ?—About 15 years.
7394. Have you ever voted at the parliamentary election before the last ?—No.
7395. Who did you vote for at the municipal election ?—For Mr. Usher and for Mr. Pottage, and Hodgson.
7396. You voted crimson ?—One Conservative.
7397. You gave one for Mr. Usher and two Liberals ?—Yes.
7398. What did you get ?—16*s.* 6*d.*
7399. Who paid it you ?—Mr. Watson.
7400. That was at the "Golden Ball" ?—Yes.
7401. Who took you there ?—A young man they call Robert Ramshaw.
7402. How did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Maxwell and Trollope.
7403. Have you voted for the town council before ever ?—Yes.
7404. Have you got money before ?—Yes, I once got 5*s.*
7405. From whom ?—From Mr. Boynton.
7406. What is he ?—He is a tailor.
7407. On what side did you get that ?—On the Liberal side.
7408. That is the only money you got before this ?—No, I never got no more.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

7409. Do you not know that the 16*s.* 6*d.* was given to you in order to vote for the Conservatives ?—No.
7410. What do you think it was given to you for ?—To vote for Mr. Usher I suppose.
7411. Did he say anything to you when he gave you the 16*s.* 6*d.* ? Had you got it before you voted ?—No.
7412. What did he say to you when he gave it you ?—There was nothing said.
7413. Then what did you understand you got it for ?—For voting.
7414. Did he put the card in your hand ?—No, there was no card.
7415. Who came up with you to the poll ?—The young man Ramshaw.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

7416. Who filled up your voting card on that occasion, you voted with a voting card ?—Not that I remember, I had no card.
7417. A voting paper ?—Yes.
7418. Do you know who filled up your paper ?—No, I do not.
7419. Where did you get your voting paper from ?—This young man gave it me.
7420. Did he fill it up ?—It was filled up at a shop next to Ramshaw's. At the committee room ; one was filled up there.
7421. Do you mean to say you got two voting papers ?—Yes, I think I did.
7422. One had Mr. Usher's name on it, and it was for that you got the 15*s.* 6*d.* as I understand ?—Yes.
7423. And the other had got the two Liberal names on it, and for that you got nothing ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

HENRY WALLIS sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

H. Wallis.

7424. What are you ?—A ship carpenter.
7425. How long have you lived in Beverley ?—All my life.
7426. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
7427. How long have you been a freeman ?—Twenty-two years.
7428. You have had a vote for the borough all that time ?—The first of my voting for the borough was in 1852.
7429. For whom did you vote in 1852 ?—Lawley and Wells.
7430. Did you get anything for your vote then ?—Yes.
7431. How much ?—Three sovereigns.
7432. Whom did you get that from ?—Mr. Lowther.
7433. When was the next time you voted ; was it in 1854, when Gordon and Hastings put up ?—Yes.
7434. Who did you vote for ?—Gordon.
7435. Did you get anything for your vote then ?—No.
7436. The next time was in 1857, when Denison and Glover put up ; did you get anything for your vote then ?—No.
7437. Whom did you vote for ?—Glover.
7438. The next election was in 1857 again, when Major Edwards put up for the first time ?—Yes.

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7439. Did you get anything for your vote then?—Yes, 3*l.*

7440. From whom?—Mr. Baker, he was a coal merchant.

7441. Whom did you vote for?—Mr. Edwards.

7442. Is Mr. Baker alive?—No, he is dead.

7443. The next election was in 1859, when Walters and Edwards were put up?—Yes.

7444. Who did you vote for then?—Edwards and Walters.

7445. What did you get then?—Three sovereigns.

7446. Who gave you that?—Mr. Baker gave it me.

7447. Then there was the election in 1860, when Walker and Gridley put up. Whom did you vote for then?—For Mr. Walker.

7448. What did you get then?—Three sovereigns then.

7449. Then there was the election when Mr. Keane put up?—I did not poll at all.

7450. How was that?—I was like many more; I got too much ale.

7451. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What do you mean by too much ale?—I got drunk, and could not get there in time.

7452. Was there much drinking?—There were lots to drink.

7453. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were there allowance tickets?—No.

7454. But there was plenty of ale to get?—You could go to a public house and get anything you liked, either ale, gin, or brandy.

7455. On both sides?—I do not know, but there was plenty going at the "Cross Keys" for the crimson side.

7456. Now we come down to the last election. Did you vote at this last election?—Yes.

7457. And you voted for the town council before that?—Yes.

7458. Did you get anything for your vote at the town council?—I got a sovereign.

7459. Had that anything to do with the parliamentary?—I should say not.

7460. Did you get anything at the parliamentary?—I did not see any. I should have liked to have seen some.

7461. Was there money on either side?—Well, they said there was money paying at Clowes', but they would not let me go in.

7462. Who would not let you go in?—A policeman.

7463. What policeman?—Mr. Hopkinson's man.

7464. Was it one of the borough police?—No, the town police.

7465. A man with a uniform and a number?—No; they were some men they got on purpose for the election day.

7466. Where were they?—At the door, and they would only let certain parties go in. The policemen stood at the door.

7467. And so kept you from going in?—Yes.

7468. What made you think there was money going there?—It was current talk there was money stirring in there.

7469. Do you know of anybody getting money there?—I do not know of anybody getting any.

7470. You did not hear of any?—They said they were paying there; that is all I could tell you.

7471. Who told you?—Several men in the street told me they were paying there, but they would not not let me go in.

7472. Was it all nonsense?—I thought they were.

7473. You got your 1*l.* at the other election that took place a fortnight before. How did you vote at the town council?—I voted for the Tories at the town council.

7474. And who did you vote for at the parliamentary?—For the Liberals, Maxwell and Trollope.

7475. What did you understand the 1*l.* was for?—They never said anything to me what the 1*l.* was for. They asked me if I would poll for them, and I said I would if they paid me as well as other men, and Robert Thirsk asked me what I wanted, and I said 1*l.*, and he put his hand in his pocket and gave me 1*l.* This was 11 o'clock, and I did not poll till about a quarter to 4.

7476. Do you not think it had something to do with the parlimentary?—No.

7477. How much have you got at former elections?—I have got 10*s.* and 15*s.* before.

7478. When?—It was about eight or nine years since.

7479. Who gave you that?—Mr. Skinn.

7480. Who did you vote for at that time?—For the Tories then.

7481. Since then what have you got generally for voting for town councillors?—3*s.*, 2*s.* 6*d.*, and a crown, that is all.

7482. A crown has been your highest price?—I never got no more than a crown.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

7483. Did you ever vote without getting money?—Yes.

7484. When?—I voted for the pasture masters without getting money.

7485. When did you take up your freedom?—I took it up the last election that Towneley came.

7486. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Freedoms were valuable then.

7487. Did you ever get any money for voting for pasture masters?—Yes, as high as 15*s.*

7588. How often?—Every year for the pasture masters since there has been an opposition.

7489. Did you get 15*s.* every year?—No; sometimes 2*s.* 6*d.* and sometimes 3*s.* It all depended how the Tories were off for money.

7490. Except on one or two occasions you always got money for your vote for the pasture masters?—Yes.

7491. And always expected to get it?—Yes.

7492. Do you mean to tell me that when you got the 1*l.* that you were not expected to vote for the Conservative candidate?—I am sure I did not. They might have expected me to vote for them, but I did not.

7493. Do you not know that they did?—I do not know that they did or did not.

7494. Do you not believe they expected you to vote?—I will not say whether they did.

7495. Do you not believe they did?—I might have believed so.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

7496. In 1865, that is in Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election, do you tell us that you got nothing at all?—I did not poll.

7497. That is no reason you should not get some money?—I did not get any.

7498. You say there was a great deal of drink about at the "Cross Keys," did you get any of it?—Yes.

7499. You did not pay for it yourself?—No, I paid for one glass when I first went in.

7500. Were there many people there?—It was full.

7501. Did you know the men?—Yes, a deal of them.

7502. Were they voters?—There was Bentley and Skinn, there were a good deal in.

7503. Were the men voters as far as you knew?—Yes.

7504. Did you not hear any rumour in the town that money would be paid for voting on Edwards and Sykes' side?—I did not hear anything of the sort.

7505. Up to this time you generally voted for crimson. Up to that time?—Yes.

7506. And what was your intention in 1865, which side did you mean to vote on at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—I intended to vote for Mr. Keane.

7507. How was it you did not get any money?—I had not looked sharp enough out for it that day.

7508. Do you not know they were paid the day

before?—There were some said so, but I never seed any.

7509. Did you not go to the Mechanics' Hall?—No.

7510. Did the crimson make you so drunk that you could not vote?—That was the cause of it.

7511. You went to the "Cross Keys" and they gave you such a lot of drink that you did not vote?—Yes, I went to vote and got as far as Jemmy Robinson's shop and I laid down there and went asleep.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN COATES sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Coates.

7512. What are you, are you a freeman?—No.

7513. When did you become a voter?—I could have voted at Keane's but I did not.

7514. How was that?—I do not know.

7515. Were you canvassed?—Yes, I think I was.

7516. Did you get any money?—No.

7517. You held out for the money?—No, I never had a chance of any money.

7518. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

7519. For whom?—Edwards and Maxwell.

7520. You divided?—Yes.

7521. And you voted for the town council?—Yes.

7522. For whom did you vote?—Crimson I voted.

7523. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

7524. Have you ever voted for the town council before?—Yes, sometimes.

7525. How often?—I cannot say.

7526. About?—Four or five times.

7527. Have you been paid each time?—I was once.

7528. How much did you get?—A crown.

7529. When?—A twelvemonth since.

7530. You got a crown in 1867?—Yes.

7531. On the Liberal or Conservative side?—Crimson.

7532. What time in the day did you vote?—About dinner time.

7533. After dinner or before?—I could not say.

7534. Who took you to vote?—I went by myself.

7535. I mean at the municipal?—Thompson, the barber.

7536. Did he take you to vote?—No he paid me after.

7537. Who took you?—I went by myself.

7538. You heard money was going?—No, I never had any money before I voted.

7539. You got money after?—I got money after I did vote.

7540. You knew when you were voting you would get money?—No, I did not know I should or not.

7541. You knew there was some going?—I knew there was some going.

7542. Did you expect to get money?—I did not know.

7543. Did you expect to get money?—I was looking for it.

7544. And you got it?—Yes.

7545. How was it you did not look at the parliamentary?—No.

7546. How was that?—Because there was none.

7547. There was none?—I never heard tell of none.

7548. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are you a freeman?—No.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM BREWER sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

W. Brewer.

7549. What are you?—A labourer.

7550. And you are an occupier?—Yes.

7551. How long have you had a house?—I cannot say; 16 or 17 years.

7552. Who did you vote for at the council choosing?—The crimson party.

7553. What were you paid?—1*l.*

7554. Who paid you?—Kemplay.

7555. Where?—Outside of the door here.

7556. At what o'clock?—I think betwixt one and two.

7557. Had you voted at that time?—Yes.

7558. That would be just after you voted?—Yes.

7559. Who did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—The crimson party.

7560. You voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

7561. You have been 16 or 17 years a householder; you voted for the council choosing before?—I had.

7562. Which side do you generally vote for?—The crimson party.

7563. Did you get any money?—Yes, I have some odd times.

7564. What money have you got?—I have got as high as 5*s.*, and 2*s.* 6*d.*

7565. What is the highest you ever got?—I believe 10*s.* from the Liberal party.

7566. Who paid you?—John Westerby.

7567. He once gave you 10*s.*?—Yes.

7568. Do you remember what year it was?—I cannot say what year it was. I do not know how long it is.

7569. Eight years?—I should think it would be more.

7570. Ten years?—Perhaps that.

7571. What is the next highest?—5*s.* I believe.

7572. What did you get the 1*l.* for that Kemplay gave you?—I do not know. For voting for the town council.

7573. Kemplay was Conservative, and he gave you the 1*l.* for voting for the municipal?—Yes.

7574. You voted for the Conservatives at the borough election?—Yes.

7575. Will you swear that the 1*l.* had not anything to do for your voting for Edwards and Kennard?—I will swear that it never was mentioned, and I will swear that I never thought I should have got a farthing. If I never got a farthing I should have voted the way I did.

7576. Do you mean that when you voted you did not see the square full of people?—Yes.

7577. Do you mean to say you did not hear what was said?—There was no money ever mentioned in my hearing. I was rather late, and I went and met Kemplay, and he asked, had I voted, and I said, Yes; and he said, "Let's away."

7578. What time was that?—About 11 o'clock.

7579. Do you swear that you heard nothing of money till after you voted—I will swear that I knew nothing about the money till after I voted.

7580. You also swear that the 1*l.* that you then received had no influence on your vote at the borough election?—It had not.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

7581. Did you know that the Liberals had given up polling at that time?—No, I did not know anything about it.

7582. You had not heard?—I had not heard. I did not stop anywhere. I walked right away from home in a hurry.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM CLARE sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

W. Clare.

7583. Are you a freeman, or occupier?—An occupier.

7584. What are you?—A wheelwright.

7585. Where do you live?—Keld Gate.

7586. How long have you had a vote for the parliamentary?—The last year was the first time.

7587. How long have you had a vote for the town council?—About four years.

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7588. Have you often voted for the town council?—No.

7589. How often?—Only twice, this last time and two years before that.

7590. Did you get anything for your vote this last time?—Yes.

7591. How much?—17*s.* 6*d.*

7592. What did you get the time before?—Nothing the time before.

7593. For whom did you vote this last time?—For the Conservatives.

7594. At the town council I mean?—Yes.

7595. Who gave you the money?—The man was a stranger to me. I was afterwards told it was Mr. Watson. I got paid at the "Golden Ball."

7596. Did you get it after or before?—After.

7597. Did you know you would have it when you had voted?—Yes.

7598. Who told you you would get it?—A man named Jonas Taylor.

7599. Did he take you to vote?—He did not, because I came by myself.

7600. You knew you were to have the 17*s.* 6*d.* from Taylor?—Yes.

7601. For whom did you vote for the borough?—Maxwell and Trollope.

7602. Was the 17*s.* 6*d.* to have anything to do with the voting for the borough?—I never heard that it was.

7603. I mean when you took it, and when Taylor spoke to you, and when you got the money from Watson, did you or did you not think at the time that you would be expected to vote for the same side at the borough election?—I thought decidedly I should not.

7604. Do you think that they expected you to do it? Do you think that that was the understanding?—No, I really think not.

7605. What do you think they paid you the money for?—For voting at the municipal election.

7606. You think that is all they gave it you for?—I am not able to tell; I am not able to read men's thoughts.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

7607. Were you a Liberal in principle when you voted for the Conservatives?—I have never voted but once before, and then I voted for the Liberals.

The witness withdrew.

R. Pool.

Robinson Pool sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

7608. When did you become a voter for the borough?—At the last election.

7609. How long have you been a voter for the council?—Thirteen years.

7610. How often did you vote for the town council?—Several times.

7611. Seven or eight?—Yes, perhaps more.

7612. Were you paid on every occasion?—Not always, but generally.

7613. How much did you get generally?—I have got 10*s.* and 7*s.* 6*d.* and 2*s.* 6d.

7614. Have you got 5*s.*?—Yes.

7615. When did you get the 10*s.*?—It will be perhaps 12 years since.

7616. Was that on the Liberal side?—Yes.

7617. Did you mostly vote on the Liberal side?—No, for the last 10 years I have voted Conservative.

7618. Were you paid always during these 10 years?—No, I have voted without.

7619. Sometimes?—Yes.

7620. In 1867 what did they pay you?—2*s.* 6*d.*

7621. In 1866 what did they pay you?—I got 2*s.* 6*d.*

7622. In 1865?—I do not know.

7623. The same?—I cannot say.

7624. 1864?—I do not know the years; I never thought about it, but I have got those sums for several times.

7625. Directly you commenced to vote crimson you then seem to have had about 2*s.* 6*d.*?—I got 7*s.* 6*d.* the first time I voted for the Conservatives.

7626. Was that the highest figure you ever got for the Conservatives?—Yes.

7627. Except the last time?—Yes.

7628. What did you get the last time?—15*s.*

7629. Who paid you?—David Nutchey.

7630. After you voted?—Yes.

7631. Had you spoken to or had anyone spoken to you before you voted?—No, I went and voted with myself; I had the papers.

7632. Who gave you the papers?—I do not know, they were sent to my house.

7633. Did you expect money when you voted?—Yes.

7634. You did not expect 15*s.*?—I do not know. I went and voted and I went to Mr. Nutchey, and he said, "What do you want?" I said "The same as "they were giving others," and he gave me 15*s.*

7635. You had heard that money was going?—I never spoke to anyone.

7636. You voted crimson at the parliamentary?—Yes.

7637. Had you taken much interest in politics before you became a voter?—No.

7638. I suppose you knew that all the voters were in the habit of being paid?—Yes.

7639. Did you expect to get more than 15*s.* when you voted at the parliamentary election?—I did not expect to get anything, not any particular sum.

7640. I do not mean a particular sum, but did you not expect to get more than 15*s.* when you voted at the parliamentary election?—I do not understand.

7641. Did you not expect to get more than 15*s.* when you went to vote at the parliamentary election. You told me that you knew that the voters were paid?—At the municipal.

7642. When you voted at the municipal election did you not expect to get more than 15*s.* when you voted at the parliamentary?—No.

7643. A man who comes into town, hears money is going, gets money, knows the parliamentary election was pending?—I expected it was for the council.

7644. Did you not expect to get more if you voted at the parliamentary election?—No, I had no thoughts about the parliamentary.

7645. You had not been canvassed for the municipal, had you?—No.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till Monday at 11 o'clock.

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WILBERFORCE HERDSMAN sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

7746. Are you a freeman of the borough?—Yes.

7747. How long have you been a freeman?—I took up my freedom in 1823.

7748. And of course you have been a freeman ever since in Beverley?—Yes.

7749. How long have you been a parliamentary voter for the borough?—Ever since then.

7750. Of course you voted for town councillors and for the members?—Yes.

7751. And also, I suppose, for the pasture masters?—Yes.

7752. Was there any other office you had a vote for?—I voted for every other public office there was in the town as a ratepayer.

7753. What other public office was there?—There was the office of churchwarden.

7754. Are you a freeman by birth?—Yes.

7755. Have you been able to stock the pastures?—No, I was one of those who received the non-stocking money.

7756. I believe you took an active part in the municipal and parliamentary contests?—Yes.

7757. On which side have you been active?—I have been active on the Liberal side in general till about five years ago, when I was active for the Tories.

7758. May I take it that up to the last five years you have been active for the Liberals, and the last five active for the Tories?—Yes, till the last contest. I voted for Maxwell and Trollope, Liberal at the municipal and parliamentary.

7759. You were a freeman as far back as Towneley's election in 1841?—Yes.

7760. Was there money going at that election on both sides?—Yes.

7761. And was the money going pretty freely?—Yes.

7762. Was there any drinking going forward, having public houses open on both sides?—They had refreshment tickets from Towneley's party.

7763. That is the same?—Yes.

7764. Can you say it led to drunkenness?—Oh, there was plenty of drunkenness.

7765. Without going through all the elections, tell me was there money going generally at the parliamentary elections?—There has been money given at all but one I think; one was a purity election.

7766. That is what I think they call the Rennie and Clay election?—Yes.

7767. That was before Towneley's?—Yes.

7768. I will take Townley's as the limit, that and to the last election. From Towneley's election to the present was there, in your opinion, money going at every election?—No, I do not think there was.

7769. At what elections do you think money was not going; take the second election of Towneley's, 1847, Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid?—I believe there was money given then.

7770. Do you believe money was given on both sides?—I got paid. I came from Stamford Bridge.

7771. What did you get?—I got my expenses there and back, 35*s.*

7772. It did not cost you that in coming and going?—No.

7773. In 1852 it was Lawley, Wells, and Glover, what do you say to that election?—I got nothing then but my regular day's wages, 5*s.* a day.

7774. You got 2*l.*?—Yes.

7775. 1854, Gordon and Hastings?—I got 5*s.* a day for seven days.

7776. Well five times seven is 35; you got 35*s.*?—Yes.

7777–8. Who paid you at Gordon's election?—John Westerby.

7779. For whom?—For the Liberal party.

7780. You were engaged as a kind of messenger?—Yes, I was.

7781. Then we go on to 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells; what did you get at that election?—5*s.* a day.

7782. How many days were you engaged?—I think I never ran to more than seven or eight days.

7783. Well that would come to 2*l.*?—Yes.

7784. Now the first election of Major Edwards, what did you get, 2*l.*?—5*s.* a day.

7785. I suppose it always amounted to 2*l.*?—No, I think it was six or seven days.

7786. I know these things perfectly well; there was the nomination day, the polling day, and five or six days before?—Yes, canvassing.

7787. Now 1859, we will call that Walters and Edwards. What did you get on that occasion?—Hastings was it?

7788. No, that was in 1854; this was in 1859, Walters and Edwards?—I got 2*l.*

7789. From the Liberals?—Yes.

7790. Now we will take 1860, Walker and Gridley, how much did you get then?—Eight days' pay then.

7791. You got 2*l.*?—Yes.

7792. Passing from '60 we get to '65; now we have got to 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, how much did you get then?—5*l.*

7793. How was that?—I voted for the Tories.

7794. Was that the first time you voted for the Tories?—The first time and the last.

7795. Who paid you, was it Nutchey?—David Nutchey paid me, but the money came through Lowther. I was to send for my son who was at Hartlepool. He had ordered me to send for my son, and I went to see him about the expenses. I took him to Lowther. He said I was to go to Mr. Boyes in North Bar Street, and Nutchey would bring me 5*l.* in the King's Arms Yard, and he was to give my son the same as I had myself.

7796. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Two five pounds?—Yes, I was to have 5*l.*, and also my son. I took him to the wrong man, for I took him to the father instead of the son. The father never gave me anything, but he took me to Lowther, and I was to take him to Oxley's. In the evening I took my son to Mr. Robert Oxley's, and there I saw Mr. Lowther, Mr. Nutchey, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Oxley.

7797. All there?—Yes.

7798. There you saw Mr. Lowther, Mr. Nutchey,

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Mr. Cook, and Mr. Oxley, and you and your son?—Yes. Mr. Lowther asked my son whether he had got anything. He said, "No." He then said, "Will 5*l.* satisfy you?" He said, "Yes." He then said he was to go to the door. He went to the door, and I was going with him, when he stopped me and said, "What have thou gotten?" I said, "Nothing." I never asked for anything. He said, "Will 5*l.* satisfy you?" I said, "Yes." He then said, "Go to the door," and I did.

7799. Then Mr. Nutchey gave you 5*l.* each?—Yes.

7800. Was your son a voter?—Yes.

7801. Is your son a freeman?—Yes.

7802. What is his name?—Joseph Wilberforce Herdsman. He is away at Scarborough to-day, but he will be here. He is working here.

7803. Well, that was the 5*l.* on that occasion?—Yes.

7804. And it was the day after?—Yes.

7805. Now tell me, I see you have been paid money at every election?—Yes.

7806. That is, every time you voted?—Yes.

7807. Now, I will take you very briefly (for I wish to get through with it) to the municipal elections. Did you vote often for town councillors?—Yes.

7808. Were you at all paid for that?—I never got any money for my vote, but when I voted for Mr. Towneley, in my life.

7809. You mean for town councillors?—Yes.

7810. Did you vote for the Liberals when you voted for town councillors?—Yes.

7811. When did you change and vote for the Conservatives?—I believe that my first vote for the Conservatives was in '60 or '61.

7812. Were you paid then?—Yes.

7813. How much were you paid then?—I have been paid 10*s.* for my vote, 7*s.* 6*d.* for my vote, and 5*s.* when I voted for them, and 5*s.* for my day for running.

7814. Five shillings for the vote and 5*s.* for the running. Do you recollect whether you voted in '67 for the Tories at the municipal election, the election for the town council?—Yes, I did.

7815. What did you get that year?—10*s.*, 5*s.* for my vote and 5*s.*——

7816. For your services?—Yes.

7817. Did you vote at the last municipal in '68?—I voted for the Liberals.

7818. What did you get?—Nothing.

7819. Now, as a freeman, after you received the 5*l.* you say in '65, had you had any conversation with any of the leading Conservatives or Tories in the town?—Yes.

7820. With whom?—Wreghitt.

7821. What is he?—He is a draper.

7822. When were you brought in contact with Wreghitt?—I believe it would be in '60.

7823. Was it at his solicitation you voted for the Tories?—No.

7824. Did he pay you any money in '60 or '61?—He paid me some money for signing the objections for four years.

7825. What objections?—The objections they brought against men if they thought men were not qualified to be on the list of voters.

7826. You were, then, what is called the general objector?—Yes.

7827. They used you for that purpose?—Yes.

7828. You got the name and signed the objection, "I, so and so, a voter, belonging to the list of free-"men, object to have your name, &c."?—Yes.

7829. What did he pay you for that job?—35*s.*

7830. What, five-and-thirty shillings a year for lending your name?—Yes.

7831. Is he a wealthy man?—He is a draper; I cannot tell about his wealth.

7832. Did you learn or ascertain from him where the money came from?—Not from this case, but I have from others.

7833. Did you yourself know anything about whether these men were qualified or not that you signed the objections against?—I did to the best of my information, and some that they wanted me to sign I told them it was no use my signing that I could not know.

7834. Upon what occasion?—About signing some young man's freedom; he came to me about taking up a young man's freedom.

7835. That is another case. Did Wreghitt speak to you to take up the freedom of some man?—Yes, several.

7836. That was after '60?—Yes, since '60.

7837. Tell me the first one he asked you about?—I believe the first one he asked me about was a man they called Henry Usher.

7838. Can you tell me the date at all?—No.

7839. Tell me about; was it five or six years ago?—Yes, it would be four or five years, four years.

7840. That is quite near enough for me. Tell me what he told you about Usher?—He asked me if I had known him. I said Yes, he said his brother had been applying to him for his freedom, and did I think he was a right sort of a man to support the major, Sir Henry Edwards.

7841. He asked you did you think Usher was the right sort of man to support Major Edwards if his freedom was taken up?—Yes, and I said I thought he was, and he told me to send him for the freedom money.

7842. When you told him you thought he was, then Wreghitt told you to send him?—Yes.

7843. Did he tell you on that occasion where he got the money from?—No.

7844. Did you send Usher?—Yes.

7845. What then?—He got his money.

7846. How much?—2*l.* 10*s.*

7847. Was his freedom taken up?—Yes.

7848. I suppose this was just before the election of '65, was it not?—It was either just before or after, I will not swear which.

7849. I should think most likely just before?—Yes.

7850. Do you recollect which way Usher voted?—He voted for the crimson party. The Tories.

7851. That was in '65. How did he vote last time?—I believe for the same party.

7852. Besides Usher was there any other man?—Yes.

7853. Tell me another man?—There was a man they called Newbold.

7854. Did he speak to you?—No, I went to Wreghitt about Newbold, he was a free-born son.

7855-6. He was a son of a freeman?—Yes, I went to Wreghitt and asked him whether he would take his freedom up, and Wreghitt asked me whether he would be a supporter of the party. I told him I thought he would, for his father was a supporter; he told me to send him in, and I sent him in and he gave him 10*s.*

7857. He had his freedom by birth, the servitude is much larger the freedom by services than the freedom by birth?—Yes.

7858. How did he vote, do you recollect?—Yes, for the Conservatives.

7859. On both elections?—No, he only had the vote for that election occasion.

7860. He voted in the last?—Yes.

7861. Anybody else; we have Usher and Newbold?—There is a man called Rippon. I went to see Wreghitt about Rippon. Wreghitt said he had taken his brother's freedom up, and he had not voted for them.

7862. So that was a bad sign?—Yes. And I said this young man promised he would support him, and you must take the man for his word, it is not a deal, 10*s.*, and he said you may send him in then, and I sent him in, and he got the money.

7863. On what occasion was it he told you who he got the money from?—On this occasion.

7864. Tell me what he said?—He said, "We must "be very careful of getting these men to vote, it would

" be wasting the major's money without they supported " him."

7865. He gave you a caution ?—Yes.

7866. That you were spending another man's money, and therefore you ought to be very careful in not wasting it ?—Yes.

7867. Do you know what " Major "?—We used to call him Major before he got to be Sir Henry Edwards.

7868. What did you say to that ?—I said well it was all right, I thought that he would support him.

7869. Did you take up the freedom of any other man, do you recollect ?—Yes, a man called William Wilson, he was apprenticed to his uncle.

7870. He was by servitude then ?—Yes.

7871. Do you recollect the time you took up Wilson ?—Yes, his master asked me to go.

7872. But the time ?—About '65 or '66.

7873. You say he served his time to his uncle ?—Yes.

7874. And the uncle spoke to you ?—Yes.

7875. You say these men spoke to you. I suppose you were well known in the town as being in the confidence of Mr. Wreghitt ?—Yes.

7876. Upon that what did you do ?—I went to Mr. Wreghitt to see him, he said he did not know at the first, that it was a deal of money.

7877. Then he knew it was 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes. But I might send his uncle into him. I fetched his uncle, and his uncle said that he would pledge his word that he would support him if they took his freedom. He was a young man, a steady man, and had just got married.

7878. The uncle became a kind of surety for him for his political fidelity to the party who paid him ?—Yes. His uncle was a man of property but he said if I could get him the money he would give me half-a-sovereign.

7879. The uncle did ?—Yes.

7880. That is what we call bribery within bribery. The uncle, being a man of property, spoke to you as the confidential adviser of Wreghitt, and said that if you went to Wreghitt and got the 2*l.* 10*s.* he would give you 10*s.* ?—Yes.

7881. Were you present when the uncle entered into this kind of surety for the political fidelity of his nephew ?—Yes, and I was present when he gave him the money.

7882. You were present when he had the money ?—Yes.

7883. Now is there anybody else ?—Yes, another young man they call Ellerker.

7884. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did he hand the money to the uncle ?—Yes.

7885. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Another young man called what ?—Ellerker. He was apprenticed to Mr. Watson.

7886. What is Mr. Watson ?—He is dead now, he was a master builder.

7887. He was a master builder and he took this young man also. You were to take up his freedom, I suppose ?—Yes.

7888. Did you introduce him ?—Yes.

7889. In the same way as the last ?—Just in the same way.

7890. Was his master there ?—Yes, his master said he was a good apprentice, and he would pledge his word he would fulfil his promise.

7891. The master pledged his word he would fulfil his promise to vote for that party ?—Yes.

7892. Did these two young men vote for the party ?—One young man never had a chance to vote, for he died.

7893. Did the other ?—I think he did. I do not exactly know, but I think he did vote for that party.

7894. Did you introduce any others ?—Yes, a man they called Smelt.

7895. What was that for, servitude ?—No, free-born.

7896. What did he receive ?—10*s.*

7897. Did you introduce him in the same way ?—Yes, I went to Wreghitt. He worked at the same place I did then. He asked me if I could get him the freedom. I said I would speak to Wreghitt, which I did, and I was to send him in, and he went and he got the money.

7898. Did he ever mention except on that one occasion where the money was coming from ?—No.

7899. I suppose you knew perfectly well, as far as you could judge, who was supplying the money ?—Certainly, I expected so.

7900. Was Wreghitt a man likely to be a candidate for being a member of Parliament himself ?—I do not know.

7901. You did not expect that he was ?—No, he was a town councillor.

7902. Now we have exhausted the lode of taking up the freedom, the town council, and the parliamentary. I did not ask you about the pasture masters. I do not know whether you can give me any information about the pasture masters. Have you voted for them ?—Yes.

7903. First let me ask you was there money going at their elections ?—For pasture masters ?

7904. Yes ?—Oh, yes.

7905. How long have you known the election of pasture masters when money had been going ?—I have known a small trifle a few years back being given, as half-a-crown or couple of shillings.

7906. Do you recollect a time when the pasture masters were equally divided ?—Yes, when there were six of each.

7907. Six Liberals and six Conservatives ?—Yes.

7908. Was that by a kind of agreement between the parties in the town of Beverley ?—I think it was.

7909. Will you tell me the year that was departed from ?—Some time when Sir Henry Edwards first came to Beverley.

7910. Up to that time used money to be given for the election of pasture masters ?—Yes, ever since there has been an opposition.

7911. Since there has been an opposition money has been given for the election of pasture masters ?—Yes.

7912. Before that time used they to be elected without money so far as you know ?—I cannot say, there always was a little given.

7913. But it became a closer contest after that ?—Yes.

7914. Tell me, when there was a closer contest, how much would be given for the election of pasture master ?—I know as much as 10*s.* or 15*s.*

7915. That would be for voting for the whole ticket I suppose ?—Yes, voting for the 12.

7916. And that takes place every year ?—Yes.

7917. I suppose there is not a contest every year ?—No.

7918. Now take the election of pasture masters. I hope there was no money last March, we are now in August ?—On this last March there was nothing, there was no opposition.

7919. Well the March before, in '68 was there any opposition ?—Yes.

7920. Was money paid then ?—On the other side.

7921. We have no other side here ?—Yes, there was money on the part of the Conservatives.

7922. In March '67 was there money paid ?—Yes, I got money I know myself then.

7923. That is the best evidence ; what did you get ?—I got 10*s.* for my vote and 5*s.* for my day ; 7*s.* 6*d.* for my vote for another time, and 5*s.* for my day ; but never no less than 5*s.* for my vote and 5*s.* for my day.

7924. Was that the amount generally paid ?—No, I generally got top price for mine.

7925. Did you vote for the churchwardens ?—Yes.

7926. Was there any contest about churchwardens ?—Yes, this last time there was a contest.

7927. I suppose there was no money going ?—No.

7928. But before that ?—Oh yes, I have given money myself for churchwardens.

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7929. You have given money to purchase a vote?—Yes.

7930. Who gave you the money?—A man they called Moore once. A man they called Cook put up for churchwarden, gave me money to give.

7931. About how many years is that since?—Four years since.

7932. Was Moore himself a candidate?—No.

7933. Did you ascertain from him when it was paid to you from whom he gave you the money?—No.

7934. What is his Christian name?—Benjamin, Benjamin Moore.

7935. As I understand you the pasture masters have two important duties to perform, they have first to distribute the cattle, to determine the rights of the freeman who have cattle, and next to distribute the money, that is so?—Yes.

7936. And they have also to distribute Walker's gift?—Yes.

7937. You have been in the confidence of Mr. Wreghitt, tell us if you know anything about the distribution of Walker's gift?—I have received it myself.

7938. Did you ever lose any stock?—No. The first time I received it I was going about canvassing for a municipal election.

7939. For whom?—For the Conservatives.

7940. When was that?—That would be '60, the first year I was with them, either '60 or '61; '61 I think.

7941. What did you receive?—I was going round about canvassing, and I was canvassing a man who got 4*l.* from them, and he would not vote for them; he said they had got the wrong man.

7942. Who was the man who got 4*l.* from them?—He was a cabinet maker; he has left, and has for years now; he has not a vote in the town. He was a freeman.

7943. Can you give us his name?—I can think of his name before I leave the court. Oh, I can tell you his name, they call him Ezzard.

7944. Who were canvassing with you?—Mr. Lowther, Mr. Skinn, Mr. Findlater, and Mr. Cook, I cannot say anyone else.

7945. Was this for a municipal election?—Yes, and there were two of the pasture masters on the list at the time, and they said, Here is a friend of ours, we have given 4*l.* to him, and they sent these gentlemen in to canvass him, and he said they had got the wrong man, he was a Liberal man, he could not vote for them.

7946. You heard them say they had given him 4*l.*?—I knew it. I had seen it on the list and all. When they came out they asked me if I had got anything. Mr. Lowther said, have you got anything, I said I had never asked. He said, Apply to-morrow and we will give you something, and I sent in my claim in the morning and got two sovereigns.

7947. But you had no claim, you had not lost a cow or a calf or a pig?—No.

7948. Now, you had been canvassing for them. What are you?—A cordwainer.

7949. No particular misfortune had befallen you at that particular time?—No.

7950. Were you at work as usual?—Yes.

7951. Tell me if you know any other circumstances?—I got another gift from them afterwards, two or three years after.

7952. When was that?—It would be, I believe, in '67.

7953. You continued voting for them, how much did you get in '67?—I got 30*s.*

7954. Out of Walker's charity?—Yes.

7955. Did you apply for it?—Yes, I had been ill for a long time then.

7956. Then we will say nothing about that, we have a right to put that down to charity. Do you know of anybody else who had been in receipt of money from Walker's charity?—I know several persons who were in receipt of Walker's charity, and they never lost anything.

7957. But anything particular? I do not want to suggest anything to you.—No, nothing particular.

7958. Nothing was said to you about the men. Was ever anything said to you by any party about the way in which the men got the money?—When I applied last time, they said they thought they could give me nothing, I had lost no cattle or pigs; I said, Thomas Monkman got it and never lost anything, and his nephew, another man, Henry Monkman, got it and lost nothing, and they said they had made a rule according to the gift that they would not give it to a man who had lost nothing.

7959. What did they say when you said to them these men had lost nothing?—They said they did not exactly know what it was, but they had got it they supposed.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

7960. I have only two questions to ask. The learned Commissioner asked you a question which you did not answer for some reason. In 1852, when Lawley, Wells, and Glover put up, you told us you got 5*s.* a day for eight days?—Yes.

7961. That was 2*l.*?—Yes.

7962. Then the learned Commissioner asked you whether you knew whether there was money going on both sides, and somehow it went off, and you did not answer; how was that, was there money going on both sides then?—I cannot say there was.

7963. Now with respect to Gordon's and Hastings' election, the same question, was there money going on both sides then?—Not to my knowledge, not in my presence.

7964. You did not hear money was going?—No.

7965. Now the next election, between Denison, Glover, and Wells, did you hear there was money going on both sides then?—No.

7966. You did not hear that?—No.

7967. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You received money?—Yes, I did.

7968. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were asked the question whether money was going in 1857, when Edwards and Wells put up, did you hear of money going then?—I heard of money going on one side for Major Edwards.

7969. You told us the story of Henry Usher getting 2*l.* 10*s.* for his freedom?—Yes.

7970. And you were asked by Wreghitt whether you thought he would support Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

7971. And you agreed to send Usher?—Yes.

7972. And I understood you to say you got the 2*l.* 10*s.* for his freedom?—No, he got it himself.

7973. From whom did he get it?—From Mr. Wreghitt.

7974. Did you see Wreghitt pay it?—I took him and saw him coming out with the money, he took me to give me the allowance there is, what they call a shilling.

7975. How did you know he got the money from Wreghitt?—I sent him in and waited outside.

7976. Outside what?—Outside Wreghitt's shop; I waited while he went in, and he came out with the money.

7977. You sent him in to Wreghitt's, and he came out with the money?—Yes, there was a shilling allowance allowed for what they call allowance.

7978. On another occasion, with respect to Rippon, you said there was a difficulty with Mr. Wreghitt, whether Mr. Wreghitt should give the money to Rippon or not?—Yes.

7979-80. I think you told us he said it would be

wasting the major's money if it was given to persons who did not support him?—Yes, that we ought to be very careful, that is what he told me.

7981. Was that the only time he said anything of the sort?—Yes, I do not know that ever he named it before that.

7982. That was the first time he mentioned the major?—About this money.

7983. And was the first time that you heard that it came from the major?—Yes, but I always expected that it had come from the major, because Sir Henry Edwards once sent me himself to get it.

7984. Once the major sent you himself, let us know about that?—Yes.

7985. What, he saw you?—In the street, yes.

7986. When did the major send you?—It was once here at the mayor's dinner.

7987. How many years ago was that?—Perhaps three.

7988. You saw the major?—Yes, he came and shaked hands with me and put his finger and thumb in his pocket.

7989. He put his hand in his pocket?—Yes, and he said he had not the change and I was to go to Wreghitt and tell him to give me 2*s.* 6*d.* to drink his health with.

7990. I was talking about taking up freedoms?—Nothing.

7991. The major gave you 2*s.* 6*d.* to drink his health?—Yes, he sent me to Wreghitt to give me 2*s.* 6*d.* to drink his health.

7992. I do not understand your answer. You say that was your reason for thinking that the other money was Major Edwards'?—Yes, likewise.

7993. Did Major Edwards ever talk to you about Wreghitt taking up freedoms?—No.

7994. And that was the only time Wreghitt ever mentioned the major with reference to that?—Yes, I think it was, I do not know that ever more passed than that.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

7995. Are you the same Wilberforce Herdsman we heard of as keeping the door of some public house in the town when people were bribed there?—I have kept the door.

7996. For which side?—For the Liberals.

7997. I presume at Gridley's election you voted for Gridley?—Yes.

7998. You kept the door at what place?—The "Pack Horse," part of the day I kept the door.

7999. Was that before or after you received money from Walker's fund?—Before.

8000. Then whoever had the distribution of Walker's fund, knowing you kept the door for Gridley, nevertheless paid you money out of Walker's fund?—Yes, but then I supported the Tories.

8001. Had you voted at any parliamentary election from '60 up to the time you first received money from Walker's fund?—Yes, I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

8002. You tell us you first received money from Walker's fund, in '60?—'61 I think; '60 or '61 I said, but I think '61.

8003. Had you voted for any parliamentary election at all between Gridley's election and the time you first received money from Walker's fund?—Never, but for the municipal I have.

8004. I ask you the parliamentary; you had never voted but for the municipal?—No.

8005. You had never voted or received money for any parliamentary election between Gridley's election and the time of your first receiving Walker's money?—No.

8006. But I understand you to say you had voted at the municipal elections?—Yes.

8007. How often had you voted at the municipal elections?—All my lifetime do you mean?

8008. No, between that time?—I believe I voted six times for the Tories, for the Conservatives.

8009. Had you voted six times for the Tories up to the year 1861?—No, since then.

8010. For whom had you voted up to the year 1861?—In the municipal elections?

8011. Yes?—I voted for the Liberal party.

8012. Always?—Always, but once.

8013. What "once" was that?—That was a long time ago. I cannot tell you the year.

8014. My reason for asking you was this, that people here vote for the municipal election apparently quite opposite to the way they vote at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

8015. On both sides they vote both ways?—Yes.

8016. At the time you first received this money did you call yourself a Conservative or a Liberal?—I called myself always a Liberal.

8017. Did you always consider yourself a Liberal all this time?—In my own mind I did; if I voted I voted against my principles when I voted for the Tories. I voted for my work for the Conservatives.

8018. That is to say you were working with a Tory employer?—Yes.

8019. Were you known in the town as a Liberal?—Yes, all my lifetime.

8020. And being known in the town as a Liberal you received this money from Walker's trustees?—Yes, but I had supported them for five or six years in the municipal and pastures and elections.

8021. You had been canvassing?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

JOSEPH ELLIOTT sworn; examined by Mr. Cox.

J. Elliott.

8022. You are a freeman?—Yes.

8023. And when did you take up your freedom?—1861.

8024. Who paid the money for you?—Mr. Wreghitt.

8025. How much did you get?—2*l.* 10*s.*

8026. Did he give it you into your own hands?—Yes.

8027. Did he say anything about what you were to have the money for?—On the understanding that I should support his principles.

8028. What did he say, just try and remember as nearly as you can the words he used to you, and say them slowly?—I understood it that I was to support his principles.

8029. That is what he said?—Yes.

8030. Did he say any more than that?—No.

8031. You understood his political principles?—Yes, I expected that was it.

8032. Have you been working for Mr. Whitton for some years?—Yes.

8033. How long?—I worked up to last December.

8034. Did you continue to work for him down to the time of the parliamentary election?—For Mr. Whitton do you mean?

8035. Yes?—I voted for him for the municipal election.

8036. You are not working for him now?—No.

8037. When did you leave off working for him?—A fortnight before last Christmas.

8038. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was Mr. Whitton a candidate?—Yes.

8039. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He was a candidate for the municipal election?—Yes.

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8040. On the day of the municipal election do you remember his saying anything to you ?—Yes.

8041. What did he say ?—He came to the shop.

8042. What, the workshop ?—Yes, and he said I was to go up and vote.

8043. Did he say that to others also ?—Yes, to the men who were in the shop. To the whole lot of us, "and there was 10*s.*"

8044. What did he mean by that ?—10*s.* for each of us I should say.

8045. Then you went and voted, and these other men ?—Yes.

8046. What did you get ?—I got 35*s.* for two, me and Thomas Sumner.

8047. That is 17*s.* 6*d.* apiece ?—Yes.

8048. Who gave it you ?—Mr. Browsho.

8049. Did he give you the whole of it ?—Yes.

8050. Did you see Nutchey ?—Yes.

8051. Had he anything to do with the money ?—He gave Browsho the money.

8052. And where were you paid ?—Outside this place.

8053. Were you asked to vote for the candidates at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

8054. Who asked you ? Did Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Kennard come and call upon you ?—Yes.

8055. Who was with them when they came to ask you ?—There was Mr. Cleaver. I will not be sure that Mr. Wreghitt was there or not ; there was a whole lot, but they did not come to the door.

8056. You do not remember whether Mr. Wreghitt was there ?—No.

8057. Anybody else ?—I believe Mr. Cliff was there, but I will not be sure.

8058. Then they asked you for your vote ?—Yes.

8059. And what did you say ?—I said I would not promise.

8060. Had you ever voted at the parliamentary election before ?—Yes.

8061. Did you vote afterwards at the parliamentary election ? I mean at the last ?—Yes.

8062. How did you vote ?—I voted for the Liberals.

8063. Had you ever voted at a Parliamentary election before ?—Yes, once before.

8064. You voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

8065. Then you went back to your work the next day. Your master is Mr. Whitton ?—He was at that time.

8066. Did he say anything about the voting ?—He said I had gone against them.

8067. What was the conversation between you. I would rather you would tell it me in your own words ?—He said I had gone against them, and I said, "Yes, "I had gone for principle." He said I had got no principle. I said "I had," and he said, "I will re-"member you for it ;" and that is all he said to me.

8068. Did he say that angrily ?—Yes, he was hasty that morning. There were two or three had gone against him.

8069. Did he say that to the others ?—There was only me in the shop at that time.

8070. Did he say it in the way of a threat ?—Yes.

8071. You went on working till the following Saturday ; till some time afterwards ?—Yes.

8072. Now before the borough election took place, had he talked to you about your vote then ?—Yes.

8073. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The Saturday before ?—Yes.

8074. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He spoke to you on the Saturday before the the election day ?—Yes, he said he had heard that I was going against them. I said I had not made up my mind, but it would be all right. I put it off in that way. It was at the pay table.

8075. Was it at the time of payment, when the men came in to be paid, when he said, "I hear you "are going against me" ?—Yes.

8076. And you managed to avoid telling him which way you were going to vote ?—Yes.

8077. Afterwards he refused to let you work for him any longer ?—Yes.

8078. Tell me something about that ?—I cannot say more than that I was paid off shortly afterwards.

8079. And was it explained to you why you were paid off and discharged ?—No, the only thing that he said the day after the election was that he would remember me.

8080. And then you were paid off ?—Yes, shortly afterwards.

8081. How long after ?—It was a fortnight before Christmas, and the election was in November.

8082. About three weeks ?—Yes.

8083. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How long had you worked for him ?—From April.

8084. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did they explain to you why you were paid off ?—No, only that he had done with me.

8085. When did he tell you ?—I did not see him myself, it was the foreman that paid me off.

8086. And did the foreman explain to you why he had done with you ?—No, I do not know what he said, but he said he was sorry he said he had done with us, and the foreman said he should have liked us to have had a week's notice, but that was what he had to tell us.

8087. I will take you to the former election, in 1865 ; you had a vote then ?—Yes, sir.

8088. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Edwards and Keane.

8089. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Nothing from Edwards ; I got 2*l.* from Keane.

8090. Who gave you that ?—I do not know.

8091. Where did you get it ?—In the Mechanics' Hall.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

8092. What is the foreman's name ?—Matthew Robinson.

8093. Did he say nothing to you or to Hall in your presence when he discharged you ?—He said he thought it was all through electioneering.

8094. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The foreman said that ?—Yes.

8095. I asked you that question several times ?—I did not understand that.

8096. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were there many men discharged from your master's employment that day ?—There was only me and another that was a freeman.

8097. You and Hall ?—Yes.

8098. How many men were at work there ?—There would be five.

8099. Was there any slack work ?—We was not busy.

8100. Were there any two other men taken on in your places ?—No, I do not think there was.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

8101. How many men were voters in your master's employment ?—I cannot only answer for joiners.

8102. How many men did he employ altogether ?—I should say nine or ten.

8103. Of those nine or ten how many were voters that you knew ?—I should say six or seven.

8104. How many voted for the Liberals ?—I cannot tell.

8105. You voted and Hall voted, did anyone else ?—Yes, there were three or four men.

8106. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Voted for the Liberals ?—I cannot say.

8107. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I thought you said for the Liberals. I said how many voted for the Liberals. You told me Hall and three or four more ?—I can answer for three, but I cannot say any more.

8108. That is to say yourself and Hall and somebody else ?—Yes, I believe he only voted for one Liberal, his name is John Waldron, and there was another man they called Scruton, a bricklayer, polled for the Liberals.

8109. That is at least four we have ?—Yes.

8110. Did Waldron continue in Whitton's employment after the election ?—Yes.

8111. Did Scruton continue in his employment after the election ?—Yes.

8112. Are they in his employment now, do you know ?—Yes.

8113. Do you know any other person whom Whitton discharged, as you say, on account of his politics ?—No.

8114. In 1865 you voted for Keane and were paid ?—Yes.

8115. In the municipal election of 1868 you voted for the Conservatives and were paid ?—Yes.

8116. In 1868 there was no pay going in the parliamentary election, last election ?—No.

8117. Then you voted for your principles ?—Yes.

8118. Your principles do not seem to be proof against 17*s.* 6*d.*?—I did not think that had anything to do with the general election.

8119. I do not say it had. You call yourself a Liberal ?—Yes.

8120. And for 17*s.* 6*d.* you voted for the Conservatives?—I did not think there were to be any principles in the borough affairs.

8121. I presume you are a builder ?—A joiner.

8122. You are in builders' employment. Your trade is rather slack towards winter generally ?—Sometimes, not always.

8123. Was it slack that year towards winter ?—I had plenty of work all the winter.

8124. Was work slack, is it not a common thing for work in the building trade to be slack towards winter ?—Yes, it is.

8125. And I believe hands are very commonly turned off towards winter ?—Yes.

8126. Were you turned off without any notice at all ?—Yes.

8127. Did you receive any extra pay in consequence ?—No.

8128. Is it not the practice in your trade to receive two days' pay if you are turned off at a day's notice ?—No, but it ought to be.

8129. It is not in Beverley ?—No.

8130. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do they not allow a quarter of a day for collecting the tools ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS RIPPON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

T. Rippon.

8131. What are you ?—A shoemaker.

8132. Are you a freeman of the borough ?—Yes.

8133. When did you take up your freedom ?—Some time in July, the 4th or 5th ; I could not say to a day which.

8134. Of this year ?—No, July in 1868.

8135. Who paid for your freedom ? — Mr. Wreghitt.

8136. Did he pay you at his own house ?—Yes.

8137. At his own shop ?—Yes.

8138. I think Herdsman took you there ?—No.

8139. What made you go ?—I asked him previous to that to see a party, and see if he could take the freedom up for me.

8140. Who was that party ?—Herdsman ; and he gave me instructions to go and see Mr. Wreghitt, and I went, and when I went to Mr. Wreghitt's house he was not in.

8141. When you did see him what took place ?—I said, "You are the gentleman I have been wanting to see for a long time," and he said, "What is it ?" I said, "I want my freedom taken up, and I believe this is the last day," and he said, "I think it is." He said, "What is your name," and I said, "Thomas Rippon ;" and he said, "You have a brother named John ?" I said, "Yes, I have," and he said, "We took your brother's freedom up, and he voted against us," and I said, "That is no reason that I should," and he said, "No, of course not." Some words passed betwixt us, and he said, "I will take your freedom up on condition that you vote for Edwards and Kennard," and I said, "All right," and he took me up into his shop door and pulled out a leather purse and gave me 10*s.*

8142. You are a freeman by birth ?—Yes.

8143. When do you say that took place ?—From the 13th to the 25th. I could not say to a day, but I know that was on a Saturday about half-past 2.

8144. Did you know that Edwards and Kennard were going to put up ?—I did not till I read the paper on the Saturday afternoon ; it was announced in the paper.

8145. Was it in the morning that you saw Wreghitt ?—It was after dinner, about 2 o'clock.

8146. At that time you did not know ?—I did not.

8147. He said you should have your freedom on condition you voted for Edwards and Kennard ?—He did.

8148. Did you not ask him anything on that ?—I did not ; I said, "All right."

8149. When you said that did he give you any money ?—10*s.*, and he said, "I must see." I got my freedom taken up at once, or I should be too late, and I went on the Monday to the person who had the taking up of it, Mr. Pumfrett, but he was not in attendance, and I seed him the next day, and he said, "I could not get it taken up till I saw the mayor," and I saw him on the Wednesday, and I believe that was the day I had it taken up.

8150. What did you say to the mayor ?—I told him I was rather too late for getting it published on the Town Hall door, and I begged him to take it up for me, and he said it could be done, and he did it for me.

8151. Did you tell him which way you were going to vote ?—No, I did not mention anything about voting at all.

8152. It was quite understood with Wreghitt that it was to be taken up for voting that way ?—Yes.

8153. Wreghitt impressed that on you ?—He did, very much so.

8154. For whom did you vote ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

8155. You did not keep your promise ?—I consider I kept my promise. I consider when a man says "All right" that is not a promise.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

8156. Did you tell the mayor you had seen Mr. Wreghitt ?—No, I never mentioned nothing of the proceeding to the mayor.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS APPLETON sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. Appleton.

8157. Are you a freeman ?—No.

8158. How long have you been a voter for the borough ?—Last year.

8159. And last year also for the parliamentary ?—Yes.

8160. Did you vote for the parliamentary ?—Yes.

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8161. For whom did you vote?—Maxwell and Trollope.

8162. Did you get anything?—No.

8163. Were you promised anything?—No.

8164. Did you vote at the municipal?—Yes.

8165. For whom did you vote?—I voted for the Tory party.

8166. What did you get for that?—17*s.* 6*d.*

8167. Who paid you?—Browsho.

8168. Where were you paid?—In the hall here.

8169. Outside?—Yes.

8170. Did Browsho go to your house?—No, I met him in the street here, in the square.

8171. Were there a great number there?—Yes.

8172. Some hundreds?—I should think there would.

8173. Did anyone ask you whether you were a parliamentary voter or not?—No.

8174. The list had been published at that time with your name in?—Yes.

8175. Had the 17*s.* 6*d.* anything to do with your voting for the borough?—Not that I know of, it was not named.

8176. Of course it was not named. When men do acts of that kind they never name the object. Had it any effect in making you vote for the Conservatives at the borough election?—No.

8177. It had no effect on your voting for the Conservatives at the town council?—No.

8178. What did you think it was given you for? Would you have voted for the Conservatives if you had not got that 17*s.* 6*d.*?—No.

8179. You would not?—No.

8180. Then it made you vote for them?—Yes.

8181. But nothing was said to you at all?—No.

8182. Were you canvassed to vote at the parliamentary election?—Yes, they came to my house, but I never seed the party, I never was in when they came.

8183. Did you see either side?—I seed both sides on election day.

8184. Were you canvassed on the election day?—Yes.

8185. By whom?—I am sure I do not know, several parties.

8186. Who canvassed you on the Liberal side?—Mr. Maxwell himself.

8187. Anybody else?—Yes, he had two or three gentlemen with him, Daniel Boyes and Trollope.

8188. Never mind Trollope; Daniel Boyes came to you separately?—No, they were all together in the market place.

8189. Did not Boyes speak to you separately?—No.

8190. Did anybody speak to you privately?—No.

8191. The Conservatives did?—No.

8192. Who spoke to you on the Conservative side?—I could not mention the names; I do not know which of them.

8193. Was Wreghitt there?—Yes.

8194. Did Wreghitt speak to you?—No.

8195. Did the man who gave you the 17*s.* 6*d.* speak to you?—No.

8196. Did Browsho speak to you?—No.

8197. Did you see him?—I cannot say that I did.

8198. What time did you vote?—I am sure I cannot tell you, perhaps 12 or 1 o'clock.

8199. Later than that?—Two, perhaps.

8200. You were in fact waiting to have an offer made to you?—I was not waiting. I just went up into the market.

8201. How long had you been there?—Perhaps half an hour.

8202. Had you not been more than half an hour?—I think not.

8203. How long had you been?—I should think as near as I can tell half an hour. I went after I got my dinner.

8204. And you remained there till you voted about 2 o'clock?—I do not know what time it was.

8205. Did no one go with you to vote?—I am sure I do not know.

8206. How much do you say you got?—17*s.* 6*d.*

8207. You were bargaining for your vote a long time were you not?—I met Ramshaw in the morning.

8208. You were bargaining for your vote; they offered you 10*s.* first?—They offered me 12*s.* 6*d.*

8209. And then they offered you 15*s.*?—Yes.

8210. And then you wanted 1*l.*?—Yes.

8211. Why did you want 1*l.*?—Because other people were getting 1*l.*

8212. Was anything said to you as to whether that was an instalment of what you were to get?—No.

8213. Did you expect any more?—No.

8214. Did anyone say to you they had plenty of money to spend?—No; they said they meant to win.

8215. Who said so?—White.

8216. Where did he say that?—Again the church.

8217. Did he say they had plenty of money?—He said they were going to win.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

8218. They said they meant to win; was that about the borough election?—The municipal election.

The witness withdrew.

R. Needham.

ROBERT NEEDHAM sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

8219. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

8220. How long have you been a freeman?—About 11 years as near as I can say.

8221. For whom did you vote at the last municipal election?—For the Conservatives.

8222. For what ward did you vote for?—The St. Nicholas.

8223. That is in the Minster ward. Who did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Maxwell.

8224. What did you get from the Conservatives for the municipal election?—17*s.* 6*d.*

8225. Who paid you?—Mr. Watson at the "Golden Ball."

8226. Who took you to Mr. Watson?—Thomas White.

8227. Was anyone with you?—No.

8228. Was not Appleton with you, the last witness?—No.

8229. Did you get anything for voting at the parliamentary election?—No.

8230. What time of day did you vote?—At the middle of the afternoon, as near as I can say.

8231. What o'clock do you call that?—After 2 o'clock.

8232. Was it as late as 3?—I think not.

8233. What o'clock was it?—Betwixt the two.

8234. When did you come into the town?—I was residing in the town.

8235. When did you come where the hustings were, into the market place?—A little after 8 o'clock.

8236. Did you speak to anyone about your vote?—No.

8237. Did no one speak to you about your vote?—No.

8238. Did anyone ask you in the course of the day if you had voted?—No.

8239. Not a soul?—No.

8240. You pledge your oath to us that no one asked you if you had voted?—No, sir, I think not; I never recollect anyone.

8241. What were you doing then?—Walking about.

8242. I am speaking of the parliamentary election?—Yes.

8243. You understood that?—Yes.

8244. After you came into the town at 8 o'clock what did you do ?—I was walking about like a deal of other men.

8245. Who was it you walked with ?—On the last election ?

8246. Yes, the parliamentary election ?—A young man they call Hutchinson.

8247. Is he a voter ?—Yes.

8248. How did he vote ?—I cannot say how he voted ; I was not with him when he voted.

8249. You walked about with Hutchinson, did you ?—Yes.

8250. Did you go to any public house with him ?—Yes, we was in some.

8251. What public houses, for instance ?—In the "Cross Keys," for one.

8252. Any other, the "Golden Ball," for instance ?—No, I think not ; I do not recollect being in any other.

8253. Was the "Cross Keys" the only one ?—I think it was.

8254. What took you into the "Cross Keys" ?—We went in to get a pint of ale.

8255. Had you ever got anything at the "Cross Keys" before at any former election ?—Yes, I believe I did.

8256. Which election was that ?—1865.

8257. What did you get there ?—Two sovereigns.

8258. Did you get that in a manger ?—No.

8259. Where did you get it ?—Of Mr. Skinn.

8260. Mr. Skinn gave it you ?—Yes.

8261. Where was Mr. Skinn when he gave you these two sovereigns ?—He was in the stable.

8262. He gave it you into your hand, did he ?—Yes.

8263. Tell us what took place ; how did you get into the stable ?—I was in the yard, I think, and I saw Mr. Skinn within the entrance of the stable, and I went up, and he said, "Have you voted ?" and I believe I said yes or no.

8264. At any rate whatever you said Mr. Skinn gave you two sovereigns ?—Yes.

8265. Who told you to go there to get your two sovereigns ?—No one.

8266. Was it instinct, as my learned friend suggests, that made you to go there ? Somebody must have told you to go. You could not have known without being told that Mr. Skinn would be in the stable in the "Cross Keys" ?—No, I never heard that he would till I saw him myself.

8267. What took you in the stable yard ?—I was n the house.

8268. Did nobody tell you to go ? Who told you to go ?—No one.

8269. Do not talk nonsense to us. Were there other people in the stable yard ?—I never seed anyone else.

8270. You were alone ?—Yes.

8271. Not a creature but yourself and Mr. Skinn ?—I do not know that there was, I cannot remember anyone else.

8272. If Mr. Skinn was in the stable how came you to see him ?—He was not inside, he was in the entrance.

8273. That is the doorway ?—Yes.

8274. You got this 2*l.*, then what took you to the "Cross Keys" this time ?—I wanted a pint of ale.

8275. Something more than that I know. Do you not know very well what took you there ?—I do not know that there was anything else to be had.

8276. Did you not go there to see if there was anything else to be had ?—No, I did not. I do not know that I did.

8277. You do not know that you did not ?—No.

8278. Did you not go to see if anything was going there ?—I went with the intention of getting a pint of ale.

8279. I daresay you did, and more than a pint if you could have got it. Did you not go to the "Cross Keys" to see if there was any money going on that occasion ?—No.

8280. That you swear to us ? You know you had been bribed there before ?—No, I think not.

8281. You were bribed about three years and a half before this. What took you to the "Cross Keys" ?—I do not know of anything else.

8282. It really is not worth asking you any further. Whom did you see at the "Cross Keys" ?—Mr. Ward, the landlord.

8283. Who besides ?—I do not know that I see anyone else but the waiters.

8284. I suppose there was nobody in the "Cross Keys" any more than there were at the stable yard ?—No, I never saw anybody that I know of.

8285. How far is the "Cross Keys" from the hustings ?—It is not far.

8286. Is it a hundred yards ?—It is about a hundred yards.

8287. And there was no one there ?—There were people in that I did not know.

8288. How many ?—I do not know, I am sure, how many.

8289. Was the house full or empty, or were there two or three ?—There were a few people in, but I do not know who they were.

8290. Where were these people ?—They were in the room, I think, in the kitchen.

8291. Were the seats in the kitchen full ?—No, they were not full.

8292. You must know about how many people there were there ?—I am sure I do not.

8293. Quite sure ?—Yes.

8294. Were there a score of people there ?—There was not a score that I see.

8295. Did you see anyone you knew there ?—I think not.

8296. Not a soul ? You are a Beverley man, you know ?—Yes.

8297. You did not see a soul you knew in the "Cross Keys" ?—I think not.

8298. Did anybody speak to you and ask you if you had voted ?—No, not that I know of now.

8299. All you know of is, you went to the "Cross Keys" and you walked about from 8 till half-past 2, six hours and a half ?—Yes.

8300. And you had nothing but the pint of ale that day ?—No, I do not know that I had anything else.

8301. Why did you not go and vote at 8 o'clock if you came into the town at 8 o'clock. What kept you wandering about the town six hours and a half ?—I was walking about the same as other people were.

8302. What are you ?—A labourer.

8303. Why did you not vote and then go back to your work ?—We had not any, we were slack of work. We were off work at the election time.

8304. You have been 11 years a freeman ?—Yes.

8305. I will not trouble you any more about that ; you seem very much indisposed to tell us what took place. Did you ever vote before, at what we call Keane's election ?—Yes, I have voted before.

8306. What election was that ?—Mr. Walker's election.

8307. In 1859 ?—Yes.

8308. What did you get then ?—Two sovereigns.

8309. Who did you vote for ?—Mr. Walters.

8310. Do you vote for anyone but Walters ?—No, I think not.

8311. Were you paid ?—Yes, here, in the Reform Association Rooms.

8312. Where are the Reform Association Rooms ?—Here, almost opposite the square.

8313. Is it the same place they call the Mechanics' Hall ?—No.

8314. Who paid you ?—A man of the name of Robert Taylor.

8315. How did he pay you ?—I believe he gave it me into my own hand. I think so.

8316. Who told you to go to Robert Taylor ?—I had heard it spoken of that there was money to be had of each party, and where it was to be had, and I went.

8317. Did you go of your own accord ? It must

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have been common talk that there was money to be had on both sides?—Yes.

8318. Who told you the place where it was to be had?—I forget who it was now, it is a long while since.

8319. But you remember the way it was given you?—Yes.

8320. Tell us, was it upstairs or downstairs?—It was below.

8321. Was Robert Taylor in a room?—Yes.

8322. Was anyone at the door?—No, I think not.

8323. The door was open?—Yes.

8324. Anyone going in and out who liked?—Well, there was liberty for anyone.

8325. Was anyone there with a book?—I think Robert Taylor had a book.

8326. Do you know him well?—Yes.

8327. Was anybody there except Robert Taylor?—No.

8328. Was he sitting at a table?—Yes, I think he was. I cannot be sure, but I believe he was.

8329. Was your name entered in the book, or was it crossed out, or was anything done when you were paid?—I think he asked what name, and I told him.

8330. Had you voted at this time? Was it before or after you voted?—It was before.

8331. Was it the polling day?—Yes.

8332. There was nobody there to tell Taylor who you were?—No, I think not; only the man himself.

8333. The next election was in 1860. That was Mr. Walker and Mr. Gridley?—Yes.

8334. For whom did you vote at that election?—Mr. Walker.

8335. Did you get something then?—I think not: I do not know that I did.

8336. We know that money was going, so that it is an odd thing that you should vote without getting some?—I think not.

8337. I suppose you would think it a great reproach to yourself to vote when money was going and not get any?—I cannot recollect.

8338. You voted for Walker and got no money; is that really so?—Yes, I think so.

8339. Are you quite sure about it? We shall most likely have the persons here who paid the money and they will tell us?—I would not swear that I had not, but I cannot recollect that I had.

8340. You do not remember it in the way that you remember getting it here before in the Reform Association Rooms?—No.

8341. I suppose you generally got a little money at the municipal elections?—I have had a little. I was only on the year before last.

8342. What did you get the year before last?—*5s.*

8343. From which side?—From the Conservatives.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

8344. When you got the *2l.* at the "Cross Keys" in 1865 from Skinn, do you remember what o'clock it was in the day?—It was the middle of the forenoon; I would not say what hour.

8345. Did you see a man of the name of Thomas Usher there at the time?—No.

8346. You did not see him there?—No.

8347. Did you see a man of the name of Thomas Sumner?—No. I expect it is him you mean who was here on Saturday.

8348. Yes?—No. I heard him say so, but I did not see him there.

8349. Did you ever hear the story before?—No.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

8350. Was Hutchinson with you all day?—Not all, but most of it.

8351. Where did you go without Hutchinson?—I went home to get something to eat.

8352. Anywhere else?—No.

8353. He was with you all day except dinner hour, is that so?—Yes, I believe he was.

8354. What is his christian name, what do you call him?—His first name is Thomas.

8355. Had you been at any other public house that day except the "Cross Keys"?—No, I never remember being anywhere else.

8356. Had you not been at Mr. Clowes', the saddler?—I was in.

8357. That was not a public house?—No.

8358. Did you go in to buy anything at Clowes?—No, there was a lot of people went in and out, and we went in to see.

8359. When had you been at Clowes' before?—I was not in before, I was only once in.

8360. Had you ever been in the house before that day?—No.

8361. When were you in after that day? It is not a house you are in the habit of going into?—No.

8362. Did Hutchinson go with you?—Yes.

8363. Who spoke to you before you went there?—I do not remember that anyone did.

8364. Come, come; who spoke to you before you went there? men do not go from the hustings down to a house that they never were in before or after without being spoken to. Who spoke to you before you went into Clowes'?—I never remember any one.

8365. Who spoke to you before?—I cannot say.

8366. Will you swear somebody did not?—I do not know.

8367. Will you swear that somebody did not tell you to go down to Clowes'. Will you swear that?—I do not know that anybody did.

8368. May somebody have told you?—They might.

8369. That was before you voted, I think?—Yes.

8370. How long before you voted. You went from Clowes' to the hustings?—No.

8371. Very soon after?—No, I think not.

8372. How long?—An hour or two.

8373. What did you inquire for or whom did you inquire for?—We asked for no one.

8374. Then what did you inquire about?—We went in to see what there was to do. If there was anything to be had or not.

8375. You went to see what you could get?—Yes.

8376. Had you heard they were giving money there?—No.

8377. Then why did you not go to the next-door house?—Because we seed so many people in.

8378. It looked suspicious, was that it?—Yes.

8379. You thought from what you saw that they were giving money there?—Yes.

8380. Why did you not tell us that? it would have saved us a world of trouble. On which side did you think there was a deal of money there?—On the Tory side.

8381. Who did you see there?—A young man of the name of Ramshaw.

8382. On the landing?—Yes, he was minding the room door.

8383. Guarding the room door?—Yes.

8384. And you wanted to get into the room that was closed, I suppose?—Yes, we wanted to know whether there was any money or not.

8385. Did you not ask where they were paying?—No, we asked if there was anything to be got here, and he said, "No, I am sure there is not."

8386. But you wanted to go into the room and he would not let you in?—No.

8387. Who else did you see there?—There was no one else only him.

8388. How long did you remain there?—It may have been a quarter of an hour.

8389. Where?—On the landing.

8390. How many of you?—There was me and Hutchinson, that is all.

8391. And who else?—I do not know of anyone else.

8392. Were there other people there besides you and Hutchinson?—I think not at that time.

8393. Did Hutchinson and you remain side by side all the time, he will be examined?—Yes.

8394. You remained all the time side by side on the landing?—Yes.

8395. What were you doing?—I said as we could not hear of anything we would see whether there was anybody went in or passed out, and all the time we were in nobody either went in or walked out.

8396. You remained there?—No, we were dismissed; each of us went out.

8397. Who went out first?—I cannot say.

8398. You did not go out together?—Yes, but I do not know who went out first, he or me.

8399. Did Ramshaw carry any message at all from the inner room?—No, he said there was nothing to be got here.

8400. And then you went and voted?—Yes.

8401. Did you try the other side, the Liberal side?—No, I think not.

8402. I suppose you went after that to the "Cross Keys"?—We were in the "Cross Keys" first.

8403. You made the first trial there; was that the Tory house?—Yes.

8404. Were you told then to go to the saddler's?—No.

8405. How far is it from the saddler's?—It is just over the road on the other side of the street.

8406. Did you see anyone there, at the "Cross Keys"?—No.

8407. Were there any friends of the members?—No, I never seed anyone.

8408. Will you pledge your oath you did not receive any money on that day?—Yes.

8409. You were looking for it?—Yes, there were hundreds as well as me.

8410. You were angry, were you not, at it?—No.

8411. Are you a married man?—Yes.

8412. And did you tell your wife you did not get any?—Yes.

8413. Did she ask you how much you had got?—No.

8414. What did you tell her?—I said there was not anything to be got at this election, that was all.

8415. That was before you voted, you dined before you voted?—Yes.

8416. Had you been at the saddler's before or after you had your dinner?—Before.

8417. You went home then from the saddler's, and came back to vote?—Yes.

8418. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who were the other men who were walking about the town? What do you mean by that? Were they walking about in the same way as you were walking about?—Yes.

8419. And for the same purpose?—I do not know.

8420. Did you speak to them; you surely spoke to somebody besides Hutchinson?—I never recollect speaking a word to anyone but Hutchinson.

8421. You knew that Clowes' was a Conservative committee room?—Yes.

8422. Had you ever been bribed in that committee room before?—I have been bribed by the Liberals.

8423. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you go to any Liberal room?—No.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS FLINT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

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8424. Are you a voter?—Yes.

8425. As freeman or occupier?—Occupier.

8426. How long have you been a voter as occupier?—I was a voter at the last council choosing the first time, and the parliamentary election.

8427. Did you get anything for your vote for the town council?—Yes.

8428. How much?—15*s.*

8429. Which way did you vote?—I voted for the Conservatives.

8430. And which way did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Maxwell and Trollope.

8431. Who gave you the 15*s.*?—Mr. Watson, I believe it was, at the "Golden Ball." I think his name is Watson. I did not know the man when I went there; I heard it was Watson.

8432. Whom did you go with to get the money?—I think there was a man of the name of Vernom who came up, and then I got voted, and he gave me the money then.

8433. But you knew you were to have that money before you went to the "Golden Ball"?—No, I did not know it. They said they were giving 17*s.* 6*d.*

8434. But did anyone tell you before you voted that you would get money for your vote?—Yes, they told me I should get money for my vote.

8435. Who told you?—Vernom.

8436. Then did he take you to the "Golden Ball"?—No, I went myself; I believe he was in the room when I voted.

8437. What was the money for?—It was for voting, I expect, at the council choosing.

8438. And what else?—I do not know; I never heard anything else.

8439. You voted for the Liberals afterwards, did not somebody complain of your not voting on the Conservative side? There was a conversation when Hazzlehurst was present?—Yes.

8440. Who was present?—I met Mr. Robert Wallis the same night; he asked me if I had voted.

8441. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What night?—The night of the municipal election, he asked me whom I voted for. I told him for the Conservative party. He asked me if I should support Major Edwards at the parliamentary election. I told him no; he said I should be a dishonourable man.

8442. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Why?—I do not know why.

8443. But you do know why?—I do not, indeed.

8444. What did you understand that to mean?—I suppose he meant because I had got the money.

8445. Then you do know. Do try and be candid with us. You thought the money was to be given for both elections?—I did then; I did not before.

8446. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He said it would be dishonourable of you; what did you say to that?—I told him I should not vote for Sir Henry Edwards.

8447. (*Mr. Cox.*) You told him you should not vote, then he said it would be dishonourable on your part, and you understood that to be because you had received money from their side?—I do not know anything else. I expect that was it.

8448. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was it the same night, or how long after you had voted?—I voted about 2 o'clock, as near as I can tell.

8449. What time was this?—It would be 8 o'clock at night.

8450. The same night?—Yes.

8451. (*Mr. Cox.*) Who is Wallis?—He is a cooper in this town.

8452. Robert Knaggs Wallis, is that it?—I am sure I do not know his name.

8453. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you see him about; was he active?—I never saw him when I voted.

8454. Afterwards did you see him about; was he active?—He was about, but I never saw him.

8455. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know Wallis at all?—Yes.

8456. You know that he was an active partisan?—

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He was this time; this is the first time that I ever knew him to take an active part.

8457. You have known him some time?—I think five years.

8458. You are a Liberal?—I voted for Maxwell.

8459. But before that you were a Liberal?—I never had a vote before this.

8460. But a man may have politics without having a vote?—I was a Liberal, I expect.

8461. Did Wallis know that?—Yes.

8462. Have you seen Wallis since the parliamentary election?—Yes.

8463. Has he ever said anything to you since about this?—No, we have always been very friendly.

J. W. Lovell.

JAMES WILLIAM LOVELL called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

8464. Are you a voter for the parliamentary election as well as for the town council?—This year I was for the first time.

8465. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

8466. How did you vote at the council choosing?—For the Conservatives.

8467. What did you get?—A pound, two half-sovereigns.

8468. Who paid it to you?—Samuel Bielby.

8469. Did you know you were to get a pound before you voted?—Yes.

8470. Have you ever heard of a pound being given before?—No.

8471. Were you canvassed for the parliamentary election?—Yes.

8472. Before I come to that, was your name put down in a book, did you see your name put down in a book by anybody?—No.

8473. Where were you paid?—I was paid in that yard, two half-sovereigns.

8474. Were there a great number of persons there?—No.

8475. You do not know whether your name was put down in a book?—No, I do not.

8476. Who canvassed you for the Liberals?—Mr. Boyes, Maxwell, and Trollope.

8477. Where?—In the market place.

8478. How many days before the election?—I could not say that.

8479. Was it known that you had got a pound at the council choosing; did you tell them?—Tell whom?

8480. Tell those who canvassed you?—No.

8481. Nor anybody?—No.

8482. You did not tell anybody?—Yes, perhaps I told a deal of people.

8483. When did you tell them?—I did not keep it a secret.

8484. When did you tell?—I told the same night, perhaps.

8485. Why did you tell?—I did not know it made any difference, it seemed to be given open to anyone.

8486. Who canvassed you on the Conservative side?—No one.

8487. No one came near you at all?—No.

8488. No one spoke to you about voting?—No.

8489. Did you not feel yourself in any way bound to vote for the Conservatives having got their money?—Not at all.

8490. I suppose it would have been all the same if you had got 5*l.*?—Just the same.

8491. Would you have voted for the town council if you had not got their money?—Not for the Conservatives I should not.

8492. You would not have voted unless you got the money?—Not for the Conservatives.

8493. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You told several people that you had got this 1*l.*, did you tell Mr. Boyes?—No.

8494. You did not mention it to Mr. Boyes?—No.

8495. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I asked you whether you did not see a man with a book in his hand?—Yes.

8496. You told me you did not?—I did not understand you.

8497. I asked you whether you did not see your name put down, or see a man with a book in his hand?—Yes, I saw a man by the name of Bentley.

8498. Where?—At Dickinson's shop.

8499. Did he take down your name?—I do not know that he did.

8500. Were you brought in there?—I was brought in from Dickenson's shop and voted.

8501. Were you brought in from Dickinson's shop?—Yes.

8502. And you were introduced there?—Yes.

8503. You know perfectly well that your name was put down?—I did see it put down.

8504. Did you see him with a book before him?—I saw him with a book before him.

8505. Did you see him writing?—I saw him writing.

8506. Was your name called out?—No name was called out there; I had a paper to vote with.

8507. Was your name to the paper?—Yes.

8508. And the paper was shown to you?—Yes.

8509. You knew perfectly well what I meant?—I did not understand you.

J. Anderson.

JOSEPH ANDERSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

8510. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—I am not a freeman.

8511. How long have you had a house?—About seven years I have been a voter.

8512. A municipal voter seven years?—About seven or eight years ago, I cannot say to a year.

8513. For whom did you vote at the municipal election of 1868?—I voted for the Tories.

8514. And for whom at the parliamentary?—Maxwell and Trollope.

8515. What did you get at the municipal election?—17*s.* 6*d.*

8516. Were you paid at the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.

8517. Who took you there?—A man by the name of Jonas Taylor.

8518. For what did you receive that 17*s.* 6*d.*?—I received it for voting for the municipal.

8519. Anything else?—I do not know; no.

8520. Now you say you do not know, did you receive it for anything else?—Nothing was said to me.

8521. We know; but did you receive it for anything else? Was it given to you for anything else?—No, I received it for voting.

8522. When you voted, did you conceive that you had performed what was required of you?—Yes.

8523. Did you at that time think that anything else was required of you?—Well, I thought they would like me to have voted at the parliamentary election.

8524. You would have voted for them at the municipal if they had not given you the 17*s.* 6*d.*?—No, I am sure I should not.

8525. Certain you should not?—Certain I should not.

8526. You voted purely for the bribe?—I voted for the money.

8527. No money was offered to you at the other election?—I did not ask for any, and did not want any, and went and voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

8528. What time in the day did you vote?—Perhaps half-past 10 or 11, I could not say to half an hour.

8529. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What makes you say you think they would have liked you to vote?—Because the money seemed to be running so very freely.

8530. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that your only reason?—That is my only reason.

8531. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you canvassed at all on either side?—Yes, I was canvassed.

8532. By whom?—I was canvassed by Mr.

Edwards and Kennard, and I was canvassed by Mr. Maxwell and Trollope. Of course I told Mr. Edwards that I should not vote for him; as soon as Mr. Maxwell and Trollope asked me for my vote I promised them, and I fulfilled my promise.

8533. Never mind about fulfilling your promise: did you tell anybody you had received the 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Oh yes; I told several people.

8534. Were you indignant at getting the money?—I felt rather pleased; it looked very nice, 17*s.* 6*d.*

8535. Was your name put down in a book?—When I voted?

8536. Yes, at any time when you voted at the council choosing, or when you got the money, was your name put down in a book. When you were brought into the house and got the bribe, was your name put down in a book?—Well, he was writing in a book. I cannot say that my name was put down in that book. He had a book before him.

8537. Your ticket was handed to him when he gave you the money. You had a voting paper?—Yes.

8538. Your name was put to the voting paper?—Yes.

8539. Did you sign your name yourself?—No. Yes, I did, I signed my name myself.

8540. In the shop?—At my own home.

8541. Then you handed the voting paper to the man with the book?—Yes.

8542. What do you think it was handed to the man with the book for if it was not to be put down in the book?—Well I am sure I do not know what he would be writing. I should think he would be putting the names down that voted.

8543. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you come to sign this paper at your own house?—I think the papers were sent to our houses for us to fill them up. No, I am wrong, I beg your pardon; they were filled. Just let me think a moment.

8544. Let us know?—No; I filled the papers up myself; they were sent to my house, and I filled the papers up myself.

8545. Had you two sets of papers sent to you?—Yes.

8546. One Liberal and one Conservative?—Yes.

8547. One was the red paper, the other white?—Yes.

8548. Did you fill up both papers?—No, I filled up one paper.

8549. The Conservative paper?—Yes.

8550. When did you fill them up?—I am sure I cannot say what day it was.

8551. Did you fill it up before you came into the square?—Yes.

8552. Then when you came from your house you brought your paper with you?—I brought my paper with me.

8553. You being a Liberal, how came you to fill up the paper with the Conservative candidate's name?—Because they told me they were giving money.

8554. When were you first told they were giving money?—In the place where I work.

8555. What time was that?—I should say it would be 10 or half-past 9.

8556. Half-past 9 or 10 that morning?—Yes, I think that would be about it.

8557. Was that the first you heard of either side giving money?—Yes, I think it was.

8558. Have you ever voted at municipal elections before?—Yes.

8559. Have you ever got money before?—No, I do not remember that I ever did get money before.

8560. Do not tell us you do not remember. If you got the money you would remember.—No, I do not. I never got any money before for the municipal election.

8561. Never?—No.

8562. Never heard of any going on either side?—Yes, I have heard tell of money going.

8563. If you did not know I suppose you expected that money was going?—Yes, I have heard before this election that money has been going.

8564. Did you hear that money was going on the Liberal side?—No, I did not.

8565. You only heard it was going on the Conservative side?—I heard that money was going on the Conservative side.

8566. I will ask you, I do not think anything turns upon it, but did you open both your voting papers, Conservative and Liberal?—They were open; it is only just a sheet of paper.

8567. They came open; did you read them?—Yes.

8568. Was there any difference between them except the candidate's names?—Any difference in colour do you mean?

8569. No, in the colour I know there is a difference, but in the substance of them, except the candidates' names, was there any difference?—I think the white papers were rather thicker than the crimsons.

8570. I mean in what was on the paper. Was there any difference? Were they both signed with your name? Was your name written to both?—No, they were not signed; my name was not signed to either of them.

8571. You signed it yourself?—Yes.

William Milner Gossip called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

8572. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

8573. How long have you been a freeman?—Five years.

8574. Are you a freeman by birth?—Yes.

8575. What did you pay?—What I took my freedom up with, do you mean?

8576. Yes, when you took it up?—9*s.* 6*d.*, I believe.

8577. Did anybody give you the money?—Yes.

8578. Who?—Mr. Wreghitt.

8579. How many years ago do you say?—Perhaps five years since.

8580. That would be about 1864?—Yes, somewhere about that.

8581. He gave you the money?—Yes.

8582. What did he say it was for?—To take my freedom up.

8583. Was that all?—Yes, I think it was.

8584. Just think whether there was not anything more?—He said he hoped I should not go against them.

8585. Against them?—Against their colour; hoped I should support them and be a friend to them, as he had been a friend to me. I said I should.

8586. As he had given you the 9*s.* 6*d.*?—He gave me a half-sovereign.

8587. And you said you would?—I thought I should?—I did not know any other just at that time.

8588. He hoped you would be a friend to them. Did you turn out to be a friend to them?—No.

8589. What, did you not vote for them then?—No.

8590. That was in 1864?—In 1865 I voted the first time.

8591. I am coming to that in an instant. He gave you 9*s.* 6*d.* in 1864, and you voted in 1865?—Yes.

8592. Which way did you vote?—A plumper for Mr. Keane.

8593. What did you get for your vote?—2*l.*

8594. Who gave you that?—Quite a stranger to me; I do not know where he lives.

8595. Where did he give it to you?—By the Mechanic's Hall, Cross Street.

8596. Through the hole?—No, it was in front. I came from Hull by the dinner-time train. I came straight away and walked down to the Mechanics'. As soon as I got there there was a cab. This gentleman, who was a complete stranger to me, said, "Have you voted?" I said, No. He said, "Jump in here!" When I got in there was a hand came in through the window with two sovereigns. Who he was I do not know; he was a complete stranger to me, I am sure.

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W. M. Gossip.

30 Aug. 1869.

We went up into the market place, and of course I voted.

8597. You came from the station in that cab; who told you to get into that cab?—Not in that cab at the station. I walked down from the railway to the Mechanics' Hall. This gentleman was there, and this cab was standing. He asked me if I had voted, and I said No.

8598. What had the cab to do with it?—I suppose he would give me a ride up. I paid nothing; he told me to get in, and as soon as ever I got in a hand was put into the cab with two pounds.

8599. This stranger put his hand in?—Yes.

8600. After that did you vote at the town council elections?—Only this last.

8601. Never between 1865 and this last?—No, I did not.

8602. What did you get for your vote that time?—15*s.*

8603. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Browsho.

8604. Where did he give it to you?—Just outside the Town Hall.

8605. In the street? Not exactly in the street; in an archway. I do not know exactly where it is; it was somewhere through there.

8606. Had he got a book, or had anybody got a book to put your name down?—When I received the money do you mean?

8607. Of course?—There was only him and me when he paid me, and I went away.

8608. Before?—Before I got my name put down.

8609. That was before you voted?—Before I voted; and I got my name put down at Mr. Padget's shop; they took me there first.

8610. Who took you there first?—Mr. Browsho.

8611. Then you went to Padget's shop?—He took me to Padget's shop first.

8612. Then your name was put down at Padget's?—Yes.

8613. Then you came away and voted?—He brought me here, then I went in to vote, and when I went up that way he paid me.

8614. Whom did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

8615. How often have you voted at the town council choosing?—Only once.

8616. Only that once?—Only that once.

8617. What did you understand that 15*s.* was for?—To do a bit of good for some one. They did not say anything to me, I am sure.

8618. To do them a bit of good?—To do me a bit of good and them as well.

8619. I want to know about that; what good was it to do them?—It was one more in number, for anything I knew.

8620. One more in number, for what?—To get them at the head of the poll.

8621. That is as regards the council then, you know. What I mean is, did it have anything to do with the parliamentary election?—Not that I know of; not that I am aware of.

8622. You do not think it had anything to do with the parliamentary election?—No, I did not, I am sure. They never said anything to me, none of them.

8623. What do you suppose it was for?—I suppose it was that vote for the municipal.

8624. Do you not suppose it was for anything more; was it not a large sum of money for the vote?—I do not know; it was the first time I voted for the municipal.

8625. That is very true; but you have been a freeman here several years, and must have known what the price of a vote for the town council choosing was. You knew this was more than what was usual?—Yes, I believe it is.

8626. Then, knowing it was more than usual, what do you suppose it was for; did you not suppose it had something to do with members of Parliament?—Not that I was aware of. I knew the election was coming on just after, but I did not know it was for that; I had not the least whisper given to me of anything of that sort. They asked me what I wanted. I said I did not know. I heard that others were giving 15*s.* and a sovereign. He said, "I'll give you 15*s.* then; come on." I had only just come straight from my own house at 10 o'clock in the morning, and he was the first man I saw.

8627. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When you voted for Keane, had you made up your mind for whom to vote when you came into the town?—Yes.

8628. Had you told some one on Keane's side that you meant to vote for him?—I promised Mr. Keane and Mr. Trollope.

8629. I am speaking of Keane's election?—I promised Mr. Keane.

8630. You promised him some days before the polling day?—Yes, I believe I did.

8631. You do not know who this man was?—I am sure I do not know, or I would speak it out straight. He was a complete stranger to me.

8632. You had asked for money before; you asked what was going?—I asked different parties if there was anything going on. They said they believed I was too late. It was dinner time before I came. I came by the dinner time train from Hull.

8633. What time does that train get in here?—I should think it would be perhaps half-past 12 when it sets out from Hull, I will not be sure.

8634. It would reach Beverley about a quarter to 1?—Somewhere thereabouts.

8635. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When you left Hull did you know that you were to get money for your vote?—No, I did not know a word how I should get on.

8636. I want to know, did you not know that you were to be paid for your vote before you left Hull?—No, I did not. I came from Hull here to vote before I went back. I did not know whether there was any money or not. I did not hear a whisper, I am sure, until I got into the town, from no party at all.

8637. You came on the chance of getting some?—Yes, I did if I had a chance. I wanted something for my expenses and my loss of time.

8638. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Let me understand. I asked you and I understood you to say that before you left Hull you inquired what was going?—No; coming from the station.

8639. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When you were canvassed did you promise your vote?—Yes.

8640. How many days before the election?—I am sure I cannot say.

8641. Was anything said then, I do not mean by Mr. Keane himself, anything said about getting money?—No, not a word. I heard it when I came from Beverley station as I was coming up the street, as I ought to have been here the night before for to go to the Mechanics' mill. However, I was not here.

8642. (*Mr. Barstow.*) One question more. Do you know of anybody else who was paid in the same way as you were?

8643. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In the cab?—Yes, I believe.

8644. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know anybody else was paid in the same way as you were?—No.

8645. Did no other Hull man come with you?—Yes, there was one from Hull.

8646. What is his name?—Crosskill, I do not know his Christian name. Crosskill, I have known him a long time. I think he is related to the Crosskills here.

8647. Do you happen to know whether he was paid?—Yes, he was paid the same as me, just the same way; the hand was put through the cab window, and we never looked to see where it came from.

8648. What is Crosskill's Christian name?—I do not know his Christian name, I know his name is Crosskill.

8649. You went in the same cab?—Yes, and we rode from Hull in the same carriage together.

WILLIAM COOPER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

8650. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

8651. How long have you been a freeman?—A matter of 30 years.

8652. You have voted for members of parliament all that time?—Not all.

8653. About often have you voted?—I cannot say.

8654. A dozen times? Did you vote a dozen times for members of parliament?—I cannot say how many times.

8655. Were you always paid when you voted?—No.

8656. Will you tell me when you have voted and were not paid?—I voted at the last parliamentary election.

8657. You got no money?—No.

8658. Did you vote in 1865?—Yes.

8659. What money did you get then?—*2l.*

8660. From whom?—From Mr. Boyes.

8661. When you voted for Keane?—No.

8662. For whom did you vote in 1865?—Edwards and Sykes.

8663. Is it Mr. William Boyes who paid you?—Yes.

8664. Did he pay you before you voted or after?—After.

8665. Where did he pay you?—He paid me by instalments.

8666. How did he pay you by instalments?—*10s.* at a time.

8667. At his own house?—I am sure I do not know that.

8668. Was it at his own house that he paid you?—No.

8669. Where did you see him when he paid you the *10s.* a time?—(*No answer.*)

8670. Did you vote for the town council last time?—No.

8671. Did you get any money for the town council?—No.

8672. Did you vote last time at all for the borough?—Yes.

8673. For whom?—Edwards and Kennard.

8674. Who asked you to vote?—Mr. Arden.

8675. What time did he ask you to vote?—A day or two before the election.

8676. Who took you to the poll?—No one.

8677. You went by yourself?—Yes.

8678. You got something, did you not; some trifle for your day's work and loss of time?—No, nothing at all.

8679. Do you know Mr. Harold Barkworth?—Yes.

8680. Did he not take you to the poll?—No, I never saw him.

8681. Did you see him the day you polled?—No.

8682. Did you see anybody the day you polled?—I did not see anybody; I went by myself.

8683. Did you tell anyone you would not vote unless you were paid?—No.

8684. How was it you voted this time, not being paid, when you got *2l.* the time before; how came you to vote this time for nothing?—I never voted no other side, except the Conservative.

8685. How was it you were not paid this time?—I never looked for anything.

8686. And you did not look for anything before?—I had it promised.

8687. You had it promised you before?—Yes.

8688. Did anyone apply to you to go and vote, and promise you anything; did you ever say you had got something?—No, at the last election I never did.

8689. You had voted at previous elections, and been paid, had you?—Yes.

8690. What were you paid in 1860, when Walker and Gridley were up?—I did not vote.

8691. Were you paid in 1859, when Walters and Edwards were up?—No.

8692. You did not vote?—No.

8693. Were you paid in 1857, when Edwards and Wells were up?—No.

8694. Were you ever paid any money?—Not in those elections; I did not vote.

8695. Why did you not vote?—I was not on the list.

GEORGE BRIGHAM called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

G. Brigham.

8696. How long have you had a vote for Beverley?—Since 1859.

8697. You are a freeman?—Yes.

8698. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Kennard.

8699. In 1865, what we call Keane's election, whom did you vote for?—For Edwards and Sykes.

8700. At the election before that in 1860, Walker and Gridley, whom did you vote for?—Walker.

8701. Then in 1859, Walters, Edwards and Walker, whom did you vote for then?—For Walters.

8702. What did you get in 1865?—*2l.*

8703. Where was it paid you?—At the back of the "White Swan."

8704. Who paid you?—John Lowther, junr.

8705. How did you come to go there?—Because he asked me to go there.

8706. Where did he pay you; in the yard?—No, there is like a little "gunnell."

8707. A sort of passage?—Yes.

8708. Were there many people when you were paid?—No.

8709. Only you and he?—That is all.

8710. Was the "White Swan" at that election what is known to be a Conservative house?—Yes, I believe it was.

8711. It was used by the Conservative party?—Yes.

8712. In 1860, what did you get at Walker and Gridley's election?—*2l.*

8713. Who paid you?—I cannot say.

8714. Where were you paid?—I cannot say.

8715. You can tell us how you got the money?—I cannot be sure who I received it from.

8716. Oh, yes; you do not get *2l.* every day. Elections do not come round every day?—I cannot remember I am sure.

8717. Think. Where did you get it?—I am sure I cannot recollect. I would say if I could recollect.

8718. Were you paid in a house or in the street?—I believe I was paid in the street, but I cannot say who gave it me.

8719. You think you were paid in the street?—Yes.

8720. Are you sure you were paid in the street?—I am sure I was never paid in a house.

8721. You are sure you were not paid in a house?—Yes.

8722. That shows you know something about it. Where were you paid?—In the street, in the market place. I know I was paid in the market place.

8723. And some one you do not know paid you?—I am sure I cannot recollect the name.

8724. Was he anyone you knew at the time, or was he a stranger?—I cannot say, I am sure.

8725. In 1859 you voted for Walters?—Yes.

8726. What did you get then?—*2l.*

8727. No more than *2l.*?—No.

8728. Where were you paid?—In the back street, in Walker Gate.

8729. In the street or in a house?—In the street.

8730. Do you know who paid you?—I believe Thomas Duffill paid me.

8731. What Duffill; the one in Highgate?—I believe he lives in Highgate now.

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G. Brigham.

30 Aug. 1869.

8732. Now, you were paid in 1859, 1860, and 1865, you said; you got some drink besides?—Never.

8733. Last time, you voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

8734. About what time in the day did you vote?—About 12 o'clock.

8735. Who canvassed you for them?—I believe Mr. Wreghitt, and all the party.

8736. Whom do you mean by "all the party?"—was Mr. Lowther there?—No, I believe Mr. Whitton was there, Mr. Cliff; I can think of them.

8737. A man named Jonas Taylor?—No.

8738. Burrell?—No.

8739. Browsho?—No.

8740. Mr. Akrill?—I believe he was there.

8741. Cleaver?—Mr. Cleaver was there.

8742. Did you promise him at once?—Yes.

8743. You have received money three times. Did you say anything to anyone about money at the last election?—No.

8744. Do you mean you never asked anyone if money was going?—I might mention it.

8745. We know quite well you were willing to take money?—I should have taken it if money had been given.

8746. I was sure you would say so. Did you ask if it was being given?—No, I did not.

8747. You did not ask anyone?—No, because it was currently reported there was none.

8748. But how came you to hear it was currently reported?—I heard them talking about the streets.

8749. It must have been a matter of conversation?—It was, all over the town.

8750. Did you ask anybody if there was to be money or did anybody ask you if there was to be money?—No.

8751. What was this conversation about?—I could hear it when I was passing by.

8752. There was a conversation about money?—Yes.

8753. About what was likely to be going?—No; they said there was no money likely to be going.

8754. It was a town rumour nothing would be given on either side?—Yes.

8755. In consequence of that you did not ask for any money?—No, I did not.

8756. Did anybody take you to poll?—No.

8757. You went by yourself?—Yes.

8758. Do you know a man named White?—Yes.

8759. Was he with you?—No.

8760. Where do you live?—In Ladygate.

8761. Are you a voter for town council?—No.

8762. What time did you go into the market place?—About 10 o'clock.

8763. How came you not to vote till 12?—I voted at 12.

8764. How came you not to vote before?—I don't know I am sure.

8765. Were you looking about for money?—No.

8766. Did you ask anyone that morning for money?—No.

8767. Were you in the "Cross Keys"?—No.

8768. Never?—No.

8769. Do you know whether you went to Mr. Clowes'?—No.

8770. Had you any expectation at all of getting money that day?—No, I had not.

8771. You did not think it worth your while to inquire?—No.

8772. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You took out your freedom in 1859, was that by servitude or birth?—Birth.

8773. What did you pay?—I believe 9*s.* 6*d.*

8774. Out of your own money?—Yes.

8775. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How came you not to vote for town council?—I took my house clear of rates; I don't pay any rates.

8776. You never voted for town council?—No.

J. H. Robson.

James Hardy Robson sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

8777. Are you a voter?—Yes.

8778. How long have you been a voter for parliament?—Last time.

8779. Never before?—No.

8780. Are you a voter for town council?—Yes.

8781. How long have you been a voter for town council?—Five years.

8782. As an occupier?—Yes.

8783. Have you often voted for town council?—I believe only three times.

8784. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

8785. What?—The last time I voted I got 12*s.* 6*d.*

8786. That was in 1868; before that?—5*s.*

8787. And before that?—I think I got 2*s.*

8788. Which side did you vote for the town council?—For the Conservatives.

8789. Which side did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—For the Conservatives.

8790. Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

8791. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

8792. What time of the day did you vote for the parliamentary?—It would be about half-past 10 in the morning.

8793. You have always voted Conservative for the town council?—Yes, I have.

8794. What was that 12*s.* 6*d.* given you for?—I don't know.

8795. Who gave it you?—Mr. Kemplay.

8796. Where did he give it you?—Outside the town hall.

8797. After you had voted for town council or before?—After.

8798. Did you suppose it had anything to do with voting for the parliamentary?—Nothing in any shape whatsoever.

8799. Did you go to Clowes'?—Yes.

8800. When was that?—The day that the polling was going on.

8801. What did you do there?—I went a bit way upstairs after the row commenced; there was some disturbance.

8802. In Clowes'?—Yes.

8803. What was that about?—There was Mr. Boyes and several more had been there, and after that I went to see if there was anything a-stir.

8804. Whether there was any money to be got?—Yes.

8805. What did you find out?—I found nothing out there. I was ordered downstairs very quick.

8806. Did not you ever tell anybody you got something there?—No, never in my life.

8807. Did you go to the "Cross Keys" that day?—No.

8808. Did you go to the "Cross Keys" at all during the election?—No, I did not.

8809. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you go to Clowes' before you had voted?—No.

8810. You voted first?—Yes, I did.

8811. And then went across the road?—It was sometime after; it would be an hour or an hour and a half.

8812. Did you expect to get money then?—I did not know.

8813. Did you expect to get money then?—I did not know what I should get.

8814. Now attend. Did you expect to get money?—I heard the committee room was there.

8815. Did you expect to get money?—No, I did not.

8816. What did you go for?—I went there considering if I could see a friend there that had any influence; I thought I would see them and get some drink.

8817. Get some money? You did not go to a saddler's for drink, you went in the expectation of getting something?—I did.

8818. And you voted in that expectation?—No, I did not.

8819. Eh ?—I did not.

8820. Why? When did the expectation come in your mind ?—I fully intended.

8821. Never mind about your intention ; when did the expectation of getting something come in your mind ?—It was during the day.

8822. When you were polling, or before you polled, or when ?—It was after I polled ; I polled about 10 o'clock.

8823. And you were disappointed at not getting anything ?—No, sir.

8824. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Whom did you see at Clowes' ?—I think his name was Ramshaw. There was some special constables there as well.

8825. Any other constables besides special constables ?—I believe there were some policemen, but I do not remember who they were.

8826. Whom did you speak to ?—To Ramshaw.

8827. Did you know Ramshaw before ?—No ; never in my life. I inquired his name when I came downstairs, and they told me his name was Ramshaw. He ordered me downstairs.

8828. What did you say to Ramshaw ?—I asked him if there was anything giving away. He said, No. He says, "What have you come up for. Are you a messenger ?" I says, "No." He says, "Then you go downstairs, otherwise I shall give you into custody." So I came downstairs immediately.

8829. That was what you got at Clowes' the saddler's ?—Yes.

8830. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He said, "Are you a messenger" ?—Yes ; I said, No. And he said if I did not go away he would give me into custody.

JAMES BRADLEY sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Bradley.

8831. Are you a voter for the borough ?—Yes.

8832. How long have you been a voter ?—Only the last year.

8833. Did you vote for town council ?—Yes.

8834. How did you vote for the town council ?—For the Conservatives.

8835. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

8836. How much ?—15*s.*

8837. From whom ? —A man of the name of Turner.

8838. Where did he pay you ?—He paid me in the street.

8839. You had been taken to a house before ?—Yes ; I was in a house before.

8840. And your name put down in a book ?—I believe it was, but I did not see it.

8841. There was a man writing, and he had your name there ; you showed him your ticket. Did you sign the ticket you had to vote ?—No.

8842. Who signed it for you ? You had put your name to the bottom of the ticket ?—I did not sign anything.

8843. Who signed it for you ?—Do you mean for the money ?

8844. No ; you had a voting paper ; who signed your name in the voting paper ?—I don't know who it was.

8845. Somebody in the house ?—It was signed in the house.

8846. And then you came up and got your 15*s.* when you voted. You voted also at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

8847. For the Conservatives ?—Yes.

8848. Did you get anything for that ?—No.

8849. Would you have voted for the Conservatives at the town council if you had not got anything ?—I should.

8850. It had no effect at all on your mind ?—I always was with the Conservatives, and my father before me.

8851. You would have voted whether you had got the money or not ?—Whether I had got it or not I should.

8852. I need not ask you, of course, it had no effect upon your parliamentary vote ?—Not a bit, not in the least.

8853. Who canvassed you for the parliamentary election ?—None of the party were at my house ; I met them in the streets by the "Beverley Arms."

8854. Whom did you meet ?—Sir Henry Edwards and Capt. Kennard, and I don't know who else.

8855. A number of other men with them ?—Yes.

8856. The day after you voted for the town council was it, or how many days after ?—I am sure I cannot tell.

8857. A few days after ?—Yes, it was after.

8858. Did you go to the first meeting the Conservatives had, I believe on the 3rd ?—No, I think I did not.

8859. Did you attend any of the meetings ?—I was in the assembly rooms when they once had a meeting.

GEORGE WILKINSON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

G. Wilkinson.

8860. What are you ?—A labourer.

8861. Are you a householder or freeman ?—Householder.

8862. How long have you been a householder ?—14 or 16 years.

8863. And you have been a voter for the council choosing all that time ?—Yes.

8864. How often have you voted at parliamentary elections ?—Once.

8865. For whom did you vote at the last council choosing ?—For the crimson.

8866. What did you get ?—15*s.*

8867. Who paid you ?—David Nutchey.

8868. Was that at the "Golden Ball ?"—No, at Mrs. Padget's.

8869. How did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

8870. Have you often voted for the council ?—Several times.

8871. I suppose you generally got a bit of money ?—I have got my 2*s.* and as high as 5*s.*

8872. Which side do you generally vote ?—Sometimes crimson, sometimes the other ; I cannot remember.

8873. What did you consider that 15*s.* was paid you for ?—To vote for the council.

8874. Was that all ?—Yes.

8875. Do you really mean that was all you took it for ?—I do.

8876. At the time you received it did not you think it was for something else ?—No, not in the least.

8877. You never had anything like 15*s.* before ?—No.

8878. And you knew the parliamentary election was soon coming on ?—Yes.

8879. Will you now tell us you took that 15*s.* only for the council choosing ?—Yes.

8880. You voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

8881. Where were you at work at this time ?—At the Minster.

8882. Do you work there now ?—No.

8883. When did you cease working at the Minster ?—Sometime in March, I believe.

8884. Last March ?—Yes ; I got the sack very soon after I voted.

8885. It was not so very soon, in fact you were kept on all through the winter at the minster ?—Yes.

8886. Who was your employer at the minster ?—The trustee ; Mr. Stamford would be.

8887. Who discharged you ?—The foreman, John Boswell.

8888. Do you know anything of John Boswell ; is he a voter ?—He never comes up to vote.

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8889. Who is the head man there?—The mayor is one.

8890. Who is the contractor?—I don't know.

8891. What did you work at?—Clearing the minster, polishing marble and such like.

8892. Who is your immediate employer?—Mr. John Stamford would be, I suppose.

8893. Is Stamford crimson or orange?—I believe he is crimson.

8894. And John Boswell you say did not vote?—No.

8895. At any rate, you were discharged in March?—Yes.

8896. When you were discharged was anything said to you?—No; Boswell called three of us together and he said he had done with us.

8897. Had they done polishing?—No, they are going on with it now.

8898. What time in March was this?—I could not say exactly. I believe it is about a week after the inquiry was held here, the 8th of March.

8899. What did he say to you when he discharged you?—He called us all three together.

8900. Whom?—Me, and Henry Firth, and James Milner.

8901. Are they voters?—Yes.

8902. Had they voted at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

8903. How had they voted?—Maxwell and Trollope.

8904. All three voted Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

8905. How many men were there altogether over whom Boswell was foreman?—There was himself and two of his sons, and five of us.

8906. That would be seven?—Eight altogether.

8907. Boswell was foreman and had seven men under him?—Yes.

8908. That would be eight men under Stamford?—Yes.

8909. Who had hired you to polish marble and the like?—Mr. Stamford engaged me.

8910. How many of these eight men are voters?—They are all but the two lads.

8911. All eight men?—Six men, and two of Boswell's lads that did not vote.

8912. How did these men vote?—I cannot say, I believe William Moody voted for Maxwell.

8913. It would take some time to go into it all; you do not know how they all voted. Henry Firth and James Milner and yourself voted Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

8914. Did any other of the men vote for Maxwell and Trollope?—William Moody voted for Maxwell.

8915. One other man voted for Maxwell; did any other man vote for Maxwell and Trollope?—Not that I am aware of.

8916. Do you know how the other two men voted?—I do not.

8917. Was any fault found with you when you were discharged?—No.

8918. Did they take on any man in your place?—No.

8919. Are the men employed now the same men except you and Firth and Milner?—Milner had the sack but he has gone back again.

8920. Has Firth gone back?—No.

8921. Then Firth and you are no longer in the employment?—No.

8922. But Milner has gone back?—Yes.

8923. Had the foreman or Stamford found any fault with you before this?—Not that I am aware of.

8924. Had he spoken to you?—No.

8925. Any fault about the way you did your work?—No sir, I could always do my work better than ever he could do; that's coming to it.

8926. We may take it he found no fault with you at all?—No.

8927. He gave no reason when you were discharged?—No.

8928. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When were you examined before the judge?—The 10th of March.

8929. When were you discharged from your work?—A week after.

8930. How long had you been at work there before?—Two and a half years.

8931. Who are the trustees of this fund?—I believe Mr. Silvester is one, and Mr. Wylie I believe.

8932. What is Mr. Wylie?—A magistrate.

8933. You say you thought in your own mind, whether right or wrong, that your dismissal from the work in which you had been two and a half years was owing to your appearing to give evidence?—No; I did not think anything about that.

8934. What did you think it had to do with it, because I am going to ask you a question upon it?—I don't think I got sacked through that particularly. There had been some talk about stopping the work.

8935. You don't think it had anything to do with it?—No; I don't think anything about that. We had some talk about it before that it was likely to be stopped.

8936. When was Milner taken on?—About a fortnight after.

8937. Has anyone been speaking to you about getting on again to work?—Never a word.

8938. Do you expect to get on work again?—I don't know whether I shall or not.

8939. Do you expect to get on work again?—I don't care whether I do or not.

8940. Do you expect to get on work again?—If there be a chance I would come back.

8941. Do you expect to get on to work again?—I do not expect to get on. I don't think me and Boswell would suit very long together.

8942. But you never had any quarrel before?—I don't know much about quarrel.

8943. You said he had not found fault with your work?—He did not, but we generally had a word or two, not about working.

8944. Then it had nothing to do with your giving evidence here or nothing to do with your voting that you were removed from your work?—Oh no.

8945. That is all we want to know?—I do not think it had.

8946. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When you quarrelled with Boswell was that about voting?—No.

8947. No matters of that kind?—No.

8948. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who do you think was the man who discharged you?—I cannot say. The churchwardens would give the order to the foreman for anything I know. We don't know nothing; we are told nothing.

8949. Had the foreman power to discharge you?—Not that I am aware of.

8950. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We may take it it had nothing at all to do with your voting.

M. Roe.

MATTHEW ROE sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

8951. What are you?—A gas fitter.

8952. Are you a voter for the parliamentary election?—Yes.

8953. How long have you had a vote?—This last time.

8954. Then you are an occupier?—Yes.

8955. Have you a vote for the town council?—Yes.

8956. How long have you had a vote for that?—Five or six years.

8957. Have you often voted for town council?—Some two or three times before.

8958. Did you vote last time?—Yes.

8959. What did you get for your vote?—A sovereign.

8960. Who gave it you?—Thompson, the barber.

8961. Where did he give it you ?—In this place.

8962. In the town hall ?—Yes.

8963. Which way did you vote ?—I voted crimson, for the Conservatives.

8964. Which way did you vote for the parliamentary ?—Conservative.

8965. What did you get for your vote on former occasions for town council ?—Nothing.

8966. Never got paid for voting for town council before ?—No.

8967. What do you think this money was given you for ?—For my vote I expect, for the town council.

8968. And for that alone ?—For that alone.

8969. You say that ?—Yes.

8970. You think that was all you got it for ?—Yes, I do.

8971. You were employed at these elections for the town council, and also at the election for the borough; were not you employed as runner ?—No.

8972. Were not you employed in any way ?—Not in anyway whatever.

8973. Were not you paid for anything you did for them ?—Nothing at all.

JOHN SCAUM sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Scaum.

8974. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

8975. How long have you been a freeman ?—I cannot exactly tell you. Capel Cure was my first election. I have polled at 16 parliamentary elections.

8976. Do you recollect Towneley's first election ?—I polled at Towneley's.

8977. That will be enough for us. How did you poll generally—Liberal or Conservative ?—Very often a little of both, half and half.

8978. Were you often paid. Did you often receive money ?—When money was given openly I would take it. Some I did and some I did not.

8979. Have you often voted for town council ?—Yes.

8980. When money was going did you get some of that ?—Yes ; when money was given openly I got it.

8981. Well now, for the pasture masters, I suppose you had a vote ?—Yes.

8982. What do you say to that ?—Just the same.

8983. When money was going you got it ?—Yes.

8984. Now I must go into particulars. We will commence with the last election Did you vote for town council at the last election ?—Yes.

8985. What did you get ?—1*l.*

8986. Did you vote in 1867 for town council ?—No doubt.

8987. Who gave you the sovereign in 1868 ?—Cook.

8988. Where ?—In the street—Toll Gavel.

8989. But you had been taken into a house before ?—I was at Dickinson's.

8990. Where the man had the book ?—Yes.

8991. And your name was put down in the book ?—Yes.

8992. Did you know what that name was put in the book for, because I think I could tell you ?—To see that I had voted first I should think.

8993. They would see that when you came up here ?—I wanted the paper.

8994. You say you do not know what your name was put in the book for. You voted at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

8995. For whom ?—Maxwell and Kennard.

8996. You divided your vote ?—I did.

8997. You got a pound ?—Yes.

8998. What had you got the time before for voting for the town council. Now we will keep to the town council ?—I don't know what I got.

8999. What did you get in 1867 ; about 5*s.* ?—Well, I am sure I cannot say, it might be what they were giving, 5*s.*

9000. What is the largest figure you ever got for voting for town council before ?—The last was the largest.

9001. I know the last was. What was the largest figure before then ?—10*s.* I would not go no further than 10*s.*

9002. When can you say you went as far as 10*s.* ?—I cannot tell that.

9003. Not for 10 years ?—I don't know.

9004. Why, 2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.* was the general price ?—I believe that is chiefly the money they gave.

9005. What used you to get for voting for the pasture masters ?—I am sure I don't know ; I can't tell you.

9006. Who else can tell ?—I am sure I can't.

9007. Two shillings ?—More than that I should think.

9008. Did you get 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—5*s.* or 6*s.* Three half-crowns, perhaps. I did not keep an account of what I had.

9009. Had you stock on the pastures ?—I have had once.

9010. And afterwards you got the money. Is your son a freeman ?—Yes.

9011. When did he take up the freedom ?—He has only voted one election.

9012. A few years ago ?—Two or three years.

9013. Do you know who paid the money ?—It come out of my pocket. I have had to do all for him so far.

9014. Did you give him the 10*s.* ?—Yes ; I paid 2*l.* 10*s.* to take up mine.

9015. You voted in 1865 : for whom did you vote ?—That would be Keane's election. I polled Keane.

9016. What did you get ?—2*l.*

9017. Where ?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

9018. You voted in 1860 : for whom did you vote ; Gridley or Walker ?—Gridley.

9019. What did you get ?—Two sovereigns.

9020. Where ?—At the "Pack Horse."

9021. In the back yard, in the passage ?—No.

9022. Where ?—Upstairs.

9023. Did you know from whom you got it ?—I have never seen the man since or before.

9024. Was that the man who wore the hairy cap ?—Yes, I believe he had a hairy cap on.

9025. It came down over his eyes pretty well ?—He had on a hairy cap.

9026. In 1859 for whom did you vote ?—Walters.

9027. What did you get ?—2*l.*

9028. Where ?—At the news room, the Reform Association.

9029. Who gave it you ?—A man they call Taylor.

9030. Robert Taylor ?—Yes.

9031. Were they giving it openly ?—Yes.

9032. At the Reform Association ?—Yes.

9033. Did you go there after or before you voted ?—Before I voted.

9034. Now, 1857 ; Edwards and Wells. Did you vote then ?—I polled Wells.

9035. How much ?—I never got anything.

9036. How is that ?—I think so ; I cannot positively say. You are going over-far back for me now.

9037. You won't swear you did not get money ?—I won't swear that.

9038. Might you have got it ? I think it is very likely you did ?—As likely as not.

9039. And supposing you did get it, where would it be ?—That I cannot tell you.

9040. Now supposing you did get it, where would it be ?—That I cannot tell, there were so many places.

9041. Where were they paying the money at that time ? In the Reform Association or the Mechanics' Institution ?—I do not think they were.

9042. Where was it ; do you recollect ?—I do not know positively.

9043. Tell me where you think it was ?—I cannot tell you.

9044. Denison, Glover and Wells, I think you voted at that election, did not you ?—I voted at all the elections.

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9045. For whom did you vote at that election?—Glover.

9046. Glover was an Irishman; you would not vote for Glover if you did not get money?—I don't care what he was, he was a clever fellow.

9047. You got money?—Not Glover; never got a ha'penny of Glover, poor fellow.

9048. Why; you had been promised money, had not you?—No.

9049. I will only take you to one more, it is a long time ago, it is Towneley's—did you get money of Towneley's?—Yes.

9050. I see your mouth smacks at the recollection. How much did you get?—It would be about twelve pounds.

9051. I only want to know all this for a question I am going to put to you. Do you recollect when Lawley, Wells, and Glover were up the first time, when Glover was disqualified?—I recollect that very well; I polled Glover twice.

9052. How much did you get that time?—Nothing.

9053. At Lawley's election?—I got nothing at all; I will not positively say it, but I think not.

9054. Did you not vote for Lawley also, as well as Glover?—I think not, but the poll will tell you.

9055. I think you got something from Lawley?—I may have done; I will not positively say for I cannot recollect, but if money was given openly I should get it no doubt.

9056. You got a pound at the last choosing of town councillors?—Yes I did.

9057. Did you not think that was a good sign for the parliamentary election?—Yes; but I polled as I had intended.

9058. But did you not think it was a good sign for this parliamentary election?—Yes.

9059. You said to yourself, if I can get 1*l.* for the municipal, I may get 5*l.* for the parliamentary?—All right.

9060. You expected it?—I did not expect a ha'penny, it had no influence upon me for the parliamentary, I intended to poll if I had not got a half-penny.

9061. I daresay a man of your mind, when you got the 2*l.* did not receive it without thinking what it was for; when you got the pound did you not think it was a very large sum to be given for voting for town councillors?—Yes I did.

9062. An absurdly large sum?—Yes, I knew what they meant.

9063. What did they mean?—They meant to influence the parliamentary.

9064. You knew that?—Yes.

9065. Will you give me the Christian name of Cooke?—I do not know for certain what they call him, but I think it is William Cooke.

9066. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The only question I wish to ask you is this. You have been asked as to several elections, but not as to Gordon and Hastings when they put up; do you recollect it, it was in 1854?—I recollect the time.

9067. Gordon and Hastings?—Yes, I should poll no doubt.

9068. You did poll for that?—Yes.

9069. They have been put up as both Liberals?—Yes, I think they did.

9070. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

9071. Are you sure of that?—I am almost sure of it; my memory is not so long as that. There is no doubt if money was given openly I should get it.

9072. You cannot remember if you got any there?—No, I cannot remember whether I got any.

9073. Do you remember whether money was going?—I make no doubt there was money given.

9074. At Gordon's?—Yes.

9075. Why do you say there was no doubt about it?—I do not know of any election but what there was.

9076. Where was the money going at Gordon's election?—I do not know.

9077. It is only your general impression?—No, that is all.

The witness withdrew.

G. Scaum.

George Scaum sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

9078. When did you become a voter for the borough?—Two years ago.

9079. When did you take up your freedom?—About seven years ago.

9080. Did you vote for the borough at Keane's election in 1865?—Yes.

9081. For whom did you vote?—For Keane.

9082. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

9083. Was that the first time you voted for the borough?—Yes.

9084. It was?—Yes.

9085. Did you vote the last time?—Yes.

9086. For whom?—For Edwards and Trollope.

9087. What did you get if you got anything?—Nothing.

9088. Had you voted at the municipal election for town councillors?—I had not a vote.

9089. Did you receive any money, I do not say for your vote, but did you receive any money at all?—Yes.

9090. You received 30*s.* did you not?—Yes.

9091. I think you told your mother you received 30*s.*, or you gave it to her; from whom did you receive 30*s.*?—From the pasture masters.

9092. Who gave it to you, the person who paid it; was it the clerk or the treasurer? Who was it? I wish to know the person's name. Do you recollect?—No.

9093. Where were you when you got it?—I believe they distributed it in the Town Hall.

9094. Tell me when. Just recollect. How long was it before the election?—I believe it was four days before Christmas.

9095. Four days before last Christmas?—Yes.

9096. Then it was after the election of course; we know it was?—Yes.

9097. When did you make application for it?—The latter end of October I believe.

9098. You made application for it the latter end of October?—I made application the latter end of October; I think the last day.

9099. The last day of October?—Yes.

9100. To whom did you apply; did you send in a written application?—Yes.

9101. What did you apply for; how much did you apply for?—I did not state the sum.

9102. You were living with your father were you not?—Yes.

9103. Are you living with your father now?—No.

9104. You were living with your father then?—Yes, I was.

9105. What were you working at?—I have not been able to work much these seven years.

9106. Did you state in your application that you were unable to work?—Yes.

9107. That you were unable to work?—Yes.

9108. Did you get any answer to that application before the distribution came? Did anyone tell you that you were to get some of the money. Who told you that you were to get some of the money?—I do not know.

9109. You are answering the questions put very candidly. Did anyone tell you you were to get any of the money of Walker's gift?—No, I did not know till two or three days before Christmas.

9110. That you were to get any of the money of Walker's gift?—No.

9111. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the usual time of making an application to the pasture masters?—You may apply any time during the year up to the latter end of October.

9112. You must make your application before the end of October ; is that so?—Yes, I believe so.

9113. That was the case if you made your application when you did?—Yes.

9114. I am sorry to see you are in a feeble state of health now. Were you in a feeble state of health then? —Yes.

9115. And you were out of work then?—Yes.

9116. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien, to witness.*) We thought it right to inquire about it, but there is nothing in it at all.

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The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock the following morning.

SEVENTH DAY.

Tuesday, 31st August 1869.

RICHARD BURTON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

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9117. You are a freeman?—Yes.

9118. When did you take out your freedom?—I am sure I can't exactly recollect, between 30 and 40 years ago.

9119. Have you generally voted at a parliamentary election?—Yes, every one, I believe.

9120. Every one?—I think so.

9121. I will only take you generally at first, as to the municipal ; have you voted at the municipal?—Yes, but not at them all.

9122. As to the parliamentary elections, I will not go into details, but have you generally voted at the parliamentary and for the town council?—Yes ; I have.

9123. Now as to Towneley's election in 1841, what did you receive, if anything?—I received 12*l.* and two two shilling tickets.

9124. That was one of the highest we have, I believe?—Yes.

9125. I only want to know generally ; was money going both sides?—Yes, about the same, I think so.

9126. Money was going on both sides?—I think so.

9127. In your opinion would more than half of the constituency receive money?—I should say so.

9128. The second election of Towneley, which was in 1847, what did you receive at that election?—I came from Huntingdon to vote ; I got 2*l.*

9129. In addition to your expences?—No ; altogether.

9130. Huntingdon, where? — Huntingdon, near York.

9131. Was money going on both sides at that election?—I did not get into the town till near 4 o'clock and can't say myself.

9132. And you will only speak for yourself?—No.

9133. Were you in the town in 1852, when Lawley, Wells, and Glover put up?—Yes.

9134. Did you vote then?—Yes.

9135. For whom did you vote?—Lawley and Wells.

9136. Did you receive 3*l.* two or three months after the election?—Yes.

9137. Who paid you?—Boyes.

9138. In 1852?—Yes; I voted for Edwards in 1857.

9139. What did you get?—Not a farthing.

9140. Denison, Glover, and Wells were up in 1857, did you vote at that election?—Yes; I got nothing.

9141. What did you get?—Daniel Boyes promised me a sovereign and I never got it ; he promised me a sovereign, and he turned out a welcher.

9142. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Denison.

9143. In 1857 Major Edwards and Wells were candidates ; for whom did you vote? — Major Edwards.

9144. You received nothing at that election?—No, it was Major Edwards' first election. I never got a farthing.

9145. Were you promised anything at the first election for Edwards and Wells when you voted?—No.

9146. You were not promised anything?—No.

9147. There was an election in 1859, Walters and Edwards and Walker and Glover; did you vote on that election?—Yes.

9148. What did you get?—Two pounds.

9149. On which side?—I voted for Edwards and Walker.

9150. Who paid you?—Edmund Widdall.

9151. Were you paid before or after you voted?—I was paid after I had voted.

9152. Where were you paid?—I was paid in the market place.

9153. Were many other people paid at the same time?—I never seed any more when I was paid.

9154. You were in the town at the time?—Yes.

9155. Was money going?—I expect it was on both sides.

9156. In 1860 there was Walker and Gridley's election?—I voted for Mr. Gridley.

9157. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

9158. I suppose you had been promised it before?—I could not say whether I was or not.

9159. After you voted you got it?—After I voted I got it.

9160. Do you recollect where you were paid?—I believe I was paid at the sign of the "Cross Keys."

9161. Were you paid by a man in the room?—No, in the street, right opposite the "Cross Keys."

9162. Do you know by whom?—It is so long ago, I could not exactly recollect. I know I got 2*l.*, but it is so long since.

9163. In 1865 is the next election. We are now coming to what we call Keane's election; for whom did you vote?—I voted for the Conservatives.

9164. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were the candidates?—I voted at that election for Sykes and Keane.

9165. What did you get?—2*l.*

9166. You remember where you got that?—Yes, I do. I got it in the street from a man of the name of Arnott.

9167. Do you know his Christian name?—No.

9168. What is he?—A cabinet maker.

9169. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

9170. For whom?—For Edwards and Captain Kennard.

9171. Did you get anything for the last election?—Not a farthing.

9172. Neither were you promised anything?—No.

9173. Now, about voting for town councillors, you are a freeman?—Yes.

9174. And voted for town councillors?—Yes.

9175. Well, I am not going through them, but did you get anything?—Well, I will tell you the case. I

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thought and suspected I was going to be welched by Duffill. I was waiting near the hall, and Duffill was standing near me. He said I will give you 10*s.* to vote for the Liberals.

9176. When was this?—The last council, the last municipal election. Dr. Duffill, that is a byename he has, he came to me and said, "I will give you 10*s.* " if you will vote for the Liberals." I said to myself, " This is a welching game." I and another man pretended we went to vote; he was sitting in a room; he thought I had voted. I thought I would try him.

9177. You did not believe in his promise?—No. When I came out instead of giving me 10*s.* he paid me 7*s.* 6*d.* in shillings and sixpences, and then was like a bird of passage, he was out of sight in a moment. He thought to welch me and I did him.

9178. He flew away in a moment?—Yes.

9179. And you went and voted for the Conservatives?—Yes, I did.

9180. Did you get anything from them?—Yes, I did.

9181. Then all the birds had not flown away, what did you get from them?—I think I got 15*s.*

9182. You voted for them?—Yes, I did.

9183. On previous elections (I will not take you through them) were you in the habit of being paid for voting for town councillors?—Yes, I sometimes had 2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.*, whatever other parties got.

9184. Who gave you the 5*s.*?—I was paid at the " Golden Ball." I saw the man; he paid me 15*s.*, I did not ask anything.

9185. You got 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*?—I did.

9186. That is the only money at any election you received in that year?—Yes.

9187. You were in the habit of getting 2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.* at the municipal elections?—I generally got what others did.

9188. That is what you tell me; did you vote for pasture masters?—Yes, I got paid by them, I do not remember which.

9189. Used you to get something?—Yes, a long time since; I have not voted lately.

9190. Why have you not voted, has there been no contest?—I never bothered with them.

9191. How was that?—There was nothing to get; if there had been any money going I should most likely have voted.

9192. I suppose you think having the privilege you are entitled to get this money?—Yes.

9193. I do not wish to entrap you into giving an answer, but I wish to put the full effect of it before you; among the freemen is that the general opinion as far as you know?—It is; I believe it is.

9194. And you are in the habit of mixing with and working with your brother workmen?—Yes, I am.

9195. What are you?—A bricklayer.

9196. And you have been a long time residing within this borough?—Yes.

9197. Thirty or 40 years?—Yes.

9198. And you are a freeman by birth?—Yes.

9199. And from your experience that is what you believe?—Yes.

9200. (*Mr. H. Barstow.*) At the last parliamentary election, Edwards and Kennard, did you look for any money?—No.

9201. And you never voted at all?—No.

9202. What was the reason of that?—It was the general opinion there was no money going; that it was going to be on purity.

9203. That was the general opinion?—Yes, among the freemen that there was nought to get.

9204. What time did you vote?—I think I voted between 10 and 11 o'clock.

9205. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know whether there was money going at the former election of 1857?—What election was it?

9206. When Edwards put up in 1857?—I got nothing.

9207. How was that?—I did not; I did not look out for it. I might have got it if I had looked out. I daresay there was money going about, but I did not look out for it. I got nothing.

The witness withdrew.

E. Burton.

EDMUND BURTON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

9208. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

9209. How long have you been a freeman?—Three years.

9210. Are you any relation to the last witness?—Yes, he is my father.

9211. I believe the last election was the first election at which you voted?—Yes.

9212. Were you canvassed by both parties?—Yes, sir.

9213. You were canvassed I suppose by Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

9214. Did you promise them?—No.

9215. You did not promise them?—No.

9216. Did you tell them you would not vote for them?—No, I did not.

9217. What did you say to them?—I said I would not promise either party till the day.

9218. What time in the day did you vote?—Somewhere about 11 o'clock, as near as I can tell.

9219. Although you have not voted yourself before this, you have heard tell, I dare say, that there was money going at elections?—Yes, I heard my father talking about it.

9220. Did you talk of any money at the last election?—No.

9221. And never inquired of any one?—No.

9222. How was that?—I heard it said there was going to be no money given; it was going to be on purity.

9223. Was that the common talk of the people?—Yes.

9224. Did you ever vote at the council choosing?—No.

9225. Did you live with your father?—Yes.

9226. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What did you pay for taking up your freedom?—I do not know exactly; my father went with me to take it up; he paid for it.

9227. Out of his own money?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Wilkinson.

JOSEPH WILKINSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

9228. Have you a vote for the borough of Beverley?—Yes.

9229. As a freeman or an occupier?—As a freeman.

9230. How long have you been a freeman?—About 20 years.

9231. Have you generally voted at the parliamentary elections?—Yes.

9232. Do you remember when you first began to vote?—In 1852.

9233. You voted first in 1852, when Lawley, Wells, and Glover put up?—Yes.

9234. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes, 3*l.* from Daniel Boyes.

9235. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Lawley and Wells.

9236. Then in 1854, when Hastings and Glover put up?—I did not vote at all.

9237. In 1857, when Denison, Glover, and Wells put up?—I voted for Denison and Glover.

9238. What did you get for your vote then?—Nothing.

9239. Was there any offer of money made to you?—No.

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9240. In 1857, again Edwards and Wells put up?—I voted for Edwards.

9241. Did you get anything on that occasion for your vote?—No.

9242. Was there any offer of money made?—No.

9243. How is it you got nothing for your vote?—I got nothing.

9244. You knew money was going?—No, I did not.

9245. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover put up; did you vote then?—I voted for Edwards and Walker.

9246. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

9247. You got nothing that time?—No.

9248. In 1860, Walker and Gridley put up?—Yes, I voted for Walker.

9249. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, sir.

9250. In 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane put up?—I did not vote at all.

9251. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why?—Well, I did not think fit.

9252. But why?—I had no reason in particular for it, but I did not vote.

9253. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were here at the time; you were in Beverley, in the place?—Yes, I was in Beverley.

9254. Did you vote in 1868?—Yes, I voted for Major Edwards and Captain Kennard.

9255. Did you get anything for your vote at that time?—No.

9256. During all this time you say, as I understand, you only received money once in '52?—Only once.

9257. Have you voted for town councillors?—Yes.

9258. Have you voted often?—No, I have only voted twice, and that is about nine or 10 years since.

9259. Did you vote this last time?—No.

9260. You did not vote this last time?—No.

9261. What are you by trade?—A cordwainer by trade.

9262. You knew, did you not, that a great deal of money was going at these elections?—No, I did not bother myself about it.

9263. But, without bothering yourself about it, it would be impossible to live in Beverley without knowing it?—I did not run about.

9264. You could not go to the hustings without knowing there was money being spent?—I did not ask for any, and I got none.

9265. You said you did not vote at the last municipal election?—No.

9266. At which of the town council elections did you vote?—I think Mr. Vickers was up when I did vote; I voted for him once.

9267. For whom?—For Mr. Vickers.

9268. How long ago is that?—Seven or eight years; perhaps nine.

9269. Did you get any money then?—No.

9270. You voted another time; you said you voted twice?—I voted for the Liberals.

9271. Did you get anything for your vote at that time?—I got half a sovereign.

9272. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I have only one question to ask you. Had you any reason for abstaining from voting in 1865, for bribery consists as much in abstaining as in voting at times?—I did not make up my mind to vote.

9273. Had you been in treaty with anyone, you know what I mean?—No, nothing of the kind.

9274. Had anybody canvassed you or proffered you money?—No they had not.

9275. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have only taken money once at a parliamentary election?—Only once.

9276. And then you were a very young man?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

GEORGE SLATER sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

G. Slater.

9277. Are you a freeman of this borough?—Yes.

9278. And have been for a number of years?—Yes.

9279. Am I right in saying 40 years or more?—I am sure I cannot tell exactly; the first time I polled was for Fox and Hogg.

9279. Have you been in the habit of polling for members of parliament from that time to this?—Yes, I have.

9280. And have you been generally, not always, paid for your vote?—I always polled for the man I promised. I never broke my promise yet.

9281. Did you receive money often?—Yes, I got money often.

9282. For polling?—Yes.

9283. Did you ever receive any allowance when you polled?—I polled at no election at which I have not had money given except one.

9284. Which election was that?—It was when Clay and Rennie came here.

9285. After that have you always been paid for your vote?—Yes.

9286. I will not take you through it, but how much generally have you been paid?—I cannot tell you exactly.

9287. How much; tell me what is the highest sum you received and what the lowest. You can tell me that?—I cannot tell you right. I am no scholar.

9288. Do not be bashful about it, but speak out and be candid. What did you receive at Towneley's election in 1841?—12*l.*

9290. Was that the highest sum you ever received?—Yes it was.

9291. And what is the smallest sum you have received; was 2*l.* the smallest sum you have received, or have you received less?—We got 2*l.* at Walter's election.

9292. What did you get at Keane's election?—2*l.*

9293. Who paid it?—There were some people who shoved pieces of paper through a hole. I had one shoved out through a hole, and when I opened it there was 2*l.*

9294. Did you vote for Keane?—Yes, I did.

9295. I see I must take you through it. Did you vote in 1860, when Walker and Gridley were up; did you vote then?—Yes, I believe I polled for Gridley.

9296. What did you get; what sum of money did you receive?—I received 2*l.*

9297. From whom did you receive the 2*l.*—I don't know; it was a man with a cap on.

9298. And where did you receive that 2*l.*?—I received the 2*l.* at the "Pack Horse."

9299. In 1859 I see Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover were the candidates. Let me ask you, did you poll at that election?—I think I did not poll.

9300. Did you vote at this election?—I think I didn't.

9301. In '57, Edwards and Wells, did you vote at that election?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

9302. Oh yes you can?—I am no scholar; I cannot keep accounts.

9303. But you told us about Towneley, that is double as long ago. You must tell us about Edwards and Wells in '57; that was the first time Major Edwards came to the borough, his first election?—When Edwards came here first?

9304. Yes.—I polled for Edwards when he came first to Beverley.

9305. What did you get; 2*l.* or 3*l.*, which was it?—I think I got 2*l.*

9306. Where?—I cannot tell you where it was.

9307. Now, you recollect Denison, Glover, and Wells. For whom did you poll then?—I polled for Glover, but I did not get nought then.

9308. But you were promised it, were not you?—No, I was not promised at all.

9309. Did you expect it?—No.

9310. Now, Gordon and Hastings; did you vote at

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that election, when Gordon and Hastings were up; did you poll then?—(*No answer.*)

9311. Do not keep us here.—I cannot tell.

9312. Did you poll at that election?—I missed one or two elections; I was not here.

9313. Will you tell me any election that you voted at in which you were not paid, except one?—I tell you I was not paid when what do you call him came—Glover.

9314. Any other election since then? Have you been paid at every election since that time?—(*No answer.*)

9315. You are giving me a great deal of trouble. Have you been paid at every election you voted at since that time?—I do not think I have. There were many promised, but I always polled without.

9316. Do not speak about promises, you voted for money, no doubt about that. Have you voted for town councillors at the municipal election?—For the county.

9317. You hear me perfectly well. Have you voted for town councillors?—I is not a poller for that.

9318. Have you ever voted for members of the town council?—I have once or twice; I am cut off now.

9319. Did you vote the last time at the municipal election?—No, I was not a poller I tell you.

9320. Did you ever receive any money at the municipal?—I once got 5*s.* for polling for them, that was all; that was the most I got.

9321. But the last time did not you receive any?—It was the last time I did poll for them.

9322. But the last election; tell me. Do you recollect when the contest was for the town council the last time, a few weeks before the borough election?—It was the last time I did poll.

9323. Did you get any money?—I got 5*s.*

9324. On the last election did you get any money, the last time the election was going on here in '68, did you get any money?—No, I think I did not.

9325. Now attend. You know perfectly well whether you did or not. I ask you in '68 whether you got any money?—I am no scholar, I cannot account so long.

9326. In '68 the last time, not a year ago yet, did you get any money; you must answer the question. Did you get any money last November?—(*No answer.*)

9327. How much did you get?—I cannot say I did.

9328. You cannot say you did not. How much did you get; you might as well answer?—A man must have a good head and such as that to tell you all; I cannot tell.

9329. How much did you get?—I tell you I got 5*s.* the last time polled.

9330. No, last November I am asking you about. You will have no expenses if you do not answer correctly, and we have other powers besides. How much did you get last November?—I was not a poller then.

9331. No matter whether you were or not. How much money did you get; I do not say you were at the poll?—I did not get none.

9332. You told me you could not say whether you did or not. How much money did you get last November. You perfectly well know what I am asking you, you told me you could not tell. Did you receive any money from anyone at the last November election?—Not last election I did not.

9333. Last year, last November. There was the municipal election and the parliamentary election, you know perfectly well. Did you receive any money?—No, I did not.

9334. Why did not you answer me that at first? You received none?—No, I am sure I did not.

9335. You received none?—No, I did not.

9336. Where do you live now; where did you live at the last election?—At the Maison Dieu.

9337. How long have you been there?—Rather better than a twelvemonth.

9338. Who canvassed you there to vote?—Wreghitt.

9339. Who got you in there?—Who put me in there.

9340. Yes?—Why, Wreghitt said he had a bit of bother to get it me, but that was all.

9341. He said it was a bit of bother to get you in there?—Yes.

9342. Was that when he was canvassing for your vote?—Yes.

9343. Then I suppose he said you ought to vote for him for that?—I promised him.

9344. Did he say you ought to vote for him on that account?—He did not press at all.

9345. Did he say you ought to vote for him on account, I did not say press. You know perfectly well whether he did or not. Did he say you ought to vote for him because he had a good deal of bother in getting you into the Maison Dieu?—He did say so, I believe.

9346. Then why did not you answer. Did anyone else aid in getting you in besides Wreghitt?—There was Boyes and t'other party came to canvass me, and I said I had promised.

9347. Did they promise you anything?—No, they did not; I never was promised a halfpenny.

9348. Are there many inmates of that charity who have votes besides yourself; about how many are there who have votes?—A good few you know.

9349. How many, 20?—I cannot tell.

9350. Are there 20 or 30?—(*No answer.*)

9351. Are there 20: you know perfectly well. I wish to treat you with every respect, and though you are in the house I respect you as if you were the richest man in the community. Answer my question. Are there 20 or 30 there who have votes?—No.

9352. Not so many?—No.

9353. About how many?—I cannot tell you; there may be four or five.

9354. Did Wreghitt canvass them all when he canvassed you; did you see him canvass the other inmates?—I was canvassed by t'other, but I said I had promised and they went away directly.

9355. Did you see Wreghitt canvass the other inmates of the house, the persons who lived in the same house as you. Did you see Wreghitt canvass them and speak to them about their votes?—I think not.

9356. Did you see him canvass them. I certainly shall not allow your expenses, with the advice of my brother commissioners, if you do not answer the question. Did you see him canvass the others, and you are here to answer everything you know; did you hear him canvass the others?—(*No answer.*)

9357. Where did he see you, in the house or out?—In the house.

9358. Did you hear him speak to others in the house on the same occasion; you must answer the question?—No, I tell you he did not.

9359. He did not canvass the others, did he?—Who? I said that Wreghitt canvassed me and I promised him.

9360. They are separate rooms I am told; did you see him go into the other rooms?—No.

9361. You did not see him go into any other room but yours, is that so?—Yes.

9362. You have been an inmate in the house about 12 months?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

9363. Was anyone with Wreghitt when he asked you for your vote?—There were two or three.

9364. Did you know them?—Ay.

9365. Who would they be?—I cannot tell you their names.

9366. Was Sir Henry Edwards there, you would know him?—Yes, I did.

9367. Was he there?—Yes.

9368. Do you happen to know how the other men in the house voted; you tell us there were four or five had votes?—Sir?

9369. Just answer yes or no. Do you happen to know how the other men in the "Maison Dieu" voted?—(*No answer.*)

9370. Do you remember Gordon's election?—Yes, I do; I polled for him.

9371. Did you get anything?—Yes, I got all as I could to be sure.

9372. What came to you that time?—I do not know.

9373. I will keep you a very short time. What did you get at Gordon's election?—I am sure I don't know.

9374. Do you remember Lawley coming here?—Yes, I do.

9375. You would get something then?—Yes, I believe I did.

9376. Do you remember what it was?—2*l.*, I believe.

9377. Do you remember where you got it?—Why, in a house down there (*pointing behind him with his right hand*), a bit aways.

9378. Do you remember what house it was?—Why it was the Reform Rooms, I believe.

9379. Do you happen to remember who gave it you?—No, I am sure I do not.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

9380. When was it that Wreghitt spoke to you about your vote?—It was when they were canvassing.

9381. Was it after the council choosing or before?—It was after the council choosing, a good bit.

9382. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I must ask you this: do you remember Walters being here?—Walters? Yes.

9383. Did you get any money that election?—Yes, I got 2*l.*

9384. For Walters?—Yes, for Walters' election.

9385. Who did you vote for?—I polled for him.

9386. Where did you get that?—I tell you I got it at the Reform Rooms.

9387. Ay, that is it. Now then, do you remember Lawley and Wells' election?—I was not a poller then, I did not poll at that election.

9388. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Very well then, I will take that out.

The witness withdrew.

Samuel Smelt sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

9389. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

9390. How long have you been a freeman?—44 years, I believe.

9391. What are you?—A shoemaker.

9392. Do you remember Towneley coming here?—Yes, I do.

9393. Did you get anything in that election?—I got 12*l.*

9394. For whom did you vote?—Both the candidates.

9395. For Hogg and Fox?—Yes, Hogg and Fox, I believe.

9396. Do you remember who paid you?—Richard Empson.

9397. We have not heard of him before, is he dead; I suppose he is?—He is dead.

9398. The next is 1847, that is Fox and Towneley and Goldsmid, who did you vote for then?—Goldsmid and Fox, I believe.

9399. Did you get anything?—30*s.* from Goldsmid.

9400. Nothing more?—Nothing more.

9401. You voted for Fox and Goldsmid?—Yes, I believe I did.

9402. Then the next was 1852, Lawley, Wells, and Glover?—I voted for Glover.

9403. Did you get anything?—I got 3*l.*

9404. The next was Gordon and Hastings?—I voted for Gordon.

9405. Did you get anything?—Not a farthing.

9406. The next was 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Was that Glover's second election?

9407. Yes.—I do not think I voted for him.

9408. Did you vote for anyone?—I think I voted for Denison.

9409. Did you get anything?—I think not. Yes, I believe I got 3*l.*

9410. You voted for Denison and got 3*l.*; who paid you?—I cannot tell you; I cannot recollect.

9411. Do you remember who paid you in Glover's election?—I do not.

9412. Do you remember who paid you in Denison's?—I do not.

9413. Not at all?—No.

9414. Where were you paid?—I do not know, but I believe I got it.

9415. Now then, in the same year was Major Edward's first election in 1857?—I voted for the major.

9416. Did you get anything?—I believe I got 3*l.* to the major.

9417. Now, who paid you?—I cannot say now, surely.

9418. Well I think you might tell us that?—I cannot.

9419. You cannot?—I cannot, upon my word.

9420. Can you say where you were paid?—I cannot, indeed.

9421. Then 1859, Walters, Edwards and Walker?—I polled for Walters and Edwards.

9422. Did you get any money?—I got 2*l.* from Walters.

9423. Where did you get that?—I got it at the Reform Association.

9424. Did you get anything from Edwards?—I believe I did; I believe I got 3*l.*

9425. You got 3*l.* from Edwards?—I believe I did.

9426. That was 5*l.* altogether. Where were you paid the 3*l.*?—I cannot say.

9427. Oh yes?—I cannot, upon my word.

9428. We must have no trifling of this sort. You remember the Reform Association?—I cannot say I remember the other.

9429. Why did you tell us so?—Because I believe I got it.

9430. Where were you paid the money for Edwards?—I cannot call to mind.

9431. You remember where you were paid the money for Walters, and you must know about Edwards?—Which election?

9432. Major Edwards' second election in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Upon my word I cannot.

9433. Oh nonsense!—I can remember where I got it the election following.

9434. I am asking now as to the election of '59, about where you were paid for Edwards?—I cannot tell indeed.

9435. You do not know where?—I am sure I do not.

9436. It was 5*l.* you got altogether at that election, I am right about that?—I believe it was, but I cannot tell where it was.

9437. Then the next election was Walker and Gridley, 1860?—I voted for Walker.

9438. Where did you get it for Walker?—I am sure I do not know.

9439. What did you get, how much was it?—I believe it was 2*l.*; I believe I got it in the market place.

9440. Who paid you?—I think it was Mr. Skinn.

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9441. Is that William Skinn a butcher?—Yes.

9442. Now then, the next is Keane's election, 1865, who did you vote for?—Keane and Edwards.

9443. What did you get?—I got 2*l.* for Keane and 3*l.* for Edwards.

9444. You find it pays to split your vote?—Yes.

9445. Now I suppose you were paid for Keane at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

9446. Where were you paid for Edwards?—In my own house.

9447. Who paid you?—William Skinn.

9448. Now the last election was '68, this last year, you know?—Yes.

9449. Did you get money?—No.

9940. You were looking for some though?—No, I was not, there was too much noise about purity.

9451. I have all this long column of bribes you have taken, now do you say you did not look for any money last election?—I did not.

9452. You did not?—I did not. I never expected any.

9453. I will take your answer. For whom did you vote?—Maxwell and Edwards.

9454. You split your vote again?—Yes, but there was nothing for it.

9455. Have you voted for the council?—Yes, generally.

9456. You generally got paid, I suppose?—I have got paid.

9457. Did you vote for the last council choosing?—Yes.

9458. Who paid you then?—Nathaniel Kemplay.

9459. What did you get?—A sovereign.

9460. Now you have generally got something when you voted, have not you?—Why, if anything was going, I did. I believe I got the same as other people.

9461. Then you are just the man we want to hear. What was the most you got before this 1*l.*?—I think 7*s.* 6*d.*

9462. And you think you got as much as any other man?—I believe I did, except such of them as were runners.

9463. How often have you been bribed for the council altogether do you think?—I could not tell you, it is so many times.

9464. Have you voted on both sides?—I believe I once voted for the Liberals.

9465. Did you get anything then?—No.

9466. You only once voted for the Liberals?—Only once I believe.

9467. And you got nothing?—I got nothing.

9468. Now I suppose you voted for the pasture masters?—Yes.

9469. You got a trifle for that?—Yes, a trifle at times, but there has not always been an opposition.

9470. When there is, you get a trifle?—Yes.

9471. What have you got generally?—Half-a-crown, and three shillings; and I think I have got as high as five shillings.

9472. You have got as high as five?—I think so; I will not be positive.

9473. You are not a stocker, are you?—Not at present.

9474. You have been?—Yes.

9475. Did you ever get anything from Walker's gift?—Yes.

9476. How much did you get?—2*l.*

9477. When was that?—I am sure I cannot say exactly; it is five or six years ago perhaps, or seven perhaps; I cannot speak to a year or two.

9478. What did you get that for?—I had a mare who broke her leg in the pastures.

9479. How long had you had the mare before she broke her leg?—About three years.

9480. Did you vote for churchwardens?—Yes, I have.

9481. Have you got a trifle for that?—Well, I have got a shilling, I think.

9482. How often have you voted for the churchwardens?—Oh, several times.

9483. Did you get a glass of beer at other times?—No, I never got a glass of beer to my knowledge.

9484. You never got a glass of beer; and a shilling is the most you ever got?—I think I got a glass of grog once from Mr. Johnson there.

9485. Now then, at this election of Towneley's, in 1841, I suppose you got a ticket to drink?—No, there were no tickets on our side.

9486. Then you drank without a ticket?—Well, if we did we spent our own money.

9487. No, you would not do that. Do you mean to say you got no money at the open houses?—I never see any.

9488. You never saw any?—No.

9489. You got no drink there?—No.

9490. Do you say they were open on Towneley's side?—There were tickets on Towneley's side, I believe.

9491. You were paid by Hogg and Fox; were there no tickets on Hogg and Fox's side?—I never saw them.

9492. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Tickets for drink?—Yes, for drink or anything of the kind, 2*s.*

9493. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that what you say, that you saw no tickets on your side?—No, I did not; I never received any.

9494. On these other occasions when you have been paid money have you ever had drink given you also; given you I mean?—No.

9495. Never?—No.

9496. No treating?—No, not now; there used to be open houses before the Reform Bill passed.

9497. I am speaking of elections after Towneley's first election?—There have been no open houses since then to my knowledge.

9498. And no tickets given at either of those elections on either side?—No, I never heard tell of any.

The witness withdrew.

C. Yates.

CHRISTOPHER YATES sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

9499. Are you a voter?—Yes.

9500. For the town council?—Yes.

9501. And for members of parliament?—Yes, at this last election only.

9502. Then you are an occupier?—Yes.

9503. How long have you had a vote for town council?—25 or 26 years.

9504. Then you have often voted for the town council?—Yes.

9505. Did you vote last time?—Yes.

9506. Did you get anything for your vote?—10*s.*

9507. Which side did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

9508. Who gave it you?—A man called Benjamin Moore, a potter.

9509. What was that for?—For voting for the municipal election.

9510. And that only?—Nothing else was mentioned.

9511. What have you got for your vote before at the town council?—Sometimes 2*s.* 6*d.*, sometimes nothing. I think the most that ever I got before was 5*s.*

9512. Did you understand that this 10*s.* was for nothing else but that?—There was nothing mentioned between us.

9513. Did you understand it was for nothing else?—I understood it was for nothing but the town council.

9514. Which way did you vote for the borough?—For the Conservatives.

9515. Did you get anything for that?—No.

9516. Have you voted for the pasture masters?—No, I have nothing to do with them.

The witness withdrew.

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J. Mitchell.

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JOHN MITCHELL sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

9517. Are you a voter?—Yes.

9518. A parliamentary voter?—Yes.

9519. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—A freeman.

9520. How long have you been a freeman?—44 years.

9521. First, about the last election. Did you vote for the town council at the last election?—Yes, I did.

9522. For whom?—For the Liberals.

9523. What ward?—St. Mary's Ward.

9524. What did you receive?—6*s.*

9525. From whom?—Richard Day.

9526. Where does he live?—He is dead.

9527. Where were you when you received it?—In the street; in the square.

9528. Did he come up to you or you to him?—He came up to me and gave it me after I had come out from voting.

9529. What time did you vote?—Betwixt 9 and 10, perhaps a quarter to 10.

9530. You expected some money for voting for the Liberals?—I do not know, there was generally a little going. I know some parties got 1*l.*, but I did not get one.

9531. Were the 1*l.* going on the part of the Liberals?—Not that I know.

9532. What was the highest you heard of?—I heard some got 15*s.*, but the generality were 10*s.*

9533. I mean on the part of the Liberals?—On the part of the Liberals.

9534. Then you considered yourself rather badly treated?—No, I did not.

9535. Were you generally paid at municipal elections?—No, I think I was for 10 or 12 years, and never voted for a municipal election at all.

9536. Then you were not paid, of course not?—No.

9537. But when you voted?—I voted several times for nothing for municipal elections, and I think the highest I ever got was 2*s.* 6*d.*, excepting this last one.

9538. The parliamentary election was creeping on very close?—Yes, but I was not on the parliamentary list, nor the election before neither.

9539. Are you a parliamentary voter at all?—I have been. The last time I voted was for Gridley.

9540. You are a freeman?—Yes, I am.

9541. What did you get at Gridley's election?—I got 2*l.*

9542. From whom?—From a man with a hairy cap.

9543. You did not vote for Keane's nor at the last election?—No.

9544. Was your name removed from the list?—Yes.

9545. Is it put on?—It is not on yet.

9546. When before Gridley's did you vote?—I voted for two or three elections before Gridley's.

9547. Do you recollect Walker's?—I do.

9548. Do you recollect Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes, I do.

9549. What did you get?—2*l.*

9550. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Walters.

9551. Do you recollect who paid you, or where?—I got it paid from a man of the name of Taylor in an empty room in Toll Gavel.

9552. The next was in 1857, Edwards and Wells?—I got nothing then.

9553. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Wells.

9554. How was that, you were promised something I daresay?—I never was promised a farthing. I have always voted for the Liberals ever since I have had a vote.

9555. Denison, Glover, and Wells, how did you vote then?—I should vote for Denison and Wells.

9556. What did you get?—Nothing that time.

9557. What was the first time you received any money for your vote?—Before the Reform Bill or after are you speaking?

9558. Long after; did you receive money at Towneley's?—No, I was not a voter at Towneley's election, I was away from Beverley some years.

9559. Do you recollect Lawley, Wells, and Glover?—Yes; I have told you I voted for Wells at that time.

9560. No, this is Lawley, Wells, and Glover, 1852?—I should vote for Lawley and Wells.

9561. Did you get anything then?—No.

9562. Gordon and Hastings?—I voted for Hastings.

9563. Anything then?—No, not a farthing.

9564. Then you never voted at either of the Towneley elections?—Yes, I voted at Towneley's second election.

9565. Did you get anything?—I believe I got 30*s.* as near as I can tell, but I could not speak on my oath.

9566. Did anyone ask you whether you had a vote for the borough the time when they gave you the 6*s.*?—No, I never was asked the question.

The witness withdrew.

J. Duffill.

JOHN DUFFILL sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

9567. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

9568. How long have you been a freeman?—About 30 years.

9569. Did you vote in 1841 at Towneley's election?—Yes.

9570. Who did you vote for?—For Mr. Towneley, but I voted before that time.

9571. Never mind, we will not trouble before that time. What did you get that time?—I think I got 8*l.* or 9*l.*

9572. Not 12*l.* as the others?—No.

9573. Do you happen to know how that was?—I do not know any more than you. I cannot tell any more.

9574. I should have thought you could. You can tell more than I can at any rate. How did you get the money paid?—I was engaged as a runner at election time.

9575. And you got so much a day?—Yes.

9576. You did not get anything as a bribe, you were paid as a runner?—I was paid as a runner being engaged all the time.

9577. Did you get any ticket for refreshment?—Yes.

9578. How much was that?—2*s.*

9579. Was that 2*s.* a day?—No.

9580. The next election was in 1847, Towneley's second election; did you vote for him then?—Yes.

9581. How much did you get?—3*l.*

9582. 1852 was Lawley, Wells, and Glover, who did you vote for then?—Lawley and Wells.

9983. What did you get?—I got two sovereigns I believe. I was a messenger at the same time.

9584. However, you got two sovereigns?—Yes.

9585. Then the next election was 1854. Gordon and Hastings, who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Gordon.

9586. What did you get?—Nothing at all.

9587. Then the next election was 1857, that was Denison, Glover, and Wells, who did you vote for then?—Denison and Wells.

9588. Did you get anything?—1*l.* 10*s.*

9589. No more?—No.

9590. How did you get that?—I was a messenger then, and bill poster, and all.

9591. Now in 1857, the same year, was Major Edwards first election, and the candidates were Edwards and Wells. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Wells.

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9592. Did you get anything?—No, nor I was not employed.

9593. The next election was in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote?—Walters.

9594. You gave him a plumper?—Yes.

9595. Did you get anything that time?—I believe I got a sovereign.

9596. No more than a sovereign?—No.

9597. Do you remember how you got that?—I was employed as a messenger for Mr. Walters.

9598. And where were you paid?—In the committee room.

9599. Was that at the Reform Association?—Yes.

9600. In 1860 Walker and Gridley, for whom did you vote?—Gridley.

9601. Did you get anything?—No.

9602. Nothing at all?—No.

9603. Then 1865 is what we call Keane's election. For whom did you vote then?—Mr. Keane.

9604. Did you get anything?—Yes, I got two sovereigns, I was a messenger all the time.

9605. Did you get it at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

9606. Then at the last election for whom did you vote, this last year. You voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

9607. Did you get anything?—Not a farthing.

9608. The last council choosing, for whom did you vote?—For the Liberals.

9609. In what ward?—St. Mary's.

9610. Did you get anything?—No, nothing at all. I never seed none.

9611. Are you quite sure you got nothing?—No.

9612. What time did you vote?—I went up a bit after 10.

9613. Do you know a man named Richard Day?—Yes.

9614. Did you see him that morning?—I cannot say I did, I think not.

9616. You did not see him?—I do not remember seeing him that morning.

9615. At any rate your answer to that is you got no money at all at the municipal?—No, I did not.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

9617. At Keane's election in 1865 when you got 2*l.* who paid you the 2*l.*?—It came through a hole in the wall. I could not see anyone but just a hand; that was all.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

9618. Were you not employed at the last election for the Liberals as a runner as you were at Keane's. We understand you were employed as a messenger or runner at Keane's election, were you not employed so at the last election?—No I was not, I had nothing to do with them.

9619. Were you not employed?—No; I was not employed; I might run about as much as I liked at my own expense; nobody put me on.

9620. You used to be put on before?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Hardy.

James Hardy sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

9621. What are you?—A blacksmith.

9622. Are you a freeman?—No.

9623. An occupier?—Yes.

9624. You have a vote for the town council?—Yes.

9625. How long have you had a vote for the town council?—I think it was about 1857 or 1858, I could not say for a year.

9626. About 10 or 12 years?—Yes.

9627. How long have you had a vote for the borough?—Once.

9628. Did you vote for the town council last time?—Yes.

9629. Which side did you vote?—I voted for the Conservatives.

9630. I am now speaking for town council?—Yes, this last election for town council I voted for the Conservatives.

9631. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes, I got 10*s.*

9632. From whom?—I think they call him Watson. I do not know the man's name, but I have heard since the man's name was Watson.

9633. Did anybody else offer you any money?—Not for voting.

9634. What else?—I got 10*s.* for something that the Liberals owed me for three or four years.

9635. What was that for?—I was subpœnaed here for two or three days to give evidence against a man of the name of Wilkin, and they never paid me, and they always promised me, and they gave it me that day.

9636. Who gave it you?—A man they call Wallis.

9637. What is his Christian name?—Thomas Wallis.

9638. Where did he give it you?—In the street.

9639. What o'clock was that?—I do not know exactly, 10 o'clock perhaps.

9640. Had you voted then?—No.

9641. Did Wallis know you had not voted?—I do not know I am sure, I should think he did, he never asked me anything about voting. I do not know whether he knew or not, I should think he did.

6942. Wallis had not owed you this money?—No; the Liberal party owed me.

6943. Why?—Because they subpœnaed me for three days, and I never got anything for it. I was promised to be paid for my time.

6944. The Liberals had owed you that for all these years?—Yes, they did not say what they would give me, they said they would pay me for my time and I expected more than that. I get 4*s.* when I work.

9645. You got money from both sides?—Yes, that day.

9646. 10*s.* a piece?—Yes.

9647. Which side did you vote at the borough?—Maxwell and Trollope.

9648. The Liberals you voted for at the borough election?—Yes.

9649. Had you had money for your town council vote before?—No. I always voted for nothing for the Liberals. I have not voted more than three or four times. I was away some time. I was lame once.

9650. And you mean to say this is the only time you got money for your vote?—Yes.

9651. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And then you voted against them?—Yes, because the contest was over, and they did not want my vote.

9652. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What o'clock did you vote?—Three o'clock.

9653. What did you understand the money was given you for?—It was given to us to buy some ale with.

9654. You were to spend the money, that was what you got the money for. What did they expect for the money?—It was to vote for the Conservatives.

9655. Yes; but what good was it to them?—I do not know, a man was picking up voters, and he wanted so much.

9656. What was his name?—A man of the name of Ireland.

9657. He wanted you to give him something?—Yes.

9658. What is his Christian name?—Thompson Ireland.

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9659. He requested you to vote for the Conservatives at 3 o'clock?—Yes.

9660. And you said he wanted to get something out of it himself?—Yes; he wanted something for his trouble.

9661. From you? Trouble of paying you?—Yes, I suppose so.

9662. Where was he to get the money from?—From Watson.

9663. And you were to allow him something for getting it?—Yes, that was the understanding.

9664. (*Mr Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you ever voted for the borough election before the last time?—No.

The witness withdrew.

William Strafford sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *W. Strafford.*

9665. Are you a freeman?—No.

9666. You are an occupier?—Yes.

9667. When did you become a voter for the borough?—Last election, 1868.

9668. Did you vote at the municipal election?—Yes.

9669. For whom?—For the Liberal party.

9670. At the municipal election?—Yes.

9671. What did you get?—I got 15*s.*

9672. From whom?—From Thomas Green.

9673. What time in the morning did you get the 15*s.*?—It would be about 11 o'clock.

9674. And you voted for them?—No; I had not voted for them.

9675. No, but did you vote for them afterwards?—The Liberals, yes.

9676. Where did you meet him?—Here upon the hill, just here in Toll Gavel

9677. Did he pay you in a house?—No, in the street.

9678. Did he take down your name?—I cannot say whether he did or not.

9679. You are a parliamentary voter also?—Yes.

9680. How did you vote?—For the Liberals on both occasions.

9681. You never had a vote before?—No.

9682. 15*s.* was a large sum to get for voting for town councillors?—I had it offered to me.

9683. What time in the day?—About 11 o'clock.

9684. Are you sure it was not after 11?—No.

9685. At that time the Liberals were nearly done for?—I cannot say.

9686. Do you not know they were nearly done for?—No, I do not. I came straight away down from the street.

9687. Did you not know, you are a new voter?—I voted once before in the municipal.

9688. I know; but you are a new parliamentary voter. Did you not think they wanted you to serve them at the borough election?—No, they never asked me.

9689. I know that; but do you not know that they expected you to support them at the borough election? No, they did not.

9690. You cannot speak positively?—I can speak positively, because they never axed me.

9691. Do you not believe that they expected your support?—I cannot say that they did.

9692. What is your belief?—That I could vote which way I pleased.

9693. No, 15*s.* is a heavy sum. Did they canvass you afterwards?—Yes.

9694. Who canvassed you on the part of the Liberals?—I believe one was Mr. Crosskill.

9695. Where were you when he canvassed you?—I was in the market place one night after the municipal.

9696. Of course he said, We are very much obliged to you for your support at the municipal election?—Yes.

9697. And he said, you will support us at the parliamentary election, did he not?—He axed me if I would support him.

9698. And you said you would?—Yes.

9699. Are you in any employment?—Yes, I live with Dr. Hartley.

9700. Had you told him that you received the 15*s.*?—Yes; he axed me what I had got, and I told him.

9701. After that, had anyone else been canvassing you or offering you money?—Yes.

9702. You were in great request that day?—Yes.

9703. Who was looking for you?—For the municipal election?

9704. It is the municipal, of course?—Samuel Bishoprick axed me.

9705. What time did you see him?—Somewhere about 11 o'clock, but I did not stop; I came straight away down, and voted and went home.

9706. Was it before you got your money?—Yes.

9707. And before you voted?—Yes.

9708. Tell us what he said?—He axed me if I was going to vote, and I said No.

9709. You did not say No; you said, What is there going?—No, I did not ax him.

9710. Did he say what was going?—Yes.

9711. What did he say was going?—He said 1*l.* was going.

9712. What did you say to that?—I said I could not vote.

9713. How was that; why did you not take the 1*l.*?—Because I did not wish to vote for the party.

9714. I do not understand a man taking 15*s.* to vote, and not taking 1*l.* Why did you not vote for the Liberals without taking the money; would you have voted for them without taking the money?—Yes.

9715. Did you tell them so?—Yes.

9716. Then it was to secure your favour on another occasion?—No, it was not.

9717. Who did you tell that you would have voted without getting the money?—I cannot say.

9718. You said you told a man you would have voted without the money. It was a man named Green gave you the money?—Yes.

9719. Did you tell him?—I cannot say; I might tell him so.

9720. Did you tell the Liberals, who afterwards canvassed you for the borough, that you would vote without money?—No, I do not know that I ever mentioned anything about money.

9721. You were canvassed afterwards by the Conservative party?—Yes, I was.

9722. Was any offer made to you?—No.

9723. Of any sum?—No.

9724. Who is Green?—He keeps the "Turf Tavern."

9725. I suppose it was in that house you were paid? No; I was paid in the street, in Toll Gavel.

The witness withdrew.

Henry Whitehead called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner, *H. Whitehead.*

9726. Are you a freeman or occupier?—Occupier.

9727. How long have you had vote for the Parliamentary borough?—This is the first time.

9728. And for the town council?—I have voted three times for the town council.

9729. Have you been paid every time?—No.

9730. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—For the Liberal party.

9731. That is for Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

9732. For whom did you vote at the town council election?—I voted for two Conservatives and one Liberal.

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9733. What did you get ?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

9734. From whom ?—I received it from Mrs. Lamb.

9735. How did she come to give it to you ?—She paid the money at all events.

9736. Who is she, what is her husband ?—He is the landlord.

9737. The landlord of what ?—The landlord of the "Tanners Arms."

9738. Who told you to go there to look for money ?—No one.

9739. Did you go there by accident ?—Yes.

9740. You went there by accident and she told you she had 17*s.* 6*d.* for you ?—She did not tell me anything of the kind until after I had voted. The fact was this, I called at the house and Mr. Lamb the landlord took me and another one with himself likewise to this hall, and we voted at this hall, delivered in our papers. Well we went direct to the "Golden Ball." When we got to the "Golden Ball," the place was positively besieged when we went in. Then we went into the house and were ushered into a room upstairs. There was a gentleman sitting there, I believe his name was Mr. Watson. Mr. Lamb took the active part then; he drew the lump sum. So we drove back and Mrs. Lamb had the sovereign handed to her and she gave me the 17*s.* 6*d.*

9741. Then it was not Mrs. Lamb who gave it to you ?—But she had the money.

9742. Is Lambs a Conservative house or a Liberal house ?—I cannot say for that, for I have always been Liberal before.

9743. I mean Lamb's house ?—I could not say, I voted twice before for the council, I voted for the Liberals before.

9744. Were you paid anything ?—Never a farthing.

9745. What are you ?—I am a working man.

9746. 17*s.* 6*d.*—Did you not think that was rather a large figure for voting ?—You know it seemed to be rather tempting.

9747. Did you think it had reference to anything besides voting for the town council ?—It had not upon me.

9748. I know it had not upon you, but did you think it had reference to anything else ?—I cannot go into motives.

9749. What do you think ?—All I can think is this it is a larger sum than is generally given, that is all. But I never had anything else.

9750. You said Lamb and somebody else was with you, who was the other man ?—His name was Henry Ridley, a painter.

R. Lamb.

RICHARD LAMB called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

9751. Are you a parliamentary voter ?—Yes, at this last election.

9752. Then you are an occupier ?—Yes.

9753. What are you by occupation ?—A wood turner.

9754. I thought you kept the "Tanner's Arms" ?—I do.

9755. You voted at the last municipal election ?—Yes.

9756. And you got something for your vote ?—Yes.

9757. What was it ?—I had three to pay 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* Whitehead and me and Ridley.

9758. Whitehead, the man we had here just now ?—Yes.

9759. You heard his evidence ?—Yes, I was sitting here.

9760. And what did you understand it was for ?—It was for voting at the municipal election.

9761. Did you understand it was for that alone, and for nothing else ?—Yes, and for nothing else; I did not hear anybody say anything about anything else.

9762. Was there any treating at the municipal election ?—Well, there was a little.

9763. Was that treating at your house ?—Yes.

9764. On the day of the election ?—Yes.

9765. Was there drinking going on at your house ?—Yes, there was.

9766. Who paid for it ?—Nobody yet.

9767. Whom do you expect to pay you for it ?—Mr. Richmond will pay me a pound for it; he says he will.

9768. What is Mr. Richmond's Christian name ?—Thomas Richmond.

9769. What is he ?—I think he is a tanner by trade.

9770. Where does he live ?—He lives right opposite to me in the same street.

9771. Does he work under anybody else ?—I do not know; he works in the same street as he lives.

9772. Does he work for himself ?—No, he works for somebody; I think he is a foreman.

9773. Who's foreman is he ?—I believe there is a tannery in the street.

9774. He is a foreman in the tannery in the street ?—Yes.

9775. Whose tannery ?—Mr. Cusson's.

9776. He said he was going to give you a pound for the drink that was given away at your house. Was there anything else of the same kind for the parliamentary ?—No.

9777. Did you not give away any drink to parliamentary voters ?—No.

9778. You are quite sure of that ?—Yes.

9779. You had a great many in and out on the day of the parliamentary election ?—I was not much at home on the day of the parliamentary election.

9780. But you know whether beer was drunk at your house that day ?—I am sorry to say it was the worst day during all the time I have had the house; I don't think there were two gills drawn at the house.

9781. But was there not a great deal drunk at your house. Try and be free and candid with me. Was there not a good deal of beer drunk at your house between the time of the council choosing and the day of the borough election ?—No, only on the day of the council choosing, not any other time at all. If they came in they paid for it; they got a pint of beer and paid for it.

9782. And there was no beer drunk at somebody else's expense ?—Certainly not.

9783. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—I voted for Edwards and Maxwell.

9784. Did you ever get anything for your vote ?—No.

9785. Was anything offered you ?—No

9786. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who is your employer in your trade of turner ?—I work for the Beverley Waggon Company.

9787. That is the Old Foundry ?—Yes.

9788. You voted for Edwards and Maxwell ?—Yes.

9789. Do you work for the waggon company now ?—Yes, when I am at work I work for them. I should have been there to-day if I had not been here.

9790. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was there a pound's worth of drink on one day ?—Yes, there was a pound's worth of drink.

9791. Have you your books here ?—No, I have no books; I do not keep any.

9792. Where have you the pound's worth of drink entered ?—I have put it down with a bit of chalk.

9793. Where is it ?—I do not know whether it is on the door or not.

9794. When did you put it down ?—I put it down on the day.

9795. What day ?—The municipal election day.

9796. You put down a pound in chalk. Did your wife keep the accounts ?—No.

9797. Does she ever keep the accounts ?—Sometimes she keeps an account; if anybody needs a pint of ale she keeps an account of it.

9798. When there is anything to put down who puts it down, yourself or your wife ?—I do not know; I have a slate. When anybody gets a pint of ale I put it down on the slate.

9799. What becomes of the slate? Is there any entry on the slate about that beer?—No, not at all.

9800. Did you keep any account of it at all?—A man of that sort is good enough for a pound anywhere.

9801. Who drank the beer?—I am sure I do not not know; lots of people; me some of it.

9802. When did he promise to pay?—He did not say; he said he would see it was paid.

9803. When?—He did not say when.

9804. On what day did he say to you that he would see it paid?—He did not say what day; he said, "I will see you paid."

9805. When did he say that?—Oh, that is some months since—soon after the time; it may be the day after the time. He said he would see us paid.

9806. After what time?—After the municipal election.

9807. You mean he said it before the parliamentary election was over?—I never heard him say anything about the parliamentary election.

9808. I did not ask you that. Did he promise not to pay you until after the parliamentary election was over?—No, he did not promise to pay it at any time.

9809. You perfectly understand. He had a conversation with you in which he said he would see you paid; at that conversation was anyone present?—No, I think not.

9810. Where was it?—It was one breakfast time when he was going to his work; we walked down the street.

9811. Was that at your house?—No, it was in the street.

9812. When he said he would see you paid, was that said after the parliamentary election?—I think it was before.

9813. Are you quite sure?—I believe so.

9814. Are you sure is my question?—I think it was.

9815. You think it was before; how many days before the election?—I do not know how many days. I do not keep these things on my mind.

9816. Did you give a pound's worth of beer away and not care about who was to pay for it?—Certainly not.

9817. Then you did apply your mind to it?—I have not the slightest doubt I shall get it.

9818. I have no doubt you will, but it is not paid yet?—Not yet.

9819. Did you ever ask him for it?—Yes.

9820. When?—I told him about it one morning.

9821. When?—I cannot tell you when, not to a week.

9822. What did he say?—He said he would see us paid, that is all he said.

9823. When was that?—I cannot tell you.

9824. Did he say that more than once?—He said I will see it paid, that's all. I did not ask him; he did not dispute the amount.

9825. Did he say that after Baron Martin's inquiry?—No, he did not mention anything of the kind.

9826. He did not mention anything of the kind?—Not at all.

9827. A pound's worth of beer; was it all consumed in beer?—Beer and porter.

9828. I mean were there no spirits?—I do not sell spirits.

9829. What part of the town do you live in?—"Tanners' Arms," Keldgate.

9830. That was given for beer drank on the day of election?—Yes.

9831. Now, besides the two voters that we have had, Whitehead and the other man, what other voters were in your house that day?—I am sure I could not tell you that, there were so many; a great many.

9832. That is the reason why you can tell me; tell me some of them?—Yes, possibly. There was a man called Monkman in.

9833. What Monkman?—I do not know; he is a market gardener or something of that.

9834. Anybody else?—Another man they call Pickard. What made me notice them was they were rather jarring a bit.

9835. Anybody else?—Not in particular.

9836. They did not drink a pound's worth of beer?—They helped to.

9837. To whom did you put down the beer?—To Mr. Richmond.

9838. He gave you the order?—Yes.

9839. What order did he give you?—He told me to draw a pound's worth of beer that was all.

9840. When did he give you the order?—He gave me the order on the election day.

9841. What time in the day did he give you the order?—Perhaps dinner time.

9842. Perhaps dinner time?—One o'clock or so, at least I think so.

9843. Did Mr. Richmond tell you to put it down to him?—He told me to draw it, and he would see me paid.

9844. Did he limit you at all?—Yes.

9845. What did he say?—I was only to draw one pound's worth.

9846. Was your house open during the day of the parliamentary election?—Yes, it is open every day.

9847. Had you voters in that day?—No, as far as I know. I do not think there was one in. I told you it was the worst day I have had since I have been there.

9848. And you voted for Maxwell and Edwards?—I voted for Maxwell and Edwards.

9849. Had you ever supplied beer on a similar occasion before?—No.

9850. Never?—No.

9850*a*. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you draw and sell a pound's worth of beer that day?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

Mrs. Sarah Lamb called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

Mrs. S. Lamb.

9851. You have heard your husband's evidence, Mrs. Lamb?—Yes.

9852. Who gave you the order for the beer that was drunk?—Mr. Richmond.

9853. When did he give you the order?—I cannot say exactly what time it was in the morning.

9854. Of what day?—The municipal election day.

9855. And what did he say it was for?—For the men to drink.

9856. For what men to drink?—Any that chose to drink it, I suppose.

9857. Anybody that chose to come in?—Yes.

9858. Was it all drank that day?—Yes, it was.

9859. That same day?—That same day.

9860. Was there much drinking after that before the parliamentary election?—No, there was not.

9861. Not at your house?—No, there was not.

9862. That was the only order of the same kind that you got?—That was the only order.

9863. You have not drawn beer in that free way for other men after that day?—No, I have not.

9864. Who gave you the money which you gave to Whitehead?—My husband.

9865. And you handed Whitehead's share over to him?—Yes, after I changed the money.

William Wallgate called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. Wallgate.

9866. Are you a freeman?—No.

9867. You are an occupier. When did you become a voter and occupier?—Only at this last election, for the borough.

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W. Wallgate.

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9868. How long have you been a voter for the town council ?—Five years perhaps.

9869. Have you voted often for the town council ?—Four times.

9870. Have you been paid money each time ?—Twice.

9871. The last time and a time before. How much did you get last time ?—10*s.*

9872. From whom ?—Thomas Wallis.

9873. What time in the day ?—About half-past nine.

9874. Did you vote for the Liberals ?—Yes.

9875. What did you get the time before ?—Half-a-crown.

9876. And voted for the Liberals ?—Yes.

9877. How many years ago is that ?—The time before this last.

9878. How did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—The Liberals, Maxwell and Trollope.

9879. Any money going ?—No.

9880. Of course I take it that it was not going ?—I never heard tell of any.

9881. Ten shillings was a poor price for the parliamentary and the other ?—They did not say anything about anything more.

9882. Who canvassed you for the parliamentary ; did Wallis ?—Both parties.

9883. But did Wallis canvass you ; the man who gave you the 10*s.* ?—The municipal you mean.

9884. No, for the parliamentary ?—No, he did not.

9885. Was he not active in supporting Maxwell and Trollope ?—No, not that I know of.

9886. Did you see him at all ?—No.

9887. Who canvassed you then besides the gentlemen themselves, Maxwell and Trollope ?—I do not know who they were I am sure ; there were other parties with them.

9888. Did they say that as you had supported them at the municipal, they hoped you would support them at the parliamentary election ?—It was not mentioned.

9889. Did they not say that ?—No.

9890. When you got the money at the municipal, was not your name put down in a book ?—No, not that I know of.

9891. Where did you get the money ?—It was in there, just below the square.

9892. In the street ?—Yes.

9893. How did they know you were a voter ; did they come up to you and say, You can have 10*s.* ?—I voted first.

9894. You knew you were going to get money ?—Yes, but I voted before I got the money.

9895. Who told you you were to have it ?—Wallis.

9896. What did he tell you ?—He said he would give me 10*s.* if I would vote for the Liberals.

9897. You would have voted if you had not got the 10*s.* ?—Yes.

9898. You would ?—Yes.

9899. Did you tell them you would vote without money ?—I always supported the party.

9900. Did you tell him you did not want the 10*s.* ?—No.

9901. Did you tell them you would vote without it ?—No.

9902. What time did you vote ?—About half-past-9.

9903. How did Wallis vote ?—I do not know.

9904. The man who gave you the 10*s.* ?—I do not know I am sure.

R. Wallgate.

RALPH WALLGATE called and sworn ; and examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

9905. What are you ?—A tailor.

9906. Are you a freeman ?—No.

9907. For whom did you vote at the last municipal elections ?—The Liberals.

9908. You got some money for voting ?—Yes.

9909. Who was that from ?—Mr. Bird.

9910. How much ?—10*s.*

9911. What time in the day was that ?—10 o'clock.

9912. Was that before or after you voted ?—After I voted.

9913. How did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

9914. I assume you voted for the Liberals at the municipal election ?—Yes.

9915. Did you get any money for voting ?—No.

9916. Have you always been a Liberal ?—Yes.

9917. How often have you voted ?—The last two elections.

9918. Both times for the Liberals ?—Yes.

9919. Where were you paid ?—Outside the Town Hall.

W. Witty.

WILLIAM WITTY called and sworn ; and examined by the Chief Commissioner.

9920. What are you ?—A tailor.

9921. Are you a freeman ?—No.

9922. An occupier ?—Yes.

9923. How long have you had a vote for the parliamentary borough ?—Only this last election.

9924. And for the town council ?—Only twice.

9925. Did you vote at the last election for the town council ?—Yes.

9926. What did you get for your vote ?—10*s.*

9927. Who gave it you ?—Mr. Bird.

9928. Where did he give it you ?—Outside this hall here.

9929. What o'clock was that ?—It would be about 10 or a quarter past, or something like that.

9930. Was that after you voted or before ?—After I voted.

9931. What was that for ?—For the municipal.

9932. And for that alone ?—I suppose so.

9933. You suppose so. Did you understand it was to influence anything else ?—No.

9934. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary ?—The Liberals Maxwell and Trollope.

9935. At the last town council election before that whom did you vote for ?—For the Liberals.

9936. Did you get anything for your vote, then ?—No, not a penny.

9937. How did you understand you were to get 10*s.* for your vote this time, and not the time before ?—I am sure I do not know.

9938. Can you swear that that was not to influence your parliamentary vote, that 10*s.* ?—I never heard so at the time.

9939. What did you think at the time you took it ?—I always supported the Liberals.

9940. What did you have the 10*s.* for ?—It was not for that that I know of ; it was never mentioned.

9941. You must have had some thought that that 10*s.* was given to you for something else ?—No, I had not the least.

9942. Was anybody with you at the time you voted ?—Yes.

9943. Who was with you ?—Wallgate, who has just been here, was with me when I voted.

9944. Did somebody take you up to vote ?—We came up to the hall.

9945. Did you come up with this man Bird who gave you the 10*s.* ?—No, I do not know that I saw him before I came to the door.

9946. How did you know you were to get 10*s.* ; did you know you were likely to have the 10*s.* before you voted ?—No, I did not know that.

9947. Did you expect anything ?—Well, I expected a little, as there was a little going ; I supposed there was a little going.

9948. Did Bird come up with you to vote ?—I came up by myself.

9949. And with Wallgate ?—Yes, with Wallgate.

9950. What made you go to Bird ? what made you

think that Bird was the man to give away money ?—Of course, I got a sort of talking to him, and he said, "You will support us again." I said to be sure, and nobody else.

9951. Where you asked about your vote for the parliamentary election after that ?—No, only canvassed by the candidates of both parties.

9952. You were not canvassed before the parliamentary election ? I mean, you were not canvassed for the parliamentary election before the municipal election ?—No, it would be after the municipal election I was canvassed for the borough.

9953. Nobody came to canvass you for the parliamentary before that time ?—No, I do not know that they did. Both parties came to canvass me.

9954. You have told me of yourself and another man that Bird gave money to ; did he give money to anybody else at that time ?—No, I do not know that he did, I never saw him.

9955. Were there not three of you together when Bird gave the money ?—Well, I cannot say, but me and Mr. Wallgate was together, I know.

9956. Was there not somebody else ?—I do not know that there was.

9957. Where was it that Bird gave you the money ?—Outside the hall here in the square.

9958. Were there not three of you ? did he not pay three of you at the same time ?—I do not remember. Me and Wallgate were together ; I do not remember that he did.

JOHN ROBSON called and sworn, and examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Robson.

9959. Are you a freeman or an occupier ?—An occupier.

9960. Have you voted more than once at the parliamentary election ?—Only once.

9961. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

9962. How often did you vote at the municipal election ?—Eight or nine times.

9963. You have been an occupier for some time ?—Yes.

9964. Have you always been paid for voting at the municipal election ?—I generally got a little.

9965. How much ?—I got sometimes half-a-crown, sometimes 5*s*.

9966. Did you ever get more except on the last occasion ?—No, I do not think I ever did.

9967. What did you get on the last occasion ?—I got 13*s*. 6*d*.

9968. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for two Conservatives and one Liberal.

9969. Who paid you ?—Robert Thirsk paid me 13*s*. 6*d*.

9970. Had you made your bargain with them before hand ?—No, I always thought I would support them; I thought them the best men.

9971. Do not tell me about that. Men do not take money to vote for the best men. Did you tell Thirsk for whom you were going to vote ?—Yes, I did.

9972. Whom was he acting for, the Conservatives ?—Yes.

9973. Where did you meet him ?—I met him in the town.

9974. Did he ask you to vote for the three Conservatives ?—He asked me if I was going to vote ; I told him I was going to vote for two Conservatives and one Liberal.

9975. And then he gave you the 13*s*. 6*d*. ?—Yes.

9976. That was for the two Conservatives, you know ?—Yes.

9977. Did you receive anything for your Liberal vote ?—No.

9978. Do you mean you received nothing ?—No, not for voting.

9979. For some trouble you took, perhaps ?—I happened just to call in the shop ; he keeps a grocer's shop, and he gave me a shilling.

9980. He gave you a shilling ; that was after you voted ?—Yes.

9981. How often has he done that to you before ?—Never.

9982. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the man's name that did this ?

9983. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This gentleman who gave the shilling for your vote, what is his name ?—Mr. Pottage.

9984. What is he ?—He is a druggist.

9985. How came you to go in there ?—I go in very often ; I do a deal of work for him.

9986. How came you to go in on that occasion ?—I wanted a bit of 'baccy.

9987. He never had given you a shilling before ?—Yes, for the work I have done, he has given me a shilling sometimes.

9988. You know as well as I do the meaning of "give." If a man earns money it is not given to him, he is paid for his work. Who canvassed you for the Conservatives ?—The parties that put up.

9989. Who were they ?—I do not know who they were. There was Lowther and Usher, and the other gentleman.

9990. That was for the municipal election ?—Yes.

9991. I mean the parliamentary election ?—I never was canvassed ; I was asked by no one on the Tory side.

9992. You were asked on the Liberal side ?—Yes.

9993. This gentleman who gave you the shilling asked you ?—Never.

9994. Who did ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

9995. Pottage was a candidate on the Liberal side ?—Yes.

9996. You voted for him ?—Yes, but he never canvassed for the borough.

9997. You were canvassed on the Liberal side ?—Yes.

9998. Who canvassed you on the Liberal side ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

9999. Anybody but those gentlemen, themselves ?—There was one of the Hinds and another.

10,000. I mean, apart from those gentlemen, was there anybody spoke to you for your vote ?—No, there was no one asked me but these two ; they came up to me as I was leaving my work.

10,001. They did not promise you anything, of course ?—No, they did not promise me anything.

10,002. Were you promised anything on any side ?—No.

10,003. Except what you got ?—No.

10,004. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What do you call yourself, a Liberal or a Conservative ?—Well, I isn't a politician man at all.

10,005. Pottage was a friend of yours, and that was the reason you voted for him ?—Yes, he was a friend of mine.

10,006. What are you ?—I am a wheelwright.

10,007. Is it in that way that you worked for Pottage ?—Yes.

ROBERT STEPHENSON called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

R. Stephenson.

10,008. What are you, Stephenson ?—An occupier.

10,009. What is your trade ?—A labourer.

10,010. For whom did you vote at the last council choosing ?—For the Liberals.

10,011. And for the Liberals also at the parliamentary ?—Yes.

10,012. That is for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

10,013. Were you paid anything when you voted at the council choosing ?—Yes, I was.

10,014. Who paid you ?—Mr. Pottage.

10,015. How much ?—10*s*.

10,016. Is that the man who was a candidate ?—Yes.

10,017. You voted for him and two others, I suppose ?—Yes, I did.

SEVENTH DAY.

R. Stephenson.

31 Aug. 1869.

10,018. What time in the morning was this?—It would be somewhere about 10; I do not know exactly the time, but it was somewhere about that.

10,019. Was it before or after you voted?—After I voted.

10,020. Who asked you to vote for the Liberals?—No one.

10,021. I mean at the parliamentary election?—For the parliamentary election Maxwell and Trollope.

10,022. Who was with him?—Mr. Daniel Boyes was one, and I believe young Mr. Hind, if I be right.

10,023. And Mr. Pottage?—No, he was not.

10,024. Were either of the other two gentlemen up with him for the council?—Neither of them.

G. Wright.

GEORGE WRIGHT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

10,025. What are you?—A labourer.

10,026. Are you a freeman?—No.

10,027. You have got a vote for the borough?—Yes, this last election.

10,028. And for the town council?—Yes.

10,029. How long have you had a vote for the town council?—12 or 13 years.

10,030. Did you vote last time?—Yes.

10,031. Which side did you vote?—For the Liberals.

10,032. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

10,033. What?—1*l.*

10,034. Who gave you that?—Mr. Green.

10,035. What Mr. Green?—At the "Turf Inn."

10,036. Do you know where he got it from?—No.

10,037. What o'clock was that?—It would be somewhere about 11.

10,038. Did he give money to other people at the same time?—No.

10,039. You did not see him give money to anyone else?—No.

10,040. Whereabouts was it; in the inn?—No, outside the hall.

10,041. You and he were together alone?—No, there was other people round, I think.

10,042. Did he give it openly?—I don't know; I didn't take any notice.

10,043. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Maxwell and Trollope.

10,044. What was that 1*l.* for?—I cannot tell you.

10,045. Yes, you can?—I should think it would be for voting; I do not know.

10,046. There is no doubt about that. Now, you have voted at several town council choosings before, have you not?—Yes.

10,047. What did you get for your vote, then?—Once I think I got 2*s.*, and once before I got 15*s.*, some years since.

10,048. Many years since?—It would be 12 years, or something like that.

10,049. What have you lately got for your vote at the municipal choosing?—Never but 2*s.* before this last time.

10,050. And this time you got 1*l.*?—Yes.

10,051. Now you know what that 1*l.* was for, come, out with it?—I cannot tell you what it was for, only for voting. The rest of the men were getting 1*l.*

10,052. What other men?—That or other money, I do not know what they were getting.

10,053. Why 1*l.* is ten times what you had been used to get; what do you think it was for?—I should say it would be for voting.

10,054. Voting for what?—For the municipal.

10,055. Ten times as much as you ever got before; did you not think it had something to do with the borough election that was coming on?—The borough election was never mentioned.

10,056. But you knew it was coming on?—Yes, it was coming on a fortnight or three weeks after that, or something like that.

10,057. Why should the price be so high?—I cannot tell you that.

10,058. Did he not say anything to you about it when he gave it to you?—No.

10,059. You say he gave it to you after you voted?—No, before I voted. I was set down as a runner for the Liberal party. He asked me if I had got my pay; he did not ask me if I had voted, he asked me if I had got my pay.

10,060. You were a runner; what did you do for your money? did you do anything for your money?—I did not do a deal, because there was nothing to do that I could see.

10,061. There was nothing to do?—No, not that I could see.

10,062. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is Green of the "Turf" inn a friend of yours?—Yes.

10,063. How long have you known him?—Seven or eight years, perhaps; I do not know to a year or two.

10,064. Do you run up a score there, do you get beer on "tick"?—No, I am sure I do not.

10,065. Did you owe him anything at that time?—Not a halfpenny; never did in my life, never owed anybody a halfpenny for beer in my life. If I be short of money I do without beer.

10,066. But he seems to have favoured you by giving you a pound, that is the reason I ask?—He did not say what it was for; he asked me if I had got paid, and I said, No.

10,067. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you not know where this pound came from?—No.

10,068. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You got 1*l.*, did you get anything else that day?—No.

10,069. Not a supper or anything?—No.

10,070. When was your name put down?—Put down; what for?

10,071. As a runner?—It would be a week before, or something like that.

10,072. Who put it down?—A man named James Thirsk I believe.

10,073. Who is James Thirsk?—He is a flour dealer in the market place.

10,074. What other men did you see paid?—I never saw one paid.

10,075. I thought you told my friend that you got 1*l.* like the others?—Well, it was generally known that the men were getting paid either one side or the other.

10,076. You mean it was generally known that both sides were giving as much as 1*l.*?—No, I do not think it was.

10,077. You got 1*l.*?—Yes, I got 1*l.* Other men, I know nothing about what they got, I never inquired.

10,078. You said the others were getting 1*l.*, what did you mean by "the others"?—Different men were saying they were getting 1*l.*; I cannot tell you any particular men.

10,079. Who were they getting it from?—That I cannot tell you, I never inquired, I had nothing to do with it.

10,080. You had something to do with it. Now, where were they getting the 1*l.* from?—That I cannot tell you.

10,081. You do not really know?—No, I really do not.

10,082. You did not see Green pay anyone but yourself?—No, not one; nobody else.

10,083. Who were put down as runners besides yourself?—That I cannot tell you.

10,084. You were paid just outside here?—It was out there, just against the place where they fill the papers up; it is 30 or 40 yards up there.

10,085. Where was your name put down by Thirsk?—I cannot tell you that; he came and told me I was to come down to work in the morning.

10,086. What is the duty of a runner?—If anybody wants to send him anywhere there he goes; but nobody sent me anywhere, and of course I did not go.

10,087. Is it his place to bring up voters?—I cannot tell you that.

10,088. Did you bring up any voters?—No, I did not.

10,089. You do not know anyone else who was paid 1*l.* besides yourself?—No, I am sure I do not.

10,090. Was it said that they were paying 1*l.* on your side?—No, I never heard it said.

10,091. You were more lucky than other people?—I think I was.

10,092. What time did you vote?—It was near upon 11 o'clock; I cannot tell you a few minutes either way.

10,093. Are you sure it was not long after 11?—I would not say to five minutes.

10,094. I am not talking of five minutes. Will you say it was not after 12?—Yes.

10,095. That you can swear?—Yes.

10,096. How is that?—I am told it is not so.

10,097. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know of any other runners?—No.

10,098. You were the only runner?—I cannot tell you how many there were. There were men employed regularly at every election running about.

10,099. Was there any runner that you knew of at this election besides yourself?—No.

10,100. There were more runners?—I should say there were, but I did not know them.

10,101. Not one of them?—Not to know they were really runners.

10,002. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You let fall an expression that I am going to ask you about. You said there were runners at every election. A "runner" is a well-known term in Beverley?—Yes.

10,103. And you were engaged for a week before?—Well, I would not say to a day or two, you know.

10,104. Did they tell you what you would have?—No.

10,105. Did you expect to be employed at the parliamentary election as a runner?—No, I was not.

10,106. I know you were not; but did you not expect to be employed at the parliamentary election as a runner?—No.

10,107. Why should you not expect it; you would expect more at a parliamentary election?—I never expected anything.

10,108. You would expect more?—I never expected anything.

10,109. You never expected anything at the municipal election?—Why, others were getting money.

10,110. Do not talk about others; I am asking you about yourself. Did you expect anything?—I did not expect it till I got it.

10,111. You mean that?—Yes.

10,112. You mean when he talked to you about being a runner you did not expect to get money for your vote?—Well, that I had nought to do with.

10,113. Did you not expect to get money, when he put you down as a runner, to get money for you vote?—I cannot tell you that fairly.

10,114. I am asking what you expected. What did you expect when you was put down as a runner?—I expected to be paid for it.

10,115. I call that being paid for your vote. Did you not expect you might be employed as runner at the parliamentary election?—Nobody said anything to me. I should not have said anything about being a runner if this man had not told me to come down there.

10,116. He told you to come down there?—Yes.

10,117. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Just attend to me. Do you pledge your oath to this that you voted before 12 o'clock?—I was paid.

10,118. Answer that question first. Did you vote before 12 o'clock?—I do not know that it was before 12 that I voted, but I was paid above an hour before I voted.

10,119. You will not say whether you voted before 12 or after?—I could not say because I do not know, but it would be an hour, or perhaps an hour and a half before I voted after I was paid.

10,120. You were paid about 11 o'clock?—I cannot tell to half an hour.

10,121. Twelve o'clock is your dinner hour I suppose?—Yes.

10,122. Did you vote before dinner or after?—I do not know what time I got my dinner.

10,123. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What did you hear the runners were to have?—I did not ask.

10,124. Did you not hear?—I heard nothing.

10,125. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What do you mean when you said you were to "come down there?"—To come down to the square.

WILLIAM FOSTER sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. Foster.

10,126. Are you an occupier?—Freeman and occupier as well.

10,127. When did you take out your freedom?—7th January, 1865.

10,128. That was before the election in 1865, if I remember rightly; the election was in July?—Yes.

10,129. Did you take it out from birth or servitude?—Servitude.

10,130. And paid 2*l.* 10*s.* for it?—2*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

10,131. Did you find the money yourself?—Yes.

10,132. I suppose you had been an apprentice?—Yes.

10,133. For whom did you vote in 1865?—I had not passed the barrister; I did not vote in 1865.

10,134. You are quite right, for the July election would be before the revision. You have voted for the town council since?—Last town council.

10,135. Is that all?—That is all.

10,136. You only voted once for town council?—And once for the general election.

10,137. Were you paid at all for the town council?—I voted about 10 in the morning and met Mr. Burrell, and he said "Have you voted?" and I said "Yes." He said "Call and see Nutchey." I called and saw Mr. Nutchey, and he gave me half a sovereign.

10,138. Had you known Mr. Burrell before?—Known him since I was a boy.

11,139. Was he your master?—No.

10,140. He is an innkeeper?—Yes.

10,141. Had you seen him before you voted?—No.

10,142. Had you seen anyone before you voted?—No, I came straight down to vote.

10,143. You had been canvassed?—Nothing more than a paper sent.

10,144. Did you expect any money for your vote?—No, I did not know what I was to see Nutchey for.

10,145. For your vote?—I should have voted if there had not been money.

10146. Before you voted did you expect to receive any money if you voted for the Conservatives?—No, I did not.

10,147. And you say when Burrell spoke to you and sent you to Nutchey you had a shrewd suspicion then?—I did not know what it was for. He asked me if I had voted, and he said I must go and see Mr. Nutchey.

10,148. You must have known then what you went to see Nutchey for; where did you see Nutchey?—At Padget's shop.

10,149. I suppose a great number of people were going into the shop?—He stood at the door. There were two or three clerks seemed to be sat in the place.

10,150. Taking down names?—I should fancy they were.

10,151. Was your name taken down?—I did not see it taken down. I was not inside the shop. He put his hand in his waistcoat pocket at the door and gave me the 10*s.*

10,152. Were you canvassed at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

10,153. By whom?—Edwards and Kennard.

10,154. Anybody else?—No.

10,155. Did you see Nutchey?—No, he was not with them.

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10,156. Nor Burrell ?—No.

10,157. Had either of them spoken to you about it ?—Neither one of them.

10,158. I don't mean when they gave you the 10*s.*, afterwards ?—No.

10,159. What are you ?—A printer.

10,160. Have you a business of your own. Do you work for yourself ?—It is very seldom I do anything at it now ; I am a printer by trade.

10,161. You do not work ?—No.

10,162. You received nothing, did you, at the parliamentary election ?—No.

10,163. Were you promised anything ?—Not one fraction.

10,164. Were you canvassed by the Liberals ?—No, never was asked.

10,165. Neither at parliamentary nor municipal ?—There was a paper sent at the municipal election.

10,166. A paper is sent on both sides ?—Yes.

10,167. But nobody came to you afterwards and canvassed you ?—No.

10,168. You voted for Edwards and Kennard ?—Yes.

10,169. For the Conservatives ?—Yes.

J Widdall.

JOSEPH WIDDALL sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

10,170. You are a vegetable hawker ?—Sometimes.

10,171. What do you call yourself ?—A labourer.

10,172. Are you a freeman ?—No.

10,173. How long have you been a householder ?—20 years.

10,174. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—Not at the last council choosing.

10,175. Are you not a voter for the council ?—Yes.

10,176. How did it come you did not vote ?—I voted for the council in 1867 for the Liberals.

10,177. You did not vote at all on the 2nd of November last year ?—No.

10,178. You voted at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

10,179. For whom did you vote ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

10,180. Did you get any money ?—No.

10,181. Had you any offered you ?—No, not a farthing.

10,182. Quite sure ?—Quite sure.

10,183. What time in the day did you vote ?—1 o'clock.

10,184. Do you live in Beverley ?—Yes.

10,185. What time did you come into the market place ?—I was several times in the market place before that, but did not tender my vote.

10,186. What hour were you there first in the market place ?—About half-past 9, perhaps.

10,187. Was any one with you ?—No.

10,188. By yourself ?—Yes.

10,189. Why did not you vote when you first came into the market place ?—I merely went up to take the state of the poll and see how they were getting on.

10,190. Why did not you give your vote ?—I did not like to be an early voter, because the Liberals were then ahead, and I thought as long as they were doing that I would wait a bit.

10,191. You did not like to be an early voter, that is your reason ?—No.

10,192. Is there any objection generally against being an early voter ?—No, sir.

10,193. Where did you go to then ?—Went home, and back again.

10,194. Is that all ? Did you go into any public-house ?—No, not at all, to no public-house.

10,195. To any public-house ?—Never got a drop of ale all the day.

10,196. Do you know a man named Richard Day ?—Yes, I remember a man called Richard Day, but he is dead, I think.

10,197. Was he dead then ?—No, I think not. I don't know when he died.

10,198. Did you see him that day ?—No, I did not, to my knowiedge.

10,199. Did you see a man named Thomas Green ?—No.

10,200. Did you speak to anyone about your vote ?—No, I did not till I was going to poll.

10,201. Then who did speak to you ?—Well, Alfred Croskill. I said I was just going up to vote. He said, had I voted ? I said, "No, I am just going."

10,202. Did any one on the Conservative side speak to you ?—No.

10,203. They knew you were a voter ?—I should think they did.

10,204. Did none of them ask you for your vote ?—No.

10,205. Nor offer you any money ?—Not on that election day they did not.

10,206. Any time before the election day did they offer you money ?—Mr. Maxwell and Trollope asked me, and Mr. Edwards and Kennard asked me.

10,207. My question was, did any one offer you money for your vote ?—No.

10,208. No one did ?—No one at all.

10,209. Then it is not true that you had a pound offered you to vote for Edwards and Kennard ?—I had no money offered to vote for anybody, nor not by anyone.

T. Hopkinson.

THOMAS HOPKINSON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

10,210. What are you ?—A labourer.

10,211. Are you a freeman ?—No.

10,212. Have you a vote for the borough ?—Yes.

10,213. How long have you had a vote for the borough ?—Five or six years.

10,214. For the parliamentary election ?—No, the council.

10,215. How long for the parliamentary ?—The last one.

10,216. Did you vote at the last town council ?—Yes.

10,217. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Yes.

10,218. Who gave it you ?—Thomas Harris.

10,219. What did he give you ?—10*s.*

10,220. When was that ?—5*s.* on Saturday night, 5*s.* on Monday.

10,221. What Saturday night ?—The Saturday night before the council choosing.

10,222. The council choosing was on Monday ?—Yes.

10,223. Saturday ; he gave you 5*s.* beforehand ?—Yes.

10,224. What was that for ?—I do not know, sir.

10,225. Something passed between you to make it clear what it was ?—He said he would give 10*s.*, but he would give 5*s.* then and 5*s.* on the Monday after I voted.

10,226. Harris gave you 5*s.* on Saturday, before the council choosing. Had he given you anything else afterwards ?—5*s.* more.

10,227. When was that ?—On Monday, after I voted.

10,228. Did he ask you if you had voted ?—He took me to vote.

10,229. On which side did you vote ?—The Conservative side.

10,230. And which side did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

10,231. Had you voted for town council before in former years ?—Yes, twice.

10,232. What did you get those times ?—Nothing once, 2*s.* or 2*s.* 6*d.* the next time.

10,233. When was that ?—It would be the year year before last.

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10,234. Which side did you vote then ?—For the Conservatives.

10,235. Have you always voted Conservative?—No, once for Liberal.

10,236. When was that ?—The first time I voted.

10,237. Did you get anything for your vote then ?—No.

10,238. Nothing when you voted for the Liberals, and you were always paid when you voted for the other side, was that it ?—That was it.

10,239. What was the 10*s.* for ?—Voting, I suppose.

10,240. Had it anything to do with the parliamentary election ?—Not as I am aware of it had not ; there was nothing mentioned.

10,241. When Harris gave me this money on the Saturday night did not he give you some idea what it was for ?—It was to vote for the council choosing.

10,242. Did he say so ?—Yes.

10,243. What was it he said ?—He said he would give anybody 10*s.* to vote for the council choosing.

10,244. He said he would give anybody ?—Yes.

10,245. Where did he say that ?—At the "Black Swan."

10,246. What, openly ?—Openly in the kitchen.

10,247. Were there a great many people there ?—Six or seven, I should think, in the kitchen.

10,248. He told them all so ?—Yes.

10,249. And you said you would take the offer ?—Yes.

10,250. Do you know whether anybody else said they would accept his offer ?—I do not know that there was anybody else in at the time as did.

10,251. Six or seven were there ?—Yes, but there were some that could not vote.

10,252. Were there any with you ?—There might be for what I know. There is not many in the town I do know particularly.

10,253. These six or seven ; were any of them voters ?—There would be one or two.

10,254. What did they say ? Did they say anything ?—Not before me they did not.

10,255. Who were they ?—There was one, John Baker. I think he was the only man I knew there.

10,256. This was said to John Baker as well as you ?—Yes.

10,257. What did he say ?—He did not have it at that time ; I don't know whether he did afterwards or not.

10,258. Did he vote ?—I suppose he did ; I cannot say.

10,259. You don't know whether Baker got any money ?—I cannot say.

SAMUEL DEAN sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

S. Dean.

10,260. Are you a freeman ?—No.

10,261. When did you become a parliamentary voter as an occupier ?—The year before last.

10,262. And for the first time you voted last year as a parliamentary voter ?—Yes.

10,263. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Maxwell.

10,264. Anybody else ?—No.

10,265. You voted alone for Maxwell ?—Yes.

10,266. How was that ?—I suited my own hand.

10,267. How did you vote at the municipal election ?—For the Liberal party.

10,268. How came that ; did that suit your hand ?—I were not tied to vote nowhere.

10,269. That suited your hand, I think ; what did you get ?—I got 15*s.*

10,270. From whom ?—Mr. Green.

10,271. Of the "Turf" inn ?—Yes.

10,272. When did he pay you that ?—10 o'clock that morning.

10,273. Had you voted then ?—No, I went and voted directly.

10,274. He put down your name ?—I should say so.

10,275. Did you see him put down your name in the book ?—No ; I could not say.

10,276. Did you see the book there ?—Yes, there was a book on the table.

10,277. Did you see a good many people going in to him that morning ?—I cannot say that I did.

10,278. We know there were a good many going in to him ; he was there. How came you to go into the "Turf" inn that morning ?—I did not go to the "Turf" inn.

10,279. How came you to go to Mr. Green ?—I saw him in the street.

10,280. He did not pay you in the street ?—No.

10,281. Where did he take you to ?—To a little office on the back side of the square.

10,282. You met him in the street ?—Yes.

10,283. Did he speak to you, or you to him ?—He asked me if I had voted.

10,284. You came down to vote ?—Yes.

10,285. You came in fact to sell your vote to the highest bidder, to see what money you could get for it ?—I come down on purpose to vote.

10,286. You came down on purpose to sell your vote ?—Sell it, sir ?

10,287. You did, you know, and were there many people standing in the square together ?—There were scores beside me.

10,288. Waiting to be spoken to, and then he came up to you and spoke to you. Did you ask more for your vote than the 15*s.* ?—You asked 1*l.* I think, did not you ?—I heard some of them were giving——

10,289. What he was giving ?—Yes.

10,290. You knew at that time the parliamentary election was coming on, did not you ?—I never expected nothing.

10,291. No, you did not expect anything for the parliamentary election, of course you did not ; you knew it was coming on ?—Yes.

10,292. You did, and you knew there used to be bribery, persons used to get a good deal of money for their votes at former elections ; did not you know that ?—I never expected.

10,293. I am asking you about your knowledge. Did not you know people used to get money for voting at parliamentary elections ?—Yes.

10,294. And then you met him, and you asked how much were they giving, and he said, I suppose 15*s.*, and you said "I would rather have a pound," is that it ?—No.

10,295. Very well ; then he took you and paid you in an office where were the books. I understand you to say there were books in the office ?—Yes.

10,296. Where was the office, in this hall or square ?—In the square.

10,297. What is the name of the place ?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

10,298. Did you see Mr. Green about the parliamentary election at all ?—I see him several times that day, but he never said nothing to me.

10,299. Oh no, about the parliamentary election after that day ?—No, he never said nothing to me about voting.

10,300. Nor you to him ?—No.

10,301. Had you ever voted for town council before ?—No.

10,302. That was your first time ?—Yes.

10,303. Well now, you say it suited your hand to vote for Maxwell, do you mean by that just as the other thing suited your hand ?—No, I do not know that I was tied to vote for anybody.

10,304. Who canvassed you for Maxwell ?—I am sure I never was asked for a vote at all for him by nobody.

10,305. Had you known him before ?—No, I did not know nothing about him.

10,306. Did nobody ever ask you to vote for him ?—No.

10,307. Well now, how came you to vote for him ?—I thought I would.

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10,308. Were you canvassed at all on the other side ?—No.

10,309. Where were you at work ?—I worked in the Barmston drain at the time, sludging Barmston drain.

10,310. Under whom did you work ?—Mr. Vickery.

10,311. Is he a Conservative or Liberal, or what ? how did he vote ?—I am sure I don't know.

10,312. Did he ever ask you to vote ?—No.

10,313. What time did you vote ?—It would be about 2 o'clock.

10,314. For the Liberals ?—Yes.

10,315. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you say that 15*s.* you got had nothing to do with the parliamentary vote ?—No, I expect not.

10,316. Do you mean to say positively that it had nothing to do with it. Do you say that that 15*s.* did not somewhat induce you to vote for the Liberals ?—I did not expect it had to do with it at all.

10,317. You cannot give us any reason why you voted for the Liberals ; had not that 15*s.* something to do with it ? Do you swear that 15*s.* did not induce you to vote for Maxwell ?—Well, I do not know that it had anything at all to do with it.

10,318. Nobody else can know except yourself what is in your own mind. Do you swear that that 15*s.* had not something to do with your voting for Maxwell ?—It had nothing to do with it that I know of.

G. Russell.

GEORGE RUSSELL sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

10,319. What are you ?—A labourer.

10,320. Are you a freeman or householder ?—A householder.

10,321. How long have you been one ?—Nine or ten years, I don't know to a year.

10,322. For whom did you vote at the council choosing ?—The Conservatives.

10,323. And at the Parliamentary election for whom did you vote ?—Conservatives likewise.

10,324. Edwards and Kennard ?—Yes.

10,325. Now, when you voted at the council choosing what did you get ?—A sovereign.

10,326. Who paid you ?—Kemplay.

10,327. What time in the day was that ?—About 10.

10,328. Before or after you voted ?—After.

10,329. Was anyone with you ?—A brother workman here.

10,330. What is his name ?—Thomas Bewell.

10,331. Did you see him paid ?—We were both together.

10,332. You did see him paid ?—Not exactly ; he paid me.

10,333. You voted at the parliamentary election, did you get anything for that ?—No.

10,334. How do you generally vote at the council choosing ?—For the crimson.

10,335. Generally for the crimson ?—Always.

10,336. Generally got something I dare say ?—Once or twice I have.

10,337. How much now ?—Something like a half-a-crown.

10,338. Never more ?—Half-a-crown twice, I believe that is about all.

10,339. Did you never get more than that ?—Not to my knowledge, I never kept any account.

10,340. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was that pound given to you for by Kemplay ?—It was not mentioned at all what it was for.

10,341. What did you understand it was for ?—There was no talk at all about what it was for at all. It was put into my hand out of his hand in the street. There was no talk at all about it.

10,342. There might be no talk, and yet you might perfectly well understand what it was given to you for ?—No, I did not.

10,343. Will you undertake to say that had nothing to do with the parliamentary election ?—Not at all to my knowledge, they never mentioned it.

10,344. Of course he did not mention it. You tell me he did not mention what it was for at all ?—He put it into my hand in the street as we were walking along.

10,345. You understood at all events that it was for the town council ?—That is what I expected it was for. I do not expect it was for anything else.

10,346. Why should you expect it was for that and not for the other, if he did not say anything about it ? He did not say it was for either, and yet you thought it was for the town council ?—I expected it would be for the town council, because that job was over and the other was to come on.

10,347. They were both coming on. You got that 1*l.* after you voted it is true, but you expected to get something before you voted ?—Yes, of course.

10,348. What is your reason for supposing it was for the one and not the other ?—I did not know anything at all about the other. I never have voted at a borough election before this last time.

T. Bewell.

THOMAS BEWELL sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

10,349. What are you ?—A labourer.

10,350. Have you a vote for the parliamentary election ?—This last year.

10,351. That was the first time ?—Yes.

10,352. Have you a vote for the town council ?—Yes.

10,353. How long have you had a vote for the town council ?—Four or five-and-twenty years.

10,354. As an occupier ?—Yes.

10,355. You have not been a freeman ?—No, only this last year.

10,356. You are not a freeman at all ?—No, I am not a freeman, I am an occupier.

10,357. Did you vote this last time for the town council ?—Yes.

10,358. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Yes.

10,359. How much ?—1*l.*

10,360. Who gave it you ?—Kemplay.

10,361. You were with Russell ?—Yes.

10,362. Where did he give it you ?—In the street. He put it in my hand, and I went away directly.

10,363. Was that after you had voted ?—After we had voted.

10,364. Which way did you vote ?—For the Conservatives.

10,365. For the council choosing ?—Yes, and the same for the borough.

10,366. You have had a vote for the town council a long time ; which way have you generally voted town council ?—Generally for the Conservatives excepting once.

10,367. What have you got for your vote on those occasions ?—On that one occasion, sir ?

10,368. Well, when you voted Liberal what did you get ?—I got 1*l.*

10,369. For town council ?—Yes.

10,370. When was that ?—A few years since.

10,371. You got 1*l.* for voting town council ?—Yes.

10,372. When was that ; try and think ?—I cannot say exactly.

10,373. Was it five or six years ago ?—But I know the man that gave it, and he is dead now.

10,374. Who was it ? — His name was John Westerby.

10,375. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How long has he been dead ?—Not very long.

10,376. (*Mr. H Cox.*) Whom did you vote for at that time ?—I do not remember the names of the people I am sure.

10,377. You got 1*l.* that time ; what have you

generally got voting for town council?—Sometimes 2*s.* 6*d.*, sometimes nothing.

10,378. The 1*l.* you got this time, what was that for?—I do not know what it was for.

10,379. Anything to do with parliamentary election? You have heard that question I have no doubt asked a great many times. Had it anything to do with the parliamentary election?—Not to my knowledge.

10,380. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now be cautious. When was it you received the 1*l.* for voting for the Liberals?—I could not say that.

10,381. I should not think you could?—I could not say it, but I know I got it.

10,382. Was it 10 or 20 years ago?—Oh no, it is not 20 years ago; I should think it would be 10 perhaps.

10,383. The man is dead, is not he?—Yes.

10,384. What is his name?—John Westerby was his name.

10,385. What was he?—I believe he was a master cooper and basket maker.

10,386. You cannot tell me the year?—No, I cannot.

10,387. How about this 1*l.* you got on the last occasion, you were met in the street after you had voted?—Yes.

10,388. Were any questions asked of you at all?—Not me.

10,389. Mr. Kemplay paid you?—Yes.

10,390. How did he know you had voted if he asked you no questions?—He took me up to vote.

10,391. Then he need not ask you a question. He took you up to vote. You told me you met him in the street after you had voted?—Yes, I did.

10,392. After you had voted?—Yes, he gave us the money after we had voted.

10,393. He took us up to vote?—He brought us up to vote, and he met us in the street afterwards.

10,394. Had not you made an appointment with him?—No.

10,395. Let me understand you. Do you mean to swear that you did not expect to meet Mr. Kemplay after you voted, and to be paid for your vote?—Oh yes.

10,396. Then you did make an appointment?—I did not make an appointment; I expected to have the same as another.

10,397. What did he say to you before you voted?—He said nothing to me about any money.

10,398. Then you did not expect to meet him again that day, did you?—Oh yes; he brought me up to vote.

10,399. How did you know money was going if he said nothing about money?—I heard money was going.

10,400. From whom?—From several in the streets, I could not say who.

10,401. And you received 1*l.*?—Yes.

10,402. You knew the other election was coming on very close at hand?—Yes.

10,403. This was the first time you voted for the parliamentary?—Yes.

10,404. You had not had it long, only a very short time. I suppose the man who was with you also knew you had a parliamentary vote; you knew he had one?—We were both alike in that matter.

10,405. Had you been together that morning?—We were both at work, and we both went from work to vote.

10,406. Who brought you from your work?—We went of our own accord.

10,407. You agreed to go and vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.

10,408. Whether you got money or not?—Yes, whether we got money or not.

10,409. It was a mere chance the getting money?—I did not know anything about money till I got into the town.

10,410. And you did not care anything about it?—I don't know.

10,411. I mean you would have voted without money?—I like money as well as other people.

10,412. But you would have voted without money, would you?—Well, sir, if there had been more going I should have voted on the same side.

10,413. Then I do not suppose it was the money that made you vote?—Not a bit of it.

10,414. Then of course it had no influence on your parliamentary vote, your getting 1*l.*?—No, sir.

10,415. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember the names of the men you voted for when Westerby bribed you?—I cannot say, I am sure.

10,416. Was Westerby one of the candidates for the council that time?—No, not a candidate.

10,417. Who do you work for?—Mr. Whitton.

10,418. Which Mr. Whitton?—Mr. Whitton, the builder.

10,419. What do you labour at?—At anything he has a mind to set me to do.

10,420. Is that Mr. Marmaduke Whitton?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN WAULDBY sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Wauldby.

10,421. What are you?—A groom.

10,422. Have you got a vote for the parliamentary election?—Yes, I had this last one.

10,423. Had you a vote as an occupier?—Yes.

10,424. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

10,425. And have you a vote for town councillors?—Yes.

10,426. Did you vote this last time?—Yes.

10,427. For whom did you vote this last time?—For Lowther and Catterson.

10,428. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

10,429. How much?—Ten shillings.

10,430. Who gave it you?—Mr. Watson.

10,431. At the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.

10,432. Did you ever vote for town councillors before?—Yes, once, and then I got 2*s.*

10,433. Did you vote the same side then?—No; I voted for the Liberals.

10,434. For two shillings you voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

10,435. And 10*s.* the Conservatives?—Yes.

10,436. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you understand the 10*s.* was given to you for at the "Golden Ball"?—To vote for Lowther and Catterson.

10,437. Do you mean to swear it was not given to influence your vote at the parliamentary?—No; I voted Liberal at the parliamentary.

10,438. Do you think it was meant for the parliamentary election?—Not that I am aware of, it was not.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock the following morning.

EIGHTH DAY.

Tuesday, 1st September 1869.

EIGHTH DAY.

T. Hutchinson.

1 Sept. 1869.

THOMAS HUTCHINSON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

10,439. Are you a voter for the borough?—Yes.

10,440. For the parliamentary election?—Yes.

10,441. How long have you been a parliamentary voter?—I have been a freeman eight or nine years.

10,442. How often have you voted at the parliamentary election?—Twice.

10,443. That is at what we call Keane's election, and the last time?—Yes.

10,444. For whom did you vote at Keane's election?—I voted for Keane.

10,445. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

10,446. How often have you voted at the municipal elections?—Five or six times.

10,447. How used you to vote?—Always for the Liberals.

10,448. What used you get?—I once got 3*s.*, three or four years ago.

10,449. Anything else?—I got 10*s.* the last municipal.

10,450. Never mind the last now, I am not speaking of the last; up to the last did you ever get more than 3*s.*?—No, I never did.

10,451. At the last election what did you get?—I got 10*s.* from a man named Elwell; I voted for the Liberal party at 10 in the morning.

10,452. Where did you get the money?—In the Mechanics' Hall.

10,453. You got it at the Mechanics' Hall; where you were paid the 2*l.* before?—Yes.

10,454. Who took you there?—Elwell took me there.

10,455. Who did he take with you?—I went that morning by myself.

10,456. Did not others go with you?—No, I went that morning by myself.

10,457. Did not anybody go with you to the hall?—No.

10,458. Had you been paid before, or were you paid after you voted?—I was paid after I voted.

10,459. You voted Liberal at parliamentary elections?—Yes.

10,460. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

10,461. You voted Liberal there also?—Yes.

10,462. At what time in the day?—At 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

10,463. You came in with somebody at the time?—I came into the market place with a man.

10,464. Who?—A man of the name of Needham.

10,465. I suppose he got 10*s.* too, that morning in the market place?—I was not with him.

10,466. What time did you come into the town together?—Between 8 and 9 in the morning.

10,467. And you voted about 2 in the afternoon?—Yes.

10,468. Where were you all the time between those hours?—Walking about the town.

10,469. To see if you could get any money?—Yes, to see if I could get any money.

10,470. To see if you could get any money for your vote?—Yes.

10,471. Did you try many places to get money at: you went to the "Cross Keys"?—Yes.

10,472. Mr. Needham went with you?—Yes.

10,473. And you both went to see if you could get any money?—Yes.

10,474. You and Needham had agreed to come and vote together and see what money you could get?—Not particularly as to that.

10,475. No, not particularly. I do not mean there was any written agreement, but there was an understanding you and Needham would get money if you could?—Yes, that we would get all we could.

10,476. You went to the "Cross Keys" and saw a man there?—Yes.

10,477. Had you tried the Liberal side?—It was no use trying; they were giving no money.

10,478. Had you tried? You know when you want to ascertain whether a barrel is empty you sound it. Did you sound that barrel?—No, we heard they were giving no money.

10,479. And then you went to the Conservative side, the "Cross Keys"?—Yes.

10,480. I do not want to take it as a matter of fact without asking, but going there you heard there was money; had you heard there was money going?—No.

10,481. But you went there to try?—I went there to try and get a pint of ale.

10,482. That was the excuse?—That was the excuse to get in.

10,483. Then you went upstairs?—No.

10,484. Did you not try?—No.

10,485. Who did you see at the "Cross Keys," Mr. Ward, the landlord?—No.

10,486. Was there anyone there whom you thought was likely to give money?—There was no man there we thought likely to give money.

10,487. Then you went to another public-house?—No, not till after dinner.

10,488. I mean during the day; you went to your dinner and having had your dinner, where did you go; what other public-house did you try? From the "Cross Keys" to the Hall Garth. Had you not been to another?—No.

10,489. You were in another public-house that day?—At night.

10,490. Who did you see at the Hall Garth?—There were three or four men.

10,491. Was any money going there?—No.

10,492. You found no money going there?—No.

10,493. Any beer?—No.

10,494. You did not get any?—We got a glass of ale a-piece and paid for it.

10,495. You might get that anywhere?—Yes.

10,496. Did you see people there drinking?—Yes.

10,497. You saw people there drinking who you knew to be voters?—Yes.

10,498. How may?—Three or four.

10,499. Do you know whether they paid for it?—Yes, they did.

10,500. Did you apply for money there?—No.

10,501. Did anyone speak to you when you were out first on the Liberal side; did anyone on the Liberal side ask you to vote that day?—No, I had promised to vote.

10,502. Did anyone ask you that day?—No.

10,503. Did you inquire if any money was going on the Conservative side?—I inquired of one or two and there was nothing to be got.

10,504. Who did you inquire of?—I inquired of Charles Arnott, cabinet maker, and he told me they were giving no money.

10,505. Did you inquire of others?—No; I inquired of him.

10,506. And you heard you could get no money?—No; no money.

10,507. And finally, finding there was no money to be got, you and your friend went and voted?—Yes.

10,508. You then remembered the 10*s.* you got a fortnight before?—Yes.

10,509. And in fact getting the 10*s.* and nothing on the other side that had an influence on you in voting for the Liberals?—I always had voted for the Liberals; I have voted for them for nothing four or five times.

10,510. Amongst other things, besides being a Liberal, had it more or less an influence on your mind to determine your vote for the Liberals?—No, I do not know that it had.

10,511. I think you are right in saying "I do not know"?—There was a report I could have got 17*s.* 6*d.* on the other side.

10,512. That is at the municipal?—Yes.

10,513. I am speaking of the parliamentary election. If you could have got money from the Conservatives you would have voted the other side?—No, I had promised the other side.

10,514. Promises are sometimes compared to pie-crust, made to be broken; you went about to hear if the other side were giving money. Did no one at all speak to you on the other side; they had given you 10*s.* Did they not say, "Why you have not voted," or "You have not voted"?—No.

10,515. And you were offered no beer?—No.

10,516. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who was with you in the Mechanics' Hall when you went that morning?—A man of the name of Moody.

10,517. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you know a man of the name of Tom Duffill?—Yes.

10,518. When did you see him last?—This morning.

10,519. Did you call on him or he you?—No.

10,520. When did you meet him?—This morning.

10,521. On coming here?—Yes.

10,522. Did you see him last night?—No.

10,523. Have you seen him since this Commission opened?—Not to speak to him.

10,524. Seeing is not speaking. When you say see, did you speak to him this morning?—No.

10,525. Had you any conversation with him this morning?—No.

10,526. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What was Moody doing?—He had a book in his hand writing down the names of the men who had received the money.

10,527. Writing down the names of the men who had received the 10*s.*?—Yes, I expect so.

10,528. Do you know Moody's christian name?—George.

10,529. You saw a book in his hand?—Yes.

10,530. You had a voting paper sent to you before that?—Yes.

10,531. You know a voting paper when you see it?—Yes.

10,532. And you saw Moody with a book?—Yes.

10,533. And this, you say, was a book in his hand?—Yes; it might not have been in his hand, it might lay on the table.

10,534. When you went there with Elwell did you see Moody do anything with the book?—No.

10,535. What other people were there besides Moody?—I do not know of any; there was me and Elwell and Moody. Me and Elwell went in, and Moody were there when we got in.

10,536. You three were there?—Yes.

10,537. When you got there?—Yes.

10,538. And no one else?—No.

10,539. What time was this?—About three.

10,540. Had you voted then?—Yes; I voted about 10.

10,541. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did Moody write down your name in a book?—Yes.

10,542. What sort of book was it?—It was a large book.

10,543. You say he was writing down names?—There were a number of names, it might have been a register.

10,544. What do you mean by a register?—A list of all the voters' names.

10,545. Was it a printed or a written book?—I believe it was a printed book. I know I saw names in it.

10,546. Did you see him write anything?—Yes.

10,547. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Moody had a book in which he was writing some names.

10,548. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is what he said.

10,549. A book was in his hand?—Yes.

10,550. Your answer was he was writing down names?—If I said he was writing down names it was a mistake.

10,551. What did he do with the book?—The book was open and he sat looking at it.

10,552. Did he not write anything in it?—No, he did not.

10,553. Did he not look for names?—I never saw him. I saw a pen and ink on the table.

10,554. Did he use the pen and ink; you rather misled us by your previous answers?—I tell you the truth as far as I can.

10,555. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I fully believe it.

10,556. Was he looking for names in any way or using it?—The book was on the table, there was a pen and ink there, and he was looking at the book, but while I was there he never wrote anything, I expect he was looking for my name to see whether I was a voter or not.

The witness withdrew.

William Loft sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

W. Loft.

10,557. What are you?—A waterman.

10,558. How long have you lived in Beverley?—I do not know how long that is.

10,559. How long have you been a householder?—28 years.

10,560. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

10,561. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are a freeman of 28 years?—Yes.

10,562-3. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you vote at the last council choosing?—For the Liberals in 1867.

10,564. You did not vote in 1868?—No, I was at Selby at the time.

10,565. Who did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—Which do you mean?

10,566. The last one?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

10,567. Did you get anything?—No, sir.

10,568. Did you vote on Towneley's election?—Yes.

10,569. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Towneley and Goldsmid in '47.

10,570. What did you get?—*5l.* 10*s.*

10,571. The next election after that was in 1852, I think; Lawley and Wells?—Yes, Lawley and Wells.

10,572. Did you vote for Lawley and Wells?—Yes, sir.

10,573. What did you get then?—*5l.* I got *5l.* 10*s.* at Towneley's election, and *5l.* for Lawley and Wells, and voted for Lawley and Wells.

10,574. The next is 1854, Gordon and Hasting's?—I was not here, I was away with a vessel.

10,575. Then 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells; for whom did you then vote?

10,576. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was March.

10,577. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember them?—Yes, I remember them. I do not think I was here.

10,578. The next was Major Edwards' first election; Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote then?—For Walters and Edwards.

10,579. Did you not vote in 1857 when Edwards and Wells were candidates?—I think not if I recollect rightly.

10,580. The next was 1859; Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes; I voted Walters and Edwards.

10,581. Did you get anything?—I got *2l.*

10,582. No more than *2l.*?—No.

10,583. Did you get no more than *2l.*?—No, I had *3l.* more promised me, but I never got it.

EIGHTH DAY.
W. Loft.
1 Sept. 1869.

10,584. Then the next is 1864 ; Walker and Gridley ?—I voted for Gridley.

10,585. What did you get ?—Nothing. I had 2*l.* promised for my vote, but did not get it.

10,586. The next is 1865, what we call Keane's election, for whom did you vote ?—For Keane.

10,587. What did you get ?—Two sovereigns.

10,588. Now I will go back from Keane's election. Were you paid at the Mechanic's Hall ?—Yes.

10,589. Then we will not go into that at all. Who promised you 2*l.* at Gridley's election ?—A man they called Greenhough, a bricklayer, and Daniel Boyes and Ferguson at the "Pack Horse."

10,590. Was that before you voted ?—Yes.

10,591. They promised you that sum as an inducement for you to vote ?—It was for my going to vote, to poll.

10,592. And I suppose it was upon that promise you voted ?—Yes.

10,593. Did you ask either of them for the money afterwards ?—Yes, two or three different times.

10,594. What did they say ?—They said that it was too late, they had skinned the last eel.

10,595. From whom did you get the money in Walters and Edwards' election ?—From Robert Taylor, in Toll Gavel.

10,596. Is that the same placed called the "Reform Association ?"—I expect it was, it was an empty house next to it.

10,597. Well, you were promised 3*l.* and did not get it ?—Yes, by a man named James Baker, he was a coal merchant.

10,598. On whose side was that ?—Mr. Edwards.

10,599. I suppose you tried to get it out of them ?—I did. He sent a man to us. We voted Edwards and Keane, and because we voted wrong, he would not give us anything.

10,600. When you voted for Edwards and Kennard, did you write to anybody for money ?—I wrote to Mr. Lowther and to Luke Hind, to see if there would be any expenses for a waterman and leaving his work.

10,601. You wrote to both sides. You wrote to Mr. Lowther and to Luke Hind ?—Yes.

10,602. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where were you ?—I was at Hull.

10,603. (*Mr. H. Barstow.*) Did you get a letter back in answer ?—I had one from Mr. Lowther.

10,604. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you got that letter ?—No, I lit my pipe with it.

10,605. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am sorry you have not got it.

10,606. (*Mr. H. Barstow.*) What did he say ?—He wrote to say not a farthing was given on their side, not even a cab to take us to the poll, that it was all purity.

10,607. Did you get a letter from Luke Hind ?—He never answered it.

10,608. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you see Mr. Lowther after you wrote to him ?—Yes, I see him the election day.

10,609. Did you see him before you voted ?—Yes, I did, I saw him in the market place going up against the chapel.

10,610. I mean did you see him to speak to him ?—No, I never spoke to him, for we are not friendly, he he and I.

10,611. How soon after you wrote did you get a letter in answer, I am sorry you have lost that letter ?—I wrote it on a Wednesday and I got an answer the Friday following.

10,612. Did anybody see it ?—I read it to William Eggs, at the "Ordnance Arms ;" that was a house I used, and it was brought by the post and left at this public-house for me.

10,613. Did you show the letter to any body ?—Yes, I showed it to Seward, a timber merchant, and others, and they read it.

10,614. You showed it to people ?—Yes.

10,615. You cannot read ?—Yes, I can, but they did not think I had had an answer back and I said I had and showed it.

10,616. Had you spoken to anybody about your expenses except writing to Mr. Lowther ?—Yes, I came here on the Saturday night before the election, and as I went by Mr. Bainton's office I saw him and McCoy. They said they did not think they could give their sanction for a penny.

10,617. I think you said you were not on good terms with Mr. Lowther ?—No, I was not.

10,618. How came you to write to him ?—I knew he was an active man on their side. I had voted before for Edwards once, and I wrote to him and got nothing before. He wrote to say there would be nothing.

10,619. Am I to understand you to say you got nothing in the way of expenses ; did you get nothing in the way of paying your expenses from Hull ?—No, I had nothing but a glass of ale and a glass of rum at Daniel Boyes'. I got a six o'clock ticket and went back to Hull the same night.

10,620. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you come from to-day ?—I have come from Beckside.

The witness withdrew.

W. Charlton.

William Charlton sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

10,621. Are you a voter ?—Yes, for the municipal, and once for the borough.

10,622. How did you vote for the borough ?—For the municipal election I voted for the Liberals.

10,623. Did you get anything for your vote ?—15*s.* as I was going up.

10,624. As you were going up to vote ?—It was said there was going to be 15*s.* given as I was going up to vote by one of the runners.

10,625. Which runner ?—William Gray.

10,626. He told you you could have 15*s.* ?—Yes, as I was going to vote.

10,627. Did he pay you ?—No, he turned me off to Master Vickers.

10,628. Did Vickers pay you ?—Yes, 15*s.* at a little office in the square ; he asked me if I had the card. I said Yes ; I was going to vote for the Liberals.

10,629. The card with the names, I suppose ?—Yes ; the paper with the names of the candidates. I said Yes, so I went and got it filled up, and I went to the Town Hall and it was all right, and I came back and received 15*s.*

10,630. Did you vote ?—Yes. Then I was canvassed for the other parties for the parliamentary, and I promised Maxwell and Trollope, and went and voted for them.

10,631. Why did you promise them ?—Because I was a Liberal.

10,632. You voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—It was my party, and I always voted Liberal.

10,633. Have you ever voted at town council choosing before ?—Yes, several times, and I have got on an average from 2*s.* to 7*s.* 6*d.* ; 7*s.* 6*d.* is I believe the highest I have got, but sometimes nothing.

10,634. You never voted for members of Parliament before ?—Only once, this was the first time.

10,635. Had the 15*s.* anything to do with your vote for members for parliament ?—No, nothing at all, I never expected to get a halfpenny. When I went I did not know till I went and gave my vote.

10,636. What time did you vote ?—A little after 10 o'clock.

10,637. I am talking about the parliamentary ?—It would not be more than five minutes past 8 in the morning.

10,638. What time did you vote for council choosing ?—Perhaps 10 minutes past 10 o'clock, or somewhere near, that is about as near as I can tell.

10,639. Did anybody else go with you to vote for council choosing ?—No, I went by myself excepting Vickers.

10,640. No, I mean the runner ; what was the runner's name ?—William Gray.

10,641. Vickers gave you this money at this little office ?—Yes.

10,642. Was anybody at the office besides ?—I believe there was another person but I did not take notice who it was.

10,643. Were there any other voters at the office ?—Yes, one called William Graham.

10,644. He got 15*s.* as well ?—Yes.

10,645. Did you see the 15*s.* given to him ?—He got there, and I left him to get it, I did not see him get the 15s. but I expect he got it.

10,646. Had Vickers got a book ?—I never see one.

10,647. Did he put your name down ?—I did not see him put mine down.

10,648. Was any other man paid that you know of besides Graham ?—Not any that I know of.

10,649. How long did you stay at the office ?—Perhaps a couple of minutes, two or three minutes.

The witness withdrew.

William Lancaster sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

10,650. I understand you go by the name of Graham, what is your proper name ?—William Lancaster.

10,651. You voted on this morning for the municipal election ?—Yes.

10,652. How long have you been a voter ?—For the municipal ?

10,653. Yes ?—18 years.

10,654. Are you a freeman ?—No.

10,655. How long have you voted for the parliamentary ?—Last election was the first.

10,656. You got 15*s.* as we understand from this man Vickers ?—Yes.

10,657. Do you know a man named Duffiill ?—Yes.

10,658. Have you had any conversation at all with him ?—No, I have been a fortnight harvesting ; I have had no conversation with him.

10,659. You voted for the Liberals ?—Yes.

10,660. Had you always been what we call a Liberal voter voting on the Liberal side ?—For the last eight or nine years always.

10,661. You always got something ?—Always little or more when there was anything to get.

10,662. And you voted for the Liberal candidates at the parliamentary ?—Yes.

10,663. Who canvassed you for them ?—Vickers and Maxwell.

10,664. Vickers who had paid you the 15*s.* ?—Yes.

10,665. He canvassed you for the Liberals ?—Yes.

10,666. How soon after he paid you the 15*s.* ?—Two or three days after, I cannot say exactly, but it was a market day. I met him in the market.

10,667. What day in the week is the market here ?—Saturday.

10,668. The next Saturday ; perhaps he canvassed you at the same time as you voted ?—No, not the municipal day.

10,669. The next time you saw him he canvassed you for the parliamentary ?—Yes, he canvassed me when he came into my place with the other gentlemen.

10,670. Was Vickers a canvasser for the Liberals ; was he going about with Maxwell and Trollope ?—He was along with them.

10,671. He introduced you to the members, the candidates ?—Yes, he and Daniel Boyes, there were several.

10,672. He and Boyes introduced you to the candidates ?—Yes, and I promised to vote for them.

10,673. You remembered about the 15*s.* ?—I thought the Liberals had got me my vote and I thought I had a right to support them.

10,674. What do you mean by their getting you your vote ?—I mean the household suffrage, I thought they had got me my vote and it was by Gladstone.

10,675. Who was with you ?—Jesse Bewell.

The witness withdrew.

William Nicholson sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

10,676. What are you ?—A labourer.

10,677. Are you a householder ?—Yes.

10,678. How long have you been a householder ?—About three years.

10,679. For whom did you vote last council choosing ?—Norfolk, Whitton, and Denton.

10,680. What were you paid ?—A sovereign.

10,681. Who by ?—Kemplay.

10,682. Where were you paid ?—I was paid the first half sovereign in the market place soon after I voted by Kemplay.

10,683. And the second half sovereign ?—I was paid the second half sovereign in the Toll Gavel.

10,684. Both by Kemplay ?—Yes.

10,685. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

10,686. What time in the day did you vote ?—As soon as the poll was open at 8 o'clock.

10,687. Were you canvassed to vote for Edwards and Kennard ?—Yes.

10,688. Did they come to you themselves ?—Yes.

10,689. Who was with them ?—There was a gentleman there, Mr. Cleaver, I think they called him.

10,690. Any one else ?—No one else that I know of.

10,691. Was Kemplay with them ?—Not when they canvassed me.

10,692. Did Kemplay ever ask you for your vote for the parliamentary election ?—No.

10,693. Did you get anything to drink ?—No.

10,694. Neither at the council choosing or the parliamentary ?—Neither the council choosing or the parliamentary.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

10,695. Where were you at work ?—At the parliamentary ?

10,696. No ; where were you at work ?—I was out of work at that time. I work for Mr. Crosskill now.

10,697. Where were you at work then, was my question ?—I was out of work.

10,698. Where had you been at work ?—I was working as a bricklayer.

10,699. Have you ever been at work at the Iron and Waggon Company's Works ?—Yes.

10,700. How long had you left the works before the election ?—I had been there working a week or two, a fortnight before the municipal, just for a short time.

10,701. Only for a short time ?—For a short time. I was there a long time before that.

10,702. Off and on I suppose ?—Yes.

10,703. As they wanted you ?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

10,704. Do you know a man named Straker ?—No ; I know a man called Straker of Hall Garth, but only by seeing him.

10,705. About this time we are talking of in the beginning of November of last year ; were you ever treated to drink there ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

EIGHTH DAY.

J. Graham.

1 Sept. 1869.

JOHN GRAHAM sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

10,706. What are you?—I am a tinner by trade.

10,707. Have you a vote for the parliamentary election?—I was at poll in 1860, but last election I was disqualified; I was not on the register last election.

10,708. But you had a vote in 1860?—Yes, I had.

10,709. What, as a 10*l.* householder?—No, as a freeman.

10,710. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1860.

10,711. You took up your freedom in 1860?—Yes.

10,712. Did you have freedom by birth?—No; servitude.

10,713. What did you pay for your freedom?—2*l.* 7*s.* I believe; I cannot tell exactly.

10,714. Where did you get the money from?—I paid it myself.

10,715. Out of your own pocket?—Yes.

10,716. Did anyone help you to pay it?—I borrowed some from a friend, and I had some myself.

10,717. From whom?—That is hardly a question, it was not from a political party at all, it was from a friend of mine.

10,718. I will take your word, you say it was not from a political party?—Yes.

10,719. I do not want to ask about private affairs. Did you vote for members of parliament after that?—In '65 I did.

10,720. That was Keane's election?—Yes.

10,721. For whom did you vote?—Major Edwards and Sykes.

10,722. Did you get anything for your vote?—I did.

10,723. What?—2*l.* I believe.

10,724. From whom?—From Charles Arnott.

10,725. Where?—In Cross Keys Yard.

10,726. Have you voted for town council since then?—Yes, and before too.

10,727. And did you get anything for your vote for that?—I have different times.

10,728. What have you got?—5*s.* and three half-crowns, and last time 15*s.*

10,729. The last time 15*s.*?—Yes; the man Charlton told you that just now; he was there when I got it.

10,730. Who gave it you?—Vickers.

10,731. Which side did you vote?—For the Liberals.

10,732. For the Liberals for the town council?—Yes; I did in '65.

10,733. What was the 15*s.* for?—I do not know; I went and voted and it was given to me the same time as Charlton got it; it was not a good vote.

10,734. When you got the 15*s.*, did they know that you were not a voter?—Yes, they did very well, the vote was not my own, it was not good, the Conservatives objected to me for the borough and the municipal, and I understood the Liberals had saved me my vote for the municipal.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

10,735. How do you mean your vote was not good?—I was objected to both for the borough and the municipal, and by some discrepancy of law my vote was returned. I cannot tell you how, but some of the Tories who are present perhaps may. The objection was withdrawn. He was a Tory at that time, and finding I voted for the Liberals withdrew the objection. It was not my vote I considered, and I voted for the Liberals out of gratitude.

10,736. What I want to know is this; I do not want to be in anyway offensive to you, but when you say your vote was not your own, they objected to you on account of your disqualification, did they not?—Yes.

10,737. Arising from your circumstances?—Yes; I had been unfortunate.

10,738. But that was not a permanent disqualification?—No, not a permanent one, but temporarily so.

The witness withdrew.

R. Smith.

RICHARD SMITH sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

10,739. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

10,740. How long have you been a freeman?—It would be about 17 years, I believe, since I took up my freedom.

10,741. Have you voted generally at the parliamentary elections?—Yes.

10,742. Have you generally been paid?—Yes, in a general way.

10,743. First, I will ask you, did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

10,744. At the parliamentary?—Yes.

10,745. For whom?—Maxwell and Trollope.

10,746. Had you voted before that for the municipal?—Yes.

10,747. For whom?—For the Liberal party.

10,748. What did you get?—15*s.*

10,749. Except getting the 15*s.* for voting for the municipal, we will put that out of the way at present,—except that sum of money, did you receive any other money for voting for Maxwell and Trollope?—Not a farthing.

10,750. Except that; if we hold it had anything to do with it?—That had nothing to do with the general election.

10,751. Before you had the 15*s.* had you voted for the Liberals for previous municipal elections?—Yes.

10,752. What did you get then?—Sometimes 5*s.*

10,753. Yes, and three half-crowns?—Yes, and three half-crowns, and 7*s.* 6*d.*

10,754. Used you generally to get money, then, when you voted?—In a general way.

10,755. And I suppose all the freemen used to get it in the same general way?—I suppose so.

10,756. There was nothing exceptional in your case. Now, about the pasture masters; used you to be paid for voting for them?—I have been paid for them at times, and I have voted for them and not been paid.

10,757. Now we will go to the election of '65, when the candidates were Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes, I voted for Keane, and got 2*l.*

10,758. Now I will ask you, being a freeman, was that about the figure going then?—It was.

10,759. On the other side do you know what money was going?—I do not.

10,760. But you know money was going?—Yes.

10,761. Now, the next election before '65 was '60, Gridley and Walker; do you recollect voting at that election?—Yes.

10,762. How did you vote?—I voted for Gridley, and got 2*l.*, I believe.

10,763. Do you say the same thing of that election, that there was money going on both sides?—Perhaps there was, but I really do not know of the other side.

10,764. I know when I come to it you will tell me whether there was treating, and the public-houses were open; were they open at the election of '65, when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were opposed; were publichouses open on that occasion?—Well, if I tell truth, I really cannot say whether they were or not.

10,765. I believe you are thoroughly telling the truth, and are cautiously telling it. Now, in the election of '60, for Walker and Gridley, you received 2*l.*; were the public-houses open then; you know what I mean?—Yes, perhaps there might be one or two, but I do not think it was general.

10,766. There was some treating going on, but it was not general?—Not general.

10,767. Now you recollect in '59, when Walters, Edwards, and Walker were put up?—Yes.

10,768. For whom did you vote then?—I believe

I voted for Edwards and the other, the opposite party.

10,769. For Edwards and Walters?—Yes.

10,770. Did you receive money on both sides, or how?—No, only on one.

10,771. How much?—2*l.*

10,772. On which side did you receive that?—I believe I got it on Edwards'.

10,773. I think we have had it in evidence, but do you recollect whether public-houses and beerhouses were open on that election?—Yes, they were.

10,774. Do you say generally open, or open in different parts of the borough, as far as your observation goes?—They were generally open, I think.

10,775. That was the election of '59. Now, you recollect the election of '57, when Edwards and Wells were candidates?—Yes.

10,776. Do you recollect for whom you voted?—I voted for Edwards.

10,777. And what did you get at that election?—4*l.*

10,778. Now, will you tell me about the public-houses at that time, so far as you recollect?—Yes, they were generally open, to the best of my recollection, as far as I know.

10,779. You know what I mean; where people would go in and get beer and other things without paying for them?—Yes.

10,780. Now before, in '57, do you recollect how you voted; this was Edwards' first election. I believe your last answer referred to Edwards' first election?

10,781. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The 4*l.* referred to Edwards' first election?—Yes.

10,782. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was in August. Now, in the March of that year there were for candidates Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes, there were.

10,783. Do you recollect, did you vote on that occasion?—Yes, I did.

10,784. For whom; Denison, Glover, and Wells were the candidates; Denison and Wells were Liberals, and Glover was called a Conservative?—I do not remember.

10,784*a.* You do not remember. What money did you get; did you get any money?—I don't recollect that election.

10,785. If you have not a clear recollection, never mind; it is evident you have not a clear recollection of that?—No, I have not.

10,786. When did you first vote; what year?—The first was Lawley and Wells, and Glover.

10,787. For whom did you vote on that occasion?—Lawley and Wells.

10,788. What did you get?—3*l.*

10,789. That was your first election, in '52?—Yes.

10,790. Had you voted at the Gordon and Hastings election?—That was before.

10,791. No, in '54?—No; I was not here at that time.

10,792. Perhaps you can tell me this. Up to the time that Edwards came, up to '57, do you know how the pasture masters were as to their political principles?—Is that before Edwards came?

10,793. Up to when he came?—I believe at that time they were Liberal; most of them were of the Liberal party at that time.

10,794. Most of them were of the Liberal party?—Yes, if not the whole of them. I could not say that, but I believe not; but most of them were.

10,795. Had you had any arrangement as to the distribution of pasture masters being agreed to be made up of Liberals and Conservatives?—No.

10,796. You have not heard that?—No.

10,797. You have no interest in how the pasture masters distribute the money?—I have stocked, and I received the stocking money.

10,798. You have stocked?—Yes.

10,799. Have you stocked now?—No, but I had.

10,800. And you also have received the stocking money?—Yes.

10,801. In your judgment, do you think the distribution takes place without reference to the political principles of the parties?—No, I do not think it does.

10,802. You do not think it does?—No.

10,803. In your opinion, when did that change take place?—It took place when Edwards first came in.

10,804. You have not been an applicant, I suppose, for any of this fund of Walker's?—No.

10,805. Can you give me an instance where, in your opinion, some difference was made in consequence of the difference of the political principles of the persons applying?—No.

10,806. No; but do you know of anyone, do you know of any instance, or do you speak from general rumours? What do you ground your opinion upon?—My opinion is, it has been dealt very partially with.

10,807. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Partially or impartially?

10,808. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He says partially.

10,809. (*The witness.*) Some have got it that did not stand in need, and I have heard that others have not got it that did stand in need.

10,810. You speak from what you have heard yourself. In your judgment they have acted partially, and they have given to some they ought not, and excluded those whom they ought to give to?—That is my opinion; it is what has been rumoured about. I have not seen it, but it has been spoken of in the town.

10,811. No, I speak of what you have observed yourself?—It has been rumoured.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

10,812. I misunderstood you; you say the general rumour is, the pasture masters use their influence unfairly?—No; it is Walker's gift.

10,813. It is the patronage of the pasture masters you say is used unfairly?—Walker's gift is; it is rumoured about it is, but I have never seen it.

10,814. I took you down it was fairly done; unfairly you say?—Yes.

10,815. Did you ever vote for the pasture masters before 1857?—No, that was the time I took my freedom up. I never did before.

10,816. You must have taken your freedom up before '57, before Major Edwards came?—Yes.

10,817. Did you ever vote for the pasture masters before that time?—No.

10,818. Never?—No.

10,819. What time did you vote on the municipal election at the council choosing?—I believe I voted some time about 11 o'clock.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

10,820. Do you mean that the pasture masters favour people on account of their politics?—No, I do not mean the pasture masters. I mean in a general way Walker's gift.

10,821. The pasture masters had the control of Walker's gift?—Yes.

10,822. Did they favour Whigs or Tories?—I heard it rumoured about. I heard some say, I stood more in need than so-and-so, that is all about it.

10,823. Do you know of any case in which they favoured a person on account of his politics?—No.

10,824. You do not know of any case?—No.

The witness withdrew.

EIGHTH DAY.

A. Porrill.

1 Sept. 1869.

ABRAHAM PORRILL sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

10,825. What are you?—A labourer.

10,826. A freeman, or a householder?—A householder.

10,827. How long have you been a householder?—I have been a householder for 15 years, at Beverley.

10,828. How often have you voted for parliamentary elections?—Once.

10,829. How did you vote?—Liberal.

10,830. For Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

10,831. How did you vote at the council choosing?—Liberal.

10,832. What did you get?—A sovereign.

10,833. From whom?—Mr. Vickers.

10,834. What time in the day was that?—About 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

10,835. Had you voted at that time?—No.

10,836. Where were you paid?—In the square here.

10,837. In the street?—Yes, just in front of the Town Hall.

10,838. Not in a house?—No.

10,839. Was anyone with you?—No.

10,840. Only you and Vickers together. Were any people by when you were paid?—There were plenty of people about, but none particular with me.

10,841. Plenty of people could see you if they had liked?—Yes.

10,842. But no one was in your company in particular?—No.

10,843. Did Messrs. Maxwell and Trollope come and ask you for your vote?—Yes.

10,844. Who was with them at that time?—I believe Vickers and Alfred Crosskill and Thomas Duffill at that time, and several others. I could not say exactly.

10,845. Vickers and Crosskill?—I think he was to the best of my recollection.

10,846. Who else?—Thomas Duffill I believe.

10,847. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Canvassing with the Liberals?—Yes.

10,848. (*Mr. H. Barstow.*) What day was it that Maxwell and Trollope asked you for your vote?—I believe on the Saturday.

10,849. The council choosing was on the Monday?—Yes.

10,850. And on the Saturday following they asked you for your vote?—Yes.

10,851. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are you?—A labourer.

10,852. (*Mr. H. Barstow.*) I think my frieud means what do you work at?—A whitening mill.

10,853. Where did Messrs. Maxwell and Trollope ask you for your vote?—At my own home.

10,854. Who introduced them to you?—I cannot tell you.

10,855. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You saw Vickers there?—Yes.

10,856. And Vickers introduced them?—I suppose it was Vickers: I was in the house when they came.

10,857. (*Mr. H. Barstow.*) Did you inquire how the election was going on at the council choosing when you voted?—No, we were telled before we got down to town how it was going on; we were told coming down Westwood.

10,858. What was that you were told?—We were told us four this: a man came with a cab and offered for us to go with him and we would not go with him. He offered us 10*s.* a piece to go with him.

10,859. Who was the man?—There was me and William Bolton.

10,860. Who was the man who offered you 10*s.*?—Thomas Harris.

10,861. He offered you 10*s.* apiece to go with him?—Yes.

10,862. Who were the four?—Me, and William Bolton, and Robert Dukes, and William Topham.

10,863. Then you came into the town together?—No, Dukes did not come, but Topham, me, and Bolton came.

10,864. Did you all see Vickers?—No; I do not know whether Topham did or Bolton, I had left those two.

10,865. Do you know whether Bolton and Topham were paid?—Topham had not a vote when we came to town, no more had Dukes.

10,866. That leaves Bolton. Was Bolton paid?—Bolton went for t'other side.

10,867. You were going to say something was told you before you came to the town about the polling?—That was how the poll was going, there was 10*s.* a man offered.

10,868. Did Harris tell you that?—Yes, he did.

10,869. What did he tell you?—He said, come on, my lads; I will give 10*s.* a piece if you go down with me in this cab.

10,870. That does not say how the poll was going?—He said they were giving 10*s.* a man.

10,871. That is what you call the state of the poll?—Yes, they were giving 10*s.* a man.

10,872. He did not say how the election was going, which side was ahead?—No, he did not.

10,873. I thought that was it. What you meant by the poll then was, he told you the Conservatives were giving 10*s.* a man?—He did.

10,874. And you thought you could get more the other side?—I do not know; we had two others with us, and we thought we would come down ourselves and see whether there was anything more to be got.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

10,875. You got 1*l.*?—Yes.

10,876. Did you ever get 1*l.* before?—No.

10,877. At the time you got the 1*l.* was it not very well known that your vote was useless for the Liberals at the municipal election; it was known the vote was no good, that they could not come in?—I am sure I did not exactly know, I walked straight away from my work.

10,878. It was known, was it not?—It may have been in the town.

10,879. What time did you vote?—About 11 o'clock.

10,880. Then it was perfectly well known. Was it not after 11 you voted?—It may have been a few minutes, but if it was it was very little after.

10,881. Then according to all accounts that have been given it was all up with the Liberals at that time, and they knew it, and they gave you a 1*l.* You were a parliamentary voter for the first time this year?—Yes.

10,882. And Vickers came to you. Was that the first time you were canvassed for the Liberals when Vickers came with the candidate?—Do you mean for the municipal.

10,883. No, the parliamentary?—Yes.

10,884. That was the first occasion he came to you?—Yes.

10,885. Had you known him before?—Yes.

10,886. And he came to your house?—Maxwell and Trollope were with him.

10,887. Vickers came to your house?—He was with the members at the time.

10,888. Where do you live?—At the top of New Begin.

10,889. Do you recollect when he gave you the 1*l.*, whether anybody put your name down?—Not with him there was not.

10,890. He knew where you lived?—Yes.

10,891. Before you expect?—I do not know whether he did or not.

10,892. You knew him perfectly well?—We knew one another.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

10,893. Did you see Vickers between that time and the time he came with Maxwell and Trollope to your house?—No; I cannot call to my knowledge that I did; I do not know that I did at all.

10,894. Did he ever speak to you about the parliamentary election that was coming on?—No, he did not.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS GIRBOW sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

T. Girbow.

10,895. Are you a freeman?—No.

10,896. Have you a vote for the borough?—Yes.

10,897. How long have you had a vote for the borough?—The last time.

10,898. As an occupier?—Yes.

10,899. Have you had a vote for the town council?—Yes.

10,900. For how long?—10 or 11 years.

10,901. Which way did you vote for the parliamentary election?—Maxwell and Trollope.

10,902. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

10,903. Which way did you vote there?—Liberal.

10,904. Did you get anything for your vote?—*5s.*

10,905. Who gave it you?—Thomas Green.

10,906. Where did he give it you?—In the square.

10,907. At what o'clock was that?—About half-past 9.

10,908. Had you voted when he gave it you?—Yes.

10,909. Did anybody take you up to vote?—No; I ran up by myself.

10,910. Did you know you were to have the *5s.*?—No.

10,911. What made you go to Green?—Green stood alongside when I came out, and he asked me whether I had voted, and I said, Yes.

10,912. What then?—He said, here is *5s.* for you, I think the first you have had.

10,913. What were his words?—Here is *5s.* for you, and I think the first that you ever had.

10,914. What, had you never had money at town council choosing before?—It appears he did not know it, but I had had a little.

10,915. Were you afterwards canvassed for the borough election?—Yes.

10,916. Who came to canvass you?—Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Trollope, and Mr. Hind.

10,917. Did Green come that time?—No; nobody but their three selves.

10,918. When did you vote for Maxwell and Trollope; what time in the day was it?—I believe it was after dinner a little, I am not quite sure.

10,919. About 2 o'clock, somewhere like that?—Sometime after 12, but I cannot say when.

10,920. When did you come in the town that day?—I was in the town.

10,921. Were you walking about?—Yes.

10,922. What were you doing?—I was partly engaged in my own house; I had all to do myself, and I was cleaning and baking and such like; I have all to do for my family myself.

10,923. Did you look for any money?—No.

10,924. Did you inquire anywhere whether money was going?—Not a word.

10,925. Did you know money was not going?—I heard rumours merely that the Tories were giving money; I did not see it.

10,926. Who told you that?—Numbers of folks.

10,927. Tell us one?—I cannot; it was a general rumour all over the town; the mill was going on.

10,928. Money being given for the borough election?—Yes; it was said there was a mill opened in Clowes', the saddler's shop.

10,929. That there was a mill opened at Clowes'?—Yes, that was soon after 11.

10,930. Did you go to the mill?—No.

10,931. Do you know anybody who did?—I saw plenty, I cannot say who.

10,932. You know several who did?—I saw plenty go up there, hundreds of them.

10,933. Do you know anybody who went there to the mill?—No; I saw plenty that were drunk after, and I thought if possible they had been getting money; they were persons I think that would not be drunk without.

10,934. Do you know whether there was treating going on?—No, I do not; but they were persons of this sort, they would not spend their own money, I think.

10,935. Was any person's house open as far as you know?—Not purposely for that, not that I know of.

10,936. You say you saw these people who got drunk and you think not at their own expense?—Yes.

10,937. What is your ground for thinking that?—I have been in their company several times, and they were men that would not spend three halfpence themselves, but they were glad enough to take *6d.* from anyone else.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

10,938. Now, about these men who were seen by you; you have been in their company?—Yes.

10,939. You knew them perfectly well?—Yes.

10,940. Who are they?—I cannot say.

10,941. Come, now, who are they; you say you knew them perfectly well. I insist on your telling me who they are?—Not by name; I know them by sight. There are hundreds of people in whose company you are and you do not know their names.

10,942. You knew them so well that you know they would not spend three halfpence of their own money?—They would not. I have seen them so often and have been in their company.

10,943. You say you have seen them so often and been in their company, but you do not know their names?—Yes.

10,944. That is what you pledge your oath to?—Yes.

10,945. That is what you want us to believe?—Yes.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

10,946. I see you are a great Liberal?—Generally.

10,947. A staunch Liberal?—Generally; not always.

10,948. When did you vote for the Conservatives?—The year before last.

10,949. Then you are a convert: he is always the strongest. Now, attend; *5s.* was a low figure, was it not?—Yes, to what they were giving; some got *1l.* at least.

10,950. Some of the Liberals got a pound?—No; I never seed that.

10,951. No, we have not seen it; but it was so, was it not?—Yes. I heard one man say he had got a pound and I should be glad of it now; I could spend that in no time.

10,952. It was a man named Green gave it you?—Thomas Green.

10,953. Have you seen Green at all lately?—Several times.

10,954. I mean to talk to him?—Not a word.

10,955. Not lately?—No.

EIGHTH DAY.

T. Girbow.

1 Sept. 1869.

10,956. When did you know you were coming up here to-day?—Yesterday, at dinner time; I believe the policeman brought it to me.

10,957. You know Duffill, do you not?—Yes, well.

10,958. He is a staunch Liberal too?—I have known him all my life.

10,959. He is a staunch Liberal?—I believe he is.

10,960. I think you have seen him since?—I saw him when I was coming here this morning, in the square, just near the hall.

10,961. I mean by seeing him you had some little conversation with him?—I could see him and not talk to him.

10,962. Now, that is not a fair answer. Had you any conversation with him?—I never spoke to him, but I seed him.

10,963. But he spoke to you?—No, he did not.

10,964. Now, attend, you may be called up again; Mr. Duffill will be here?—Well, I cannot help that, I speak the truth.

10,965. Do you mean you had no conversation with Duffill?—Not a word.

10,966. Since you have been summoned?—No; he never see me or me him when coming here this morning, only agin the hall.

10,967. He was taking a note of all the men who were coming so we heard?—No; that I could not say, but no doubt he would see the biggest lot.

10,968. Well, you pledge your oath he had not spoken to you?—He had not.

10,969. Be careful, it may be a very serious thing. You say he had not spoken to you about the mode of giving your evidence?—No.

10,970. Now, I know you will tell me this; had you had any offer on either side?—Of money?

10,971. Yes?—At the municipal I had 15*s.* 6*d.*, when I was coming here with my note.

10,972. That was the same day; any other after?—No.

10,973. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you say you saw Duffill to-day or yesterday?—This morning.

10,974. Where?—Outside the hall.

10,975. You passed him?—Yes.

10,976. And do you mean to say you said nothing to him?—No.

10,977. Nor he to you?—Not a word.

10,978. You did not even bid him good morning?—Well, I do not know as to that, that is a general and customary thing.

The witness withdrew.

J. Chapman.

JAMES CHAPMAN sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

10,979. What are you?—A labourer.

10,980. What do you work at?—Why, I have been a porter at spirit merchants.

10,981. Are you a freeman?—No.

10,982. Have you a vote?—Yes; I had this last time.

10,983. Which way did you vote?—For Edwards and Kennard.

10,984. Have you a vote for the town council?—Yes.

10,985. How long have you had a vote for the town council?—12 or 14 years, I think.

10,986. Did you vote at the last election for town council?—Yes.

10,987. For whom did you vote?—The Liberals.

10,988. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

10,989. What was it?—15*s.*

10,990. Who gave it you?—Vickers.

10,991. Where did he give it you?—In the rooms where the papers were filled up, opposite the post office.

10,992. What, some sort of office?—Well it was where the papers were filled up; it is a private house I believe. I promised him the Saturday previous.

10,993. What did you promise him?—He asked me whether I would give him a lift on Monday, and I said Yes, I would.

10,994. Did he say anything about the parliamentary?—No.

10,995. Not a word?—No.

10,996. Are you sure of that?—Yes, I am sure of that.

10,997. Was anybody there who got money at the same time?—I did not see any; there was a room full of people.

10,998. That is rather contradictory; you did not see anyone you knew you mean?—I did not see anybody get any money but myself.

10,999. You were the only one who got anything from Vickers?—Yes, the time I was present.

11,000. After that were you canvassed by the candidates?—I was by the Liberals.

11,001. The Liberals came to you?—Yes, in the street.

11,002. What, the candidates themselves?—Yes, I met them in the street.

11,003. What did you say?—Well, I did not promise them.

11,004. How was that, if I may ask?—Well, I had made up my mind to vote for Major Edwards.

11,005. What time in the day did you vote for Major Edwards?—About dinner time.

11,006. Before or after?—Before dinner, about half-past 12 I believe.

11,007. Were you about the market place before voting long?—No, I came from my work at dinner time.

11,008. At dinner time?— Yes, 12 o'clock; I left my work and I had to be back at 1 or a little after.

11,009. How long did you say you had a vote for council choosing?—For 12 or 14 years, I cannot say exactly to a year.

11,010. Had you got anything for your vote before?—Never but once.

11,011. What did you get?—6*s.* 6*d.*

11,012. Do you remember when that was?—Well, I cannot, I am sure.

11013. You know that was a large sum of money to get for council choosing?—Well, I did not expect a halfpenny.

11,014. You did not expect it before or after?—No.

11,015. Vickers had not asked you to come and vote?—Yes, he had; but he never mentioned any money.

11,016. Did not you know there was money?—No, I came for 5*s.* worth of stamps for my employer, and Vickers saw me with them in my hand.

11,017. The council choosings before this had you generally voted for the Liberals, or the other way?—Mostly for the Liberals.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

11,018. Were you canvassed by Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Trollope?—Yes.

11,019. Where was that?—In the street, near to Well Lane End.

11,020. What day?—I am sure I cannot say what day I met them in the street.

11,021. Who were with them?—Mr. Boyes, I believe, and Mr. Vickers I believe was the other.

11,022. Vickers was the man who paid you at the municipal election?—Yes.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

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J. Chapman.

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11,023. I want to know about the major; you voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

11,024. You said you had made up your mind to vote for the major?—Yes.

11,025. You did not say anything about Mr. Kennard; what made you make up your mind to vote for him?—Why, I do not know; I always thought I would if ever I voted, and I would again if he came again if I had the chance.

11,026. You mean for Mr. Kennard?—No, for Major Edwards; I do not know about Mr. Kennard.

11,027. Why did you vote for Mr. Kennard?—I thought I might as well go for them both.

11,028. Who is your master; have not we heard of your master in this inquiry, Mr. Johnson, is not it. Who do you work for?—Mr. Watson.

11,029. Now; but who were you working for at the time of the election?—For Mr. Johnson.

11,030. He was an active supporter of the major's, was he not?—No, I think not; not an active supporter.

11,031. He was a supporter?—I think he voted for him, but I do not know; indeed they all did about the place.

11,032. I suppose he canvassed you; very naturally he would; I do not say anything about that. Did he ask you to vote with him?—No, I never saw the two Conservative candidates at all.

11,033. But your master, Mr. Johnson?—No.

11,034. He did not?—No, he had nothing to do with me; he never asked me; he never said a word to me.

The witness withdrew.

Robinson Crossby sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

R. Crossby.

11,035. Are you a freeman?—No, I am not.

11,036. You are an occupier?—Yes.

11,037. I suppose you became a voter last year for the parliamentary?—I did.

11,038. How long had you been a voter for the town council?—I believe something like four or five years.

11,039. Had you voted at many council choosings before the last year?—Three or four.

11,040. How did you vote?—I voted Liberal.

11,041. And I suppose you were paid for some of them?—I have been paid 1*s.* up to 1*l.*

11,042. Never mind the 1*l.*; I mean up to the last time you were paid 1*s.* and 2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.*, were you?—No, never 5*s.*, only 1*s.*, 2*s.* 6*d.*, and 1*l.*

11,043. Never mind the 1*l.*; you were paid only 1*s.* and 2*s.* 6*d.* before the last time?—Yes.

11,044. And the last time how did you vote for the parliamentary?—Maxwell and Trollope.

11,045. I daresay you voted early?—Something like 10 o'clock.

11,046. You were a staunch supporter of them?—Yes, and I am now.

11,047. How did you vote at the municipal election?—For the Liberals.

11,048. You were a staunch supporter of the Liberals?—Yes.

11,049. Was it on that occasion you got 1*l.* on the Monday, when you voted for the town council?—Yes, I got the 1*l.* on the Monday.

11,050. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Vickers.

11,051. How soon after that were you canvassed for Maxwell and Trollope. Did they come to you. I ask you as a free and independent voter, did they come to you to give them your support?—When I was canvassed for the parliamentary by Maxwell and Trollope it would be the Saturday before the election.

11,052. Yes, and I suppose they were introduced by other gentlemen?—Yes.

11,053. I suppose Mr. Vickers was with them?—Yes, and Mr. Boyes likewise.

11,054. Did he introduce you to them?—I cannot say whether he did or not.

11,055. He introduced you and said, did he not, "Mr. Crossby, a voter"?—I cannot say.

11,056. But at that time, in fact, before they canvassed you you had made up your mind to vote for them?—I had long made up my mind to vote for them.

11,057. In fact when you got the 1*l.* on the Monday you were fully determined?—I intended to vote for the Liberals.

11,058. When you got 1*l.*?—I was a messenger.

11,059. I understand you now. And were you not to be messenger for both events?—No.

11,060. Something was said about both events. Mr. Vickers said he knew you were a staunch supporter?—They never axed me about any voting.

11,061. Had you voted; what time was it?—Something like 8 or 9 o'clock for the municipal.

11,062. They were not giving 1*l.* for that. You could not have done much running at that time?—No.

11,063. Who first spoke to you about voting?—There was no one came to me about voting. I was to appear that morning about 8 o'clock.

11,064. Who told you to appear?—Mr. Vickers told me to appear.

11,065. When did he tell you that?—Saturday night before.

11,066. He met you on the Saturday night before, and told you to appear at 8 o'clock?—Yes.

11,067. Appear; where were you to appear?—At a place where they filled up the voting papers.

11,068. You were to make your appearance at 8 o'clock in the morning?—Yes.

11,069. And of course you then expected that your appearance would produce something?—Why I expected something.

11,070. You did not go running that morning, did you, or carrying messages that morning?—Yes.

11,071. How long?—Up to dinner time, or nearly so, I cannot say exactly.

11,072. Do you mean to say you carried out voting papers up to dinner time?—Not voting papers, slips.

11,073. Was it not perfectly well known at 10 o'clock that it was all up with the Liberals?—I cannot say to an hour.

11,074. You being a messenger carrying slips about, was it not known that you were all beaten hollow about 10 o'clock?—I do not know I am sure, I have forgotten.

11,075. You know very well that 1*l.* was a kind of retainer for both events. What I mean is, what did you do for the 1*l.*?—I expect I was a messenger for it.

11,076. That is what you expect?—I expect so; I was engaged for it.

11,077. Then it was not given you for voting, either at the municipal or parliamentary?—I never heard a word; it is the first time I ever heard of it about the parliamentary.

11,078. Were you engaged as a messenger?—Yes.

11,079. There was money known as messenger money?—I do not know that there was.

The witness withdrew.

EIGHTH DAY.

J. Kelty.

1 Sept. 1869.

JOHN KELTY sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

11,080. What are you?—A labourer.

11,081. What do you work at?—I have nothing permanent; I go among farmers occasionally; I was taken away last night; I was obliged to appear here.

11,082. Are you a householder?—Yes.

11,083. How long have you been a householder?—Two years.

11,084. For whom did you vote at council choosing? For the Liberals.

11,085. What did you get?—15*s.*

11,086. At what time in the day?—At or about 10.

11,087. From whom?—John Vickers; but let it be understood I never asked for it.

11,088. Where were you paid; just out here I suppose?—Just outside next to Mr. Swailes's, the seed shop, it was an unoccupied house.

11,089. In what street do you call it?—It will be in the square.

11,090. Opposite this door?—Yes, right opposite.

11,091. A sort of committee room?—Yes.

11,092. Whom did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—I voted also for the Liberals.

11,093. Maxwell and Trollope?—Maxwell and Trollope.

11,094. Did they come to you to ask you for your vote?—No, sir; I was standing by the corn exchange and they came up and asked me, and Mr. Vickers was the man that introduced the gentlemen to me.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

11,095. How soon after you got the 15*s.* of him were you introduced. What day were you introduced by Mr. Vickers to Mr. Maxwell?—On the Saturday after the municipal.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

11,096. Did you see Vickers about this 15*s.* the time when you say he introduced you?—Never; we never had any conversation whatever. I got the money and I did not know what for.

11,097. Do you mean to say you got 15*s.* without making any inquiry?—I do, sir; I am on my oath.

11,098. Did you ever in your life get 15*s.* before without asking first what it was for, because I never did?—No.

11,099. What did you think?—It struck me forcibly for my having a vote, and I exercised it as I thought was right.

11,100. Do you think it had anything to do with the parliamentary election?—I do not suppose it had. I do not suppose it had the slightest.

11,101. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We are to judge of that.

The witness withdrew.

W. Foster.

WILLIAM FOSTER sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

11,102. What are you?—A labourer.

11,103. Are you a freeman?—No.

11,104. Have you a vote for the borough?—I had this last borough election.

11,105. Have you got a vote for town council?—Yes.

11,106. How long have you had a vote for town council?—Better than 20 years.

11,107. Did you vote the last council choosing?—Yes.

11,108. For whom did you vote?—For the Liberals.

11,109. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

11,110. How much?—15*s.*

11,111. Who gave it you?—Mr. Vickers.

11,112. When was that?—On the Monday.

11,113. Was it after you had voted?—Yes, after.

11,114. Had you expected anything before you voted?—I did expect money, but I did not know what amount.

11,115. Why did you expect it?—Because I heard it reported in the town that they were giving something.

11,116. Who were giving something?—Both the Liberals and the Conservatives.

11,117. Did you go to Vickers and ask for it, or how?—No.

11,118. How was it done?—I had my voting papers sent to my house. The Liberal papers were not filled up, and the Conservatives were filled up. I filled my own up for the Liberals, and I came and voted for the Liberals, and after I left the room I was met, I cannot say who it was with, but they asked if I had voted. Mr. Vickers stood there and said, "Have you voted?" and I said "Yes, sir;" and he said, "Come this way," and I went with him, and he gave me 15*s.* in my hand.

11,119. In the street or in a shop?—It was in the office there in the square.

11,120. After that you voted at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

11,121. Which way did you vote then?—For the Liberals.

11,122. Were you canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

11,123. Who canvassed you?—Maxwell and Trollope.

11,124. Did Vickers come with them?—I did not see him with them on that day; I did not see Mr. Vickers with Maxwell and Trollope the time they were canvassing me.

11,125. Did you see him any other day?—Yes, nearly every day they were canvassing.

11,126. What did he say to you?—He never mentioned anything to me about Maxwell and Trollope.

11,127. Did you see Vickers with them?—Yes.

11,128. Every day they were canvassing?—Yes.

11,129. But he never came to you?—He never came to me.

11,130. Were you canvassed by the Conservatives?—No.

11,131. When Maxwell and Trollope canvassed you who was with them?—Mr. Alfred Crosskill.

11,132. Have you voted for town councillors before?—Yes.

11,133. Often?—Yes.

11,134. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes, I have got from 5*s.* down to 2*s.* and 2*s.* 6*d.*, and so on.

11,135. What was this 15*s.* for?—I cannot say.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

11,136. Did you tell my friend on what day Maxwell and Trollope canvassed you?—On the Saturday.

11,137. Whereabouts were they canvassing?—Against the corn exchange in the market.

11,138. Where do you work?—At the Iron and Waggon Company.

11,139. Which Iron and Waggon Company, the limited?—Yes.

11,140. What they call the Old Foundry?—What they call the Old Foundry.

11,141. Do you work there now?—Yes.

11,142. And at that time did you work there also?—Yes; I have worked there for about 20 years.

The witness withdrew.

EIGHTH DAY.

J. Goldwell.

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JEREMIAH GOLDWELL sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

11,143. Are you a freeman?—No, sir, only this last time.

11,144. You only voted for the parliamentary the first time last year?—Yes.

11,145. Have you been a voter for the town council?—I should think near upon 30 years; 29 or 30 years.

11,146. Have you often voted for the town council?—Yes.

11,147. About how often do you say?—Sometimes I have voted and sometimes I have been away at the time.

11,148. About how often. About how many times do you think. Did you vote more than a dozen?—I should think about a dozen.

11,149. And have you been paid at the times you voted?—I have at times, and sometimes I have not.

11,150. What have you got?—As low as 2*s.* and 2*s.* 6*d.*, and as high as 5*s.* or 6*s.* at times.

11,151. Now at the last time you became a much more important person, because you became a parliamentary voter. What did you get the last time?—1*l.*

11,152. Who paid you the 1*l.*?—Mr. Vickers.

11,153. Did Vickers ever pay you before for a municipal election?—I do not recollect that he ever gave me anything except this 1*l.*

11,154. Where did he pay you the pound?—In a little house in the square.

11,155. Had he spoken to you before you voted?—Yes.

11,156. The Saturday, or when?—I believe I saw him on Friday before the municipal election. I was going up Walker Gate, and he came out of his house and he shouted "Ay!" and I met him and he said, "Have you anything to do for to-morrow?" I said "No." He said, "I can give you a job if you like," and I said, "What is it to do?" He said, "To deliver a few circulars." Of course I am no scholar, but I thought I would have it, I might get somebody who was to go with me.

11,157. Yes, I understand. I have known cases where messengers have been lame, and people who could not read or write have delivered them. Did you come on the Saturday?—Yes, I was to come in the square and get these circulars to deliver out.

11,158. About how many did you deliver?—I am sure I could not say.

11,159. I mean about how many did you deliver?—I could not say how many I delivered, but the man who I had with me that read them to me; of course I went and delivered them.

11,160. Did you pay him?—No; I did not.

11,161. Did Mr. Vickers pay him?—I cannot say who paid him; I did not.

11,162. How long were you employed; that day?—Perhaps it would be 3 o'clock when I got home.

11,163. Were you employed half an hour?—Yes; five or six hours, perhaps.

11,164. Then you got some refreshment?—No, we did not.

11,165. You and your friend?—No, not a mouthfull or a drink of anything till I went home and got something to eat for myself.

11,166. When did you get the 1*l.*?—On the municipal election day.

11,167. After you voted?—Yes.

11,168. What time did you vote?—I believe it would be early, about 9 o'clock.

11,169. You were canvassed by Trollope and Maxwell?—Yes, I believe they did.

11,170. What day was that?—It would be on the Saturday, near to the "Globe."

11,171. The "Globe" is a Liberal house?—In the market place.

11,172. I suppose you saw Mr. Vickers?—Mr. Vickers was there.

11,173. While they were canvassing you he introduced you?—Yes, I believed it was Mr. Vickers that introduced Mr. Trollope to me. Mr. Maxwell never spoke, I believe, and Mr. Trollope did do so.

11,174. Nothing was said then about the 1*l.*?—I did not hear anything.

11,175. You took no papers out on the municipal election day. What were you, a messenger?—No, I did nothing but take circulars out on Saturday.

11,176. You did nothing on the Monday at all, except voting?—No.

11,177. Was there no beer or anything going?—I never seed a mouthfull of nothing.

11,178. On either occasion, the parliamentary or the other?—No.

The witness withdrew.

S. Holtby.

STEPHEN HOLTBY sworn; examined by Mr. Barstow.

11,179. What are you?—A labourer.

11,180. Are you a householder?—Yes.

11,181. Not a freeman?—No.

11,182. For whom did you vote at the last council choosing?—The Liberals.

11,183. What were you paid?—15*s.*

11,184. Who by?—Mr. Vickers.

11,185. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—The Liberals.

11,186. Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

11,187. Did they canvass you for your vote?—Yes.

11,188. Who was with them when they canvassed you?—Mr. Crosskill, I believe.

11,189. Anyone else?—I think Thomas Duffill.

11,190. Was Vickers there?—Yes, I believe he was.

11,191. Did he introduce you to them?—Yes, I believe he did.

11,192. Where did they canvass you?—At my own house.

11,193. Do you remember the day?—I believe it was on a Saturday following the council choosing.

11,194. That would be the 7th of November. Where do you work?—At the Old Foundry.

11,195. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You worked there then and you work there now?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Duffill.

JAMES DUFFILL sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

11,196. What are you?—A labourer.

11,197. Where do you work at?—At the Old Foundry.

11,198. Are you a householder or freeman?—A freeman and a householder.

11,199. How long have you been a freeman?—I took it up three years since.

11,200. What did you pay?—12*s.* I believe.

11,201. Did you pay that out of your own pocket?—Yes.

11,202. Nobody helped you to pay it?—No.

11,203. Did you vote at the last election for town council?—Yes.

11,204. Which side?—Orange.

11,205. That is the Liberal?—Yes.

11,206. Did you get anything for your vote?—12*s.*

11,207. Who gave it you?—John Dales.

11,208. Who is he?—He is a shopkeeper in Norwood.

11,209. What shop?—He keeps a grocer's shop.

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11,210. When did he give you the 12*s.*?—The day I voted.

11,211. Was it after?—Yes, just after.

11,212. Where did he give you it?—In an office in the square, in a building just across a yard.

11,213. Was it in a shop that we have heard of just now; was it in a sort of a committee room?—Yes.

11,214. Did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

11,215. Which way did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

11,216. Were you canvassed by the other side?—Yes.

11,217. Who canvassed you? Did Maxwell and Trollope canvass you?—Yes, they were both together.

11,218. Did no one come with them?—Yes; there were two or three, but I cannot say who they were.

11,219. Was this man Dales; was he one that was with them?—I cannot say whether he was or not.

11,220. Was Vickers with them?—Yes, Vickers was.

11,221. What time in the day did you give your vote for Edwards and Kennard?—About half-past 2 in the afternoon.

11,222. Were you about the town in the morning?—Yes, I was in town a bit.

11,223. Where the polling was going on?—Yes.

11,224. Did you go anywhere to look after money?—No.

11,225. Did you not go to inquire for money?—No, I did not.

11,226. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did anybody on that afternoon speak to you?—No.

11,227. How many persons are there employed there?—About 300 or 400.

11,228. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How long have you been a freeman?—Three years.

11,229. Then you did not vote for the election in 1865; this is the first time you voted?—Yes.

11,230. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who is over you? I am asking you for my own information. You work at the foundry?—Yes.

11,231. Who is over you?—Richard Norfolk.

11,232. That is not what I mean, he is over all the men; there is another man who is the foreman of your work?—John Gorwood.

11,233. Had he spoken to you?—No.

11,234. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where did Maxwell and Trollope ask you for your vote?—At my own house.

11,235. Do you remember as a fact whether Dales was there or not?—I cannot say whether he was.

11,236. You do not remember?—No.

11,237. Did you ever see them canvassing except that time?—No, I did not.

The witness withdrew.

T. Wilson.

THOMAS WILSON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

11,238. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

11,239. How long have you been a freeman?—About four years.

11,240. Are you a freeman by servitude or birth?—Servitude.

11,241. With whom did you serve your apprenticeship?—With my uncle.

11,242. What is his name?—William Watson.

11,243. And I suppose he was present with you when you took up your freedom?—Yes.

11,244. And how often have you voted? You took it up about three years ago; did you vote more than once at the parliamentary election?—No.

11,245. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary?—Edwards and Kennard.

11,246. Had you voted at the election immediately before it?—Yes.

11,247. For whom did you vote then?—For the Liberals.

11,248. Did you get anything?—Yes.

11,249. How much?—10*s.*

11,250. From whom?—From Mr. Wallis, shoemaker.

11,251. Did he tell you there were 10*s.* going on his side?—No.

11,252. What did he tell you?—He asked me if I would vote for him.

11,253. Did he say how much was going?—He said he would give me 10*s.* if I voted.

11,254. You had not seen the other side?—No.

11,255. What time did you vote, about what time?—Half-past 9.

11,256. Tell me how came you not to vote for the Liberals having received 10*s.* from them. How came you not to vote for them at the parliamentary?—It made no difference to vote at the parliamentary receiving the 10*s.*

11,257. You thought it did not?—Yes.

11,258. Were you not canvassed by them?—No.

11,259. They did not canvass you at all?—No.

11,260. Did they put down your name?—No.

11,261. Did anyone canvass you on the part of Edwards and Kennard?—No.

11,262. Nobody?—No.

11,263. Do you remember when you and your uncle went about your freedom, did you see Mr. Wreghitt?—No.

11,264. Do you know him?—Yes, by sight.

11,265. Come, come! you know him much more than by sight?—No, I do not; I never spoke to him in my life.

11,266. Do you know Mr. Wilberforce Herdsman?—Yes.

11,267. Do you remember his speaking to you about taking up your freedom?—Yes.

11,268. And his saying he could get you money to take it up?—He said he would try.

11,269. Your uncle used to support the major?—Yes.

11,270. And did he not tell you would be also expected to support the major?—No.

11,271. I do not mean those very words, but to that effect?—No.

11,272. Any words to that effect?—No.

11,273. Now attend. What did he say to you?—He said nothing about voting for anyone.

11,274. What did he say to you; you know that he was in the employ of Mr. Wreghitt?—No, he was not.

11,275. You know that Herdsman was in the employ of Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes.

11,276. That is what I mean?—I thought you meant Mr. Watson.

11,277. You knew he was in the employ?—No, but I knew he belonged to the crimson party.

11,278. He used to be acting for him?—Yes.

11,279. That is what I mean; doing their jobs, and he spoke to you. Did he get you the money?—No.

11,280. Who supplied the money?—My uncle.

11,281. He is dead, is he?—Yes.

11,282. Did your uncle give you the money?—Yes.

11,283. When did he give you the money?—The same morning I took up my freedom.

11,284. How long after Wilberforce Herdsman spoke to you?—I cannot say, it might be six months. I could not say to six months or to three months.

11,285. It might be three or four days?—No, it was three or four months; six months perhaps.

11,286. Did you ever pay back the money to your uncle?—No.

11,287. Then your uncle gave you 2*l.* 10*s.* To whom did you go?—I paid it here to the magistrates.

11,288. Did anybody else speak to you besides

Wilberforce Herdsman about taking up your freedom?—No.

11,289. How old were you?—About 24.

11,290. Your uncle gave you the 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

11,291. And you never paid him back?—No.

11,292. Did you continue to work for him after?—Yes.

11,293. And continued up to his death?—Yes.

11,294. When Wilberforce Herdsman spoke to you about taking up your freedom, did you tell him you should like to do it if you had the money?—Yes.

11,295. Tell me, did you vote after that for the town council?—Yes.

11,296. For whom did you vote the first time, after you got your freedom?—This was the first, the last time I voted.

11,297. But did you not vote at the council choosing before?—No, I do not remember.

11,298. Did you not vote in 1867 at the council choosing?—No, I was working out of the town at that time.

11,299. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you give anything to Herdsman?—No.

11,300. Not in the shape of drink, or anything of that sort?—No, I do not think that ever I did.

11,301. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know where your uncle got the money from?—No sir, I do not. He told me he got it out of his own pocket.

The witness withdrew.

Michael Pearson sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

11,302. What are you?—A brush maker.

11,303. A freeman?—No.

11,304. How long have you been a householder?—About 14 or 15 years.

11,305. How did you vote at the last council choosing?—I voted for the Liberals.

11,306. Did you get anything?—10*s.*

11,307. Who did you get that from?—Mr. Bird.

11,308. Where did he pay you?—In the Town Hall here.

11,309. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In this place here, in the house itself?—Yes.

11,310. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Maxwell and Trollope.

11,311. Did they ask you for your vote?—No.

11,312. Never?—No.

11,313. Maxwell and Trollope did not ask you for your vote at all?—No.

11,314. Did any one in their behalf?—I am sure I do not know; I was perhaps out.

11,315. Nobody asked you to vote at all?—I met Daniel Boyes in the street, and I told him to set my name down for Maxwell and Trollope.

11,316. And that is all?—Yes.

11,317. Were you offered any money on the other side?—At the council choosing?

11,318. Yes?—I could have got 1*l.* of Skinn, but I told them that I should vote for the Liberals. A man told me that Skinn had offered him a sovereign, and he said should I like to have one, and I said No.

11,319. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What is his name?—James Greenhough.

11,320. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was that in the hearing of Skinn that Greenhough said this?—He was about three yards off.

11,321. How far off were you from Skinn?—About two or three yards off.

11,322. Greenhough said that Skinn would give you a sovereign?—Yes, he came up to me and he said that Skinn had offered him a sovereign and he asked me what did I think and I said I would not have it.

11,323. Did he say that in an ordinary tone of voice?—Yes.

11,324. Some time after that were you in a place called the "Bee Hive" public-house?—Not that I know of.

11,325. Do you know a man of the name of Straker?—Yes.

11,326. He keeps the "Bee Hive"?—Yes.

11,327. Do you remember being at his house at the time of council choosing?—Not that I know of.

11,328. Have you never said so?—I cannot say I am sure.

11,329. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What time did you vote?—Between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning for the borough, and for the council about 10 or rather after.

11,330. Are Boyes and Bird friends. Have you ever been in their company?—No.

11,331. Did you ever see them together?—I may have seen them together in the street.

11,332. I mean in company about the time of the election?—No, I never seed them at all.

11,333. They were both very active persons?—I never seed them at all.

The witness withdrew.

John Gleadhill sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

11,334. Are you a freeman?—No.

11,335. Are you an occupier?—Yes.

11,336. How long have you had a vote?—About nine or 10 years.

11,337. For the council?—Yes.

11,338. Where do you live?—West Wood Road.

11,339. What are you?—A tailor.

11,340. You had a vote for town council for eight or nine years?—Yes.

11,341. How long have you had a vote for the borough?—This last was the first time.

11,342. Did you vote?—Yes.

11,343. For whom?—Edwards and Kennard.

11,344. Did you vote for the council?—Yes.

11,345. Which way?—For the Conservatives.

11,346. Did you get anything for your vote?—15*s.*

11,347. From whom?—Thomas Harris.

11,348. Have you voted for council choosing before?—Yes.

11,344. More than once?—Several times.

11,350. What have you got for your vote then?—Sometimes 2*s.* 6*d.* and 6*s.* 6*d.*

11,351. This was the first time you got so much?—Yes.

11,352. What was the 15*s.* for?—I do not know; perhaps it meant my allowance.

11,353. Had it anything to do with the parliamentary election?—Not that I know of.

11,354. What do you think?—I do not think it had, there never was anything of the kind mentioned.

11,355. Will you swear it had nothing to do in your own mind with your voting for the parliamentary?—Yes.

11,356. That you will swear?—Yes, there never was such a thing mentioned.

11,357. I know it was not mentioned, but did you not think that they expected you to vote for them at the parliamentary election?—No I did not think of anything of the kind.

11,358. Have you always voted for Conservatives for the council?—No.

11,359. You sometimes voted the other way?—I have voted twice, I believe, for the orange party.

11,360. Did you get anything for your vote?—I got 6*s.* 6*d.* the first time, and 2*s.* 6d. the other time.

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J. Gleadhill.

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Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

11,361. Did Edwards and Kennard canvass you?—Yes.

11,362. Where was that?—At my own house.

11,363. Do you remember what day?—I cannot say what day.

11,364. Whom did you see with them?—Mr. Cussons and Mr. Richmond.

11,365. Was Thomas Harris with them?—No, I never saw him.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

11,366. Are you sure Harris was not with them?—No, I never saw them canvassing, only when they came to my house, and Cussons and Richmond was with them.

11,367. Did you ever see Harris?—No, Harris never came.

11,368. Harris never came?—No.

11,369. Not to your house?—No, I never saw him with them.

The witness withdrew.

W. Grassby.

William Grassby called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

11,370. What are you?—A stoker.

11,371. Are you a freeman?—No.

11,372. How long have you been a householder?—About 12 years.

11,373. For whom did you vote at the last council choosing?—Nobody.

11,374. Did you not get anything?—No.

11,375. Did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

11,376. Which way?—Edwards and Kennard.

11,377. Did you get anything?—No.

11,378. Where do you work?—At the gasworks.

11,379. How comes it that you did not vote at the council choosing?—My employment will not let me out always.

11,380. You were not out that day?—Only to get my victuals.

11,381. Had you been asked for your vote?—No.

11,382. You voted before?—No.

11,383. Did you get any money before?—Well, I have got a little at times.

11,384. Generally, I suppose?—No, not generally.

11,385. How often have you got money?—Twice.

11,386. At the municipal election?—Yes.

11,387. You have never voted at a parliamentary election before?—No.

11,388. What time did you vote for Edwards and Kennard?—A quarter to 2, or half-past 1.

11,389. Were you looking for anything then?—No, I had no time to do that.

11,390. Then did you come from the gasworks at 2 o'clock to vote?—I came from my dinner.

11,391. You went into the town after your dinner?—Yes.

11,392. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Who employs you at the gasworks?—The corporation.

11,393. Are there many voters employed there?—I believe there is half a dozen, or something like that.

11,394. Do you know which side they generally vote?—No, I cannot say.

The witness withdrew.

J. Hutton.

James Hutton called and sworn, and examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

11,395. What are you?—A shoemaker.

11,396. Have you got a vote?—Yes.

11,397. As occupier or freeman?—Freeman.

11,398. How long have you been a freeman?—Four years.

11,399. How did you take up your freedom?—I got the money of Mr. Wreghitt.

11,400. How much was it?—10*s*.

11,401. What did he give it you for?—To take up my freedom.

11,402. But why did he give you the money? What do you understand he gave you the money for? What do you understand was his reason for giving you the money?—Why, to support their party.

11,403. He gave you to understand that?—Yes.

11,404. When was this, three or four years ago?—Three or four years ago, somewhere about that.

11,405. Was it before Keane's election?—Yes.

11,406. Did you vote at Keane's election?—No, I was too late.

11,407. Have you voted at the town council several times?—No, only once.

11,408. This last time?—Yes.

11,409. Which way did you vote?—For the Liberals.

11,410. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

11,411. What?—10*s*.

11,412. Who gave it to you?—Tom Wallis.

11,413. Where did he give it to you?—At Well Lane.

11,414. Was that after you voted?—No, before.

11,415. Before you voted he gave you the 10*s*.?—Yes.

11,416. And said you were to go and vote for them?—Yes, I went with him to vote.

11,417. Did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

11,418. Which way did you vote?—For the Liberals.

11,419. Do I understand that you never voted for council choosing except this last time?—No, I have not.

11,420. Have you ever voted for any of the other offices in the town—the pasture masters?—Yes.

11,421. Have you ever got anything for your vote there?—No.

11,422. Did you vote then Liberal or Conservative?—Liberal.

11,423. Then you have never, in fact, supported the Conservative party?—No.

11,424. Though Wreghitt gave you that money?—No.

11,425. You say Thomas Wallis gave you 10*s*. for your vote; did you see him afterwards?—Yes.

11,426. When?—I see him every day.

11,427. Every day after that?—Yes.

11,428. Did you see him going about with Maxwell and Trollope?—No.

11,429. Did Maxwell and Trollope, or either of them, come and canvass you?—Yes.

11,430. Who was with them?—Daniel Boyes.

11,431. Anybody else?—Mr. Crosskill.

11,432. Did Wallis take any part in their election for the borough?—No, he turned for the borough.

11,433-4. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is "turned for the borough"? He voted for Edwards and Kennard.

11,435. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where did Wallis get the 10*s*. from?—I do not know.

11,436. Where did he give it to you?—He gave it to me in Well Lane.

11,437. Out of doors?—Yes, out of doors.

11,438. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you see Wreghitt himself about this money?—Yes.

11,439. Where did you see him?—I first saw him in North Bar Street.

11,440. His house is in North Bar Street?—Yes, but I saw him a bit away off his house.

11,441. Did he speak to you first, or did you speak to him?—I spoke to him first.

11,442. What did you say to him?—I told him I came for my money to take my freedom up.

11,443. What did he say?—He said I was to turn back with him to his shop. And I went back with him and he gave it to me.

11,444. Is that all that passed?—He said he expected me to support their party.

11,445. Where was that?—In the shop.

11,446. When?—When he gave me the money.

11,447. When he gave the money into your hand he said that to you?—Yes; Mr. Thomas Botterill spoke to him for me.

11,448. Have you seen Wallis since the parliamentary election about this?—Yes.

11,449. Have you spoken to him at all about this?—No.

11,450. Have you spoken to anyone about this?—No.

11,451. You have kept quite silent, not said a word about it?—I have not said a word about it.

11,452. You have not mentioned the story you have told us to-day since the 2d of November?—No.

11,453. Have you never spoken to Green about it?—What Green?

11,454. Thomas Green?—I do not know Thomas Green.

11,455. Do you know a man named Duffill?—Yes.

11,456. Have you seen him?—Yes.

11,457. Have you spoken to him?—Yes.

11,458. When?—Down the street, as soon as I saw him.

11,459. Lately?—Yes; I was speaking to him this dinner time.

11,460. Have you spoken to him on this subject?—No.

11,461. Quite sure?—Yes; we were talking about pigs and lambs.

11,462. Duffill has been here to-day?—Yes, I believe he has.

11,463. And you were summoned as a witness to-day?—No, I believe it was on Monday.

11,464. Did nothing pass between you as to what was going on here?—No.

11,465. Have you seen Mr. Hind about this?—No.

11,466. Never spoken to him about it?—No.

11,467. Nor to anyone at his office?—No.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Richard Norfolk called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

Mr. R. Norfolk.

11,468. Are you a voter of the borough?—I am.

11,469. How long have you been a voter?—Probably about 18 months. I do not know.

11,470. You had better think before you answer; I tell you so at once?—I was eligible in November last.

11,471. I tell you at once you had better think what you are about. I ask you, how long have you been a voter for the parliamentary borough?—I was never in a position to vote before the 1st of last November.

11,472. And how long have you been a voter for the town council?—The same time.

11,473. Then you became qualified to vote for the town council and for the parliamentary borough on the 1st of November last?—Yes.

11,474. That was the new registration?—Yes.

11,475. How long have you been residing in the borough?—I have been a householder four years.

11,476. In what capacity did you come here, Mr. Norfolk?—As managing director of the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company.

11,477. You had not been residing here before you came as manager?—No.

11,478. Had you known Mr. Edwards before you came to reside here?—I had.

11,479. How long had you known Mr. Edwards?—Probably eight months.

11,480. Before you came to reside here?—Yes.

11,481. Had you known that he was a member for the borough of Beverley?—No.

11,482. I beg of you to attend?—I am attending.

11,483. Now, do you mean to tell me that, knowing Mr. Edwards eight months before you came here, you did not know he was a member for Beverley?—I knew he was a member for Beverley the first time I saw him, which would be eight months before I came to reside here.

11,484. That is exactly what I asked you. I asked you, and I would beg of you to be cautious, for every question I put has a meaning. I asked you whether you knew he was a member for Beverley before you came to reside here, and you told me you did not?—Yes.

11,485. And now you tell me you did know it?—I did not understand you correctly.

11,486. Attend to the questions. In what capacity or business was he when you knew him for eight months before you came to reside here?—I came over to Beverley at the formation of the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company, and I met him there as chairman for the first time. I never saw him in my life before.

11,487. What interest had you to come over in the formation of the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company?—The old business of the proprietors was bought up by a number of agents, principally in Manchester, and they asked me to come over and help them to form a company, and I came.

11,488. Who are they; who asked you to come?—Messrs. Fitzgerald and Company.

11,489. Had you any connexion in business with these men, Messrs. Fitzgerald and Company?—Oh, yes.

11,490. Where were you living at the time?—I resided in the township of Bootle at the time, and had business in Manchester, and was acquainted with them.

11,491. What business had you in Manchester?—I was an embroiderer by patent machinery in Manchester, and I was a timber merchant in Liverpool.

11,492. I was inquiring what you were when you came over to Beverley; what business had you then going on?—I was a timber merchant and an embroiderer.

11,493. Did you part with those businesses when you came over here?—Afterwards.

11,494. When did you part with your business as a timber merchant?—I could not say; probably half a year afterwards.

11,495. Now attend. You can say when you parted with your business as a timber merchant?—I cannot.

11,496. Why not?—I can tell you if you give me a little further time. I could tell you probably to within a fortnight; it would be within half a year after the formation of this company.

11,497. Is it after you came to reside here?—It would be within half a year after the formation of this company, and the time I gave up my business I came to reside here.

11,498. Had you given up your timber business before you came to reside here?—No; I made an arrangement to give it up.

11,499. And had you parted with your embroidery business?—Oh yes, I had, previous to my coming here.

11,500. How long before had you parted with your embroidery business?—Probably about three months, as near as I can state.

11,501. I want to know your position. You had parted with your embroidery business and you had made arrangements to part with your business of timber merchant?—I had.

11,502. I am obliged to go into these preliminary questions. Were you successful in your embroidery business?—I was not successful in either of those businesses.

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Mr. R. Norfolk.

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11,503. I mean, how did you part with them?—I wound up the embroidery business, paid everything that was owing, and gave it up.

11,504. Was there any composition or anything of that kind?—I have been very unfortunate in these businesses.

11,505. How often have you been unfortunate?—Well, I was unfortunate in either of these cases. But the misfortune only applied in the embroidery business, as far as I was concerned; I paid all demands upon it, and sustained a very heavy loss.

11,506. Did it get into the courts, or was there a composition deed or anything of that kind?—No; not in that.

11,507. What was the composition deed in?—The composition was in the timber trade.

11,508. In the timber trade that you parted with after you came here?—Yes.

11,509. What was the composition?—The composition was that 12*s.* 6*d.* should be paid in the pound.

11,510. And I suppose it has been paid?—Yes.

11,511. It did not go into the Court of Bankruptcy?—The composition was that 12*s.* 6*d.* should be paid in the pound. I was to find security; I got it, and I paid it.

11,512. You paid 12*s.* 6*d.* in the pound. Did you pay it after you came here?—Yes; oh yes.

11,513. May I understand; I have my reasons for asking. Was it known in Beverley that you, before you came here, or while you were here, had compounded with your creditors in the timber trade and paid 12*s.* 6*d.* in the pound?—I do not know; I did not tell anybody.

11,514. Was it known?—I cannot say.

11,515. You cannot say?—I cannot say; it might be.

11,516. Was your name published in the list of composition deeds?—Oh yes.

11,517. You were here in Beverley at that time?—Yes.

11,518. Can you tell me when your name was published in that list?—No, I cannot.

11,519. Of course I need not say that your brother directors knew it?—Oh, yes, they knew all about it.

11,520. And of course Major Edwards knew all about it?—I cannot say; I did not tell him.

11,521. Was he not a director?—Yes.

11,522. What interest had he in it?—He had no interest in me in any way.

11,523. I mean what interest had he in your company, if you would attend to my question?—He is the owner of 200 shares on which 14*l.* each share has been paid; that is all the interest he has.

11,524. You view things with a very large eye accustomed as you are to commercial transaction. I think that is a considerable interest?—I do not.

11,525. Are there other gentlemen who have a larger interest than he has?—Oh yes.

11,526. Who has the largest interest?—I think the largest interest is held by Mr. John Hall of Manchester; I think he has 800 shares.

11,527. You say Major Edwards was chairman at a meeting when you came over?—He was chairman at the formation of the company, and he has been so ever since.

11,528. I suppose the chairman is appointed by the shareholders?—Oh no; the directors are appointed by the shareholders, and the directors appoint the chairman.

11,529. Then he is a director and he is a chairman?—And he is now chairman of the company.

11,530. You know there are a good many things I am obliged to ask you, therefore you will pardon me?—I think they are totally irrelevant; I think all these things are irrelevant, but you will pardon me.

11,531. I am to be the judge of that. Answer the questions, sir?—I will do so.

11,532. I am to be the judge whether they are relevant or not; not you, sir. When were you appointed managing director?—At the formation of the company.

11,533. When?—At this meeting held at Manchester; the day I can furnish you with, but I cannot from memory.

11,534. But about?—The records of the company will furnish it.

11,535. Have you got them here?—No, I have not.

11,536. Are they accessible?—Yes, the secretary of the company can give any information about it.

11,537. Then you were elected at the first formation of the company in Manchester; was it in Manchester you received your appointment?—At the first meeting of the directors after its formation, that was held in Manchester, I was appointed manager.

11,538. Sir Henry Edwards was chairman of that meeting?—He has always been chairman; I cannot say that he was chairman at that meeting; he is chairman of the company, but he is not always present at the meetings.

11,539. I thought you said the first time you saw him he was chairman of the company?—At the meetings in Beverley after the formation of the company.

11,540. You had I suppose to qualify yourself before becoming managing director, by taking shares?—Oh, yes, I was previously qualified.

11,541. What is the qualification?—To be a director a man has to have 50 shares, and the directors among themselves elect a manager.

11,542. Then you were first appointed a director?—Yes.

11,543. Elected by the shareholders?—No, I was one of those that got up the company; and in getting up any company, those people who sign the articles of association are the first directors of the company.

11,544. You were one of the first getters up of the company; you signed the articles of association, and then became a director; then were elected managing director. What interest had you in the company?—I had 150 shares.

11,545. 150 14*l.* shares?—They are 20*l.* shares.

11,546. How much paid up?—Probably 3*l.* I should say at the time; at the present time there is 14*l.* paid up. Calls have been made since.

11,547. And I suppose your shares have been all paid up, 14*l.*?—Oh yes.

11,548. On the 150 shares?—Yes.

11,549. I am only inquiring about your shares; how soon after you joined were the 14*l.* paid?—As the calls were made.

11,550. When was the last call made?—I could not say, probably 18 months ago.

11,551. When was the first call?—The prospectus of the company describes how they shall be made.

11,552. I want to know from you. I understand you paid 450*l.* when you were made a director?—Oh yes; I should have paid it.

11,553. Did you pay it?—Yes, I paid all demands.

11,554. 420*l.* when you were made a director. Were you made a director before you parted with the business of timber merchant?—Oh yes.

11,555. You were?—Yes.

11,556. You know you paid 12*s.* 6*d.* in the pound there?—Yes.

11,557. Then you had money and could have paid more. I am obliged to go into all this; I am sorry for it. You think the questions are irrelevant?—I had very good creditors; I think I had only five creditors, and I arranged to pay them 12*s.* 6*d.* in the pound, and I paid it.

11,558. When did you pay the next instalment on the 150 shares?—I could not tell you. I should pay the calls when they were made. The articles of association state when the calls are made, and I should pay them when made.

11,559. Then you became a burgess and elector on the 1st of November 1868, and I believe you also became a candidate for the honour of being a member of the town council?—Yes.

11,560. And that would be on the 2nd?—Yes.

11,561. When did you make up your mind to become a candidate for the honour of being a member of the town council ?—I could not say exactly.

11,562. Oh yes, you could?—Probably within a fortnight of the time ; it would be within a fortnight of the time ; I could not tell you to a day.

11,563. That you made up your mind ?—Yes.

11,564. May I take it that you had not before then made up your mind to be a candidate for the town council ?—I do not think I had.

11,565. Who spoke to you on the subject? Did you know much of the politics of the borough of Beverley during the time you were here ?—Yes, I think I should be informed of its politics.

11,566. Did you know they were in the habit of bribing the freemen and other men to vote at the town council ?—I had not any proof of anything.

11,567. I am not asking about proof ?—I heard so.

11,568. And believed it?—Yes, I should say I did.

11,569. Had you heard and did you believe that they were in the habit of bribing at the parliamentary elections ?—I had heard so.

11,570. And believed it ?—No, I cannot say that I believed it at all ; I did not know anything about it ; I had heard it.

11,571. I am not asking you about your knowledge, I ask you upon your oath, did you not believe the report you heard that they were in the habit of bribing at the parliamentary elections ?—I cannot say that I believed anything of it ; I had no knowledge of it any way.

11,572. I am not asking you about your knowledge ; I know the difference between knowledge and belief. I ask you, and you are the only person that can tell me, did you not believe that they were in the habit of bribing at parliamentary elections ?—I could not say.

11,573. Why ?—Because I had no knowledge that I believed anything of the sort.

11,574. I know you had no knowledge. Had you no belief on it at all ?—No, I never troubled myself about it, I never entered into it.

11,575. But you had a belief and had heard that they were bribing at the municipal elections ?—I heard that they were bribed.

11,576. Were you here during the election ; that is, called for the sake of shortness "Keane's election," but we will call it "Edwards, Sykes, and Keanes' election" in 1865 ?—Yes.

11,577. You were here then ?—I was here and heard that they bribed.

11,578. And believed they bribed ?—No, I cannot say that I believed anything of the sort ; I did not know anybody in the town.

11,579. You knew no one in the town ? You knew Sir Henry Edwards ?—Yes, but he did not reside in the town.

11,580. He was in the town?—He was in the town.

11,581. Then do not tell me you did not know anybody in the town?—I beg your pardon ; I did not know anybody else scarcely.

11,582. There are a good many voters from your establishment ?—Oh yes, a great many.

11,583. You knew they were canvassed ?—No, I did not. Oh, yes, I beg your pardon, they were canvassed.

11,584. I gave you a caution before ?—I am only anxious to answer, but you hasten me so. I was apprised of the canvass ; I went round with Mr. Keane himself.

11,585. I wish to give you every possible opportunity of considering, because it is a very serious inquiry. A fortnight before, we will say, as I like dates, the 16th of October or about that time, you made up your mind that if you became qualified you would be a candidate for the town council ?—Yes.

11,586. Had you been spoken to then by anybody ? There were six vacancies then, were there not ?—Yes.

11,587. In what ward is the place where you reside ?—In St. Mary's Ward.

11,588. Then there were three vacancies in St. Mary's Ward ?—Yes.

11,589. Who spoke to you first about becoming a candidate ?—I could not say.

11,590. Or did you speak to anybody ?—No, I do not think I did ; I might have done ; I could not say.

11,591. I am asking you what you did. You knew there were three vacancies, and you will not tell me after you made up your mind that you did not speak to some persons about it. Whom did you speak to first about it ?—I cannot say.

11,592. Eh ?—I cannot say.

11,593. Think. Whom did you speak to first about it ? Who were your colleagues ? Are you a member of the town council now ?—Yes.

11,594. You were returned ?—Yes.

11,595. You voted for the aldermen, I suppose ?—Yes.

11,596. Might I inquire at this early stage of the proceedings, did you know it was a criminal offence to bribe a man for voting for a town councillor or an alderman ?—I had not the slightest idea of it.

11,597. You did not know it was a criminal offence ?—No, I did not.

11,598. Now, whom did you speak to about becoming a candidate ? You must have consulted somebody ; whom did you consult ?—I should meet the party who were in connexion with the business on the Conservative side, and have general conversation.

11,599. That is what I want to know : who was that person ?—I could not tell you who I spoke to first, under any circumstances, for I do not know.

11,600. Did you speak to Wreghitt ?—No.

11,601. Oh, that's emphatic ?—Decidedly not.

11,602. Don't you know Wreghitt ?—I know him very well.

11,603. Now, did you not know that Wreghitt was one of the chief men active on the Conservative side in the borough of Beverley ?—I had heard so.

11,604. Did you not know it and did you not believe it ?—I believed it.

11,605. Did you speak to him on the subject?—No.

11,606. Then, you did not speak to the chief man of the party. Might I inquire, and I give you the advice to answer carefully, might I inquire if you knew then that the parliamentary election was coming on ?—Yes.

11,607. And you knew that Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Kennard would be candidates ?—I was certain Sir Henry Edwards would be a candidate. I was only acquainted with Mr. Kennard after he had put out his address. Whether he put it out before I do not know.

11,608. And you had heard that the Liberals were stirring ?—Yes.

11,609. Might I inquire, before you became a candidate for the honour of being a member of the town council, had you any communication with Major Edwards ?—Not any.

11,610. When had you seen him last, before say the 16th of October ?—The first time that I should see him would be at a meeting of the directors of the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company. When that meeting would be I could not tell you.

11,611. We are not a year from it. When had you seen him before the 16th of October ?—I could not say.

11,612. About the time ?—I could not say ; I do not know the date.

11,613. All this is only making your evidence more suspicious ?—I am telling you the truth.

11,614. I ask you when had you seen him ?—I never saw him in connexion with any electioneering matter anywhere in my life.

11,615. When did you see him, is my question ?—I could not tell you. It might be eight weeks or more.

11,616. But it might be about three weeks ?—No.

EIGHTH DAY.

Mr. R. Norfolk.

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11,617. Could you tell me?—I could not tell you. If I thought you were going to ask such a question I would have gone and ascertained.

11,618. I am asking you when you saw him before the 16th of October?—I do not know.

11,619. Were you in the habit of receiving any letters from him?—No.

11,620. Have you ever received any?—Yes.

11,621. You had received any in October last?—No.

11,622. Are you sure of that?—Certain.

11,623. You had received none during the month of October?—No.

11,624. Had you received any letter from him before he first appeared in the town? What day did he appear?—I think he appeared on the 3rd of November, but I would not swear to it. I think so.

11,625. These dates are very much imprinted upon your mind. He appeared on the day after your great triumph?—Yes, I believe so. Yes, he would appear on the 3rd of November.

11,626. Then do I understand you had no communication with him by letter, or otherwise, till the 3rd of November?—I never had any communication with him in relation to these things in my life.

11,627. I am not asking you about in relation to the election. I am asking you, had you any communication with him of any kind or form?—I do not think I had. I am not aware that I had.

11,628. Will you swear that you had not? Nobody else can be aware of it?—Sir Henry is in the habit of writing letters to me on business matters, inquiring after the prosperity of the concern. Whether he did write or not at that time I could not say. I would not swear to anything that I am not certain of.

11,629. You say he did not write in the month of October?—I do not think he did.

11,630. Where did you first see him after his entrance into the borough?—On the platform of the Assembly Rooms.

11,631. What time?—I am sure I do not know.

11,632. There can be no difficulty about it, I should think?—It might be 8 o'clock. I could not say. I do not know. The meeting was advertized, and I attended the meeting.

11,633. Before you attended the meeting had you seen him?—I saw him walking in the street. I spoke to him first on the platform.

11,634. What time did you see him in the street?—Probably it might be eight or ten minutes before I saw him on the platform.

11,635. You had not seen him earlier in the day?—No; I believe it was in the evening when he came in.

11,636. I suppose the town was placarded with your great triumph of the day before?—No, I am not aware that it was.

11,637. Was it not?—No, I think not.

11,638. You think not?—I do.

11,639. Eh?—Yes, I think not; I am not aware that it was.

11,640. You have not told me who was the party you consulted when it came into your head to be a member of the town council?—I have told you all I am able to tell you.

11,641. I am afraid you will have to tell a great deal more yet. It is no use trying to put us off. Whom did you consult first?—I should not consult anybody. I should be asked.

11,642. Well, who asked you?—I cannot tell you who asked me first.

11,643. Who asked you at any time?—I believe Mr. Alderman Arden. Whether he asked me first, second, or third, I do not know.

11,644. We will take it that he asked you. I understood from an answer you gave me that you canvassed with Mr. Keane at the election in 1865. Did I understand that you were a supporter of Mr. Keane?—I beg your pardon; I did not say I canvassed with Mr. Keane.

11,645. What did you say?—I accompanied him canvassing over our works, but I did not interfere with Mr. Keane or anybody else.

11,646. I mistook you; you did not take any part?—Not any.

11,647. Merely allowed him access to your men?—I was certain that Sir Henry Edwards would want to go over, and I allowed him to go, so that there might be fair play.

11,648. You say Alderman Arden spoke to you. What time was it when the alderman first spoke to you?—I could not tell you.

11,649. It only came into your head a fortnight before to seek the honour of being a town councillor. Were you a candidate very soon afterwards?—Yes

11,650. When did you consult alderman Arden?—I never consulted anybody.

11,651. When did the alderman speak to you?—I could not tell you; it would be within a fortnight of the time of election. I am in the habit of speaking to him casually almost every day in the street. I do not know what day it was.

11,652. I am not talking of casual conversation at all; I am talking of that which occupied the attention of almost all Beverley?—I treated it as a very trivial affair myself. I was asked in the street.

11,653. We shall see that very soon. He spoke to you?—Yes, he did.

11,654. Did he tell you who would be your colleagues in fighting the ward?—No.

11,655. He did not?—No.

11,656. When did you first ascertain who would be your colleagues?—Probably five or six days previous; it might be eight days; I do not know.

11,657. Previous to the election itself?—A few days previous; I could not say to a day.

11,658. Who were to be your colleagues?—Francis Denton and Marmaduke Whitton.

11,659. Did he introduce you to them?—No, I was personally acquainted with them; I knew them very well, as well as he did.

11,660. When did you speak to them on the subject?—I do not think I ever spoke to Denton about it at any time.

11,661. Will you pledge your recollection that you never spoke to Denton about it at all up to the day of election?—Oh yes, I spoke to him. I knew he was a colleague, because I saw him in the ward canvassing.

11,662. No: spoke to him about it? You told me you did not. Did you ever speak to him on the subject of the election for the town council of St. Mary's Ward up to the day of election?—I am not aware that I ever did.

11,663. And the other man; had you ever spoken to him?—Oh yes, I had; I had some conversation with him.

11,664. I want to fix it, because it is a very important matter. When had you a conversation with your other colleague?—I could not tell you.

11,665. It is a matter in which you have shown the most vital interest?—I am not aware of its interest.

11,666. Therefore, you can tell me when you had spoken to him about it?—I could not tell you. Any conversation that I had with him would be within seven or eight days of the time. I could not fix the date.

11,667. When you spoke to him about it?—It would be within seven or eight days of the time; I could not tell you the date.

11,668. Where was it?—I could not tell you, except that it would be at the "White Horse;" I should think it would be at the "White Horse," but I could not swear to it.

11,669. Did you anticipate a sharp contest?—Yes.

11,670. A very sharp contest?—Yes.

11,671. Can you tell me the state of the St. Mary's Ward poll? I suppose you looked at it in 1866, as regards Conservatives and Liberals at the municipal?—No.

11,672. Did you know, I suppose you did, when you inquired about these things, that in 1866, you were here you know, did you know that in St. Mary's Ward three Conservatives were returned by a large majority?—I cannot say; I do not know.

11,673. You were going to contest the ward. Do you mean to tell me you did not inquire after the state of the polling in that ward the year before?—No, I never inquired until the time I had the contest.

11,674. That you say?—I swear it, too.

11,675. Nor how the polling was in 1866?—No; I was certain that the Conservatives had a majority; that is all I know. How the figures stood I do not know.

11,676. But you knew that the Conservatives had a very considerable majority in St. Mary's Ward in 1866 and 1867?—Yes, decidedly; I knew they had a majority.

11,677. A large majority?—I cannot say what the majority was, I never saw the figures.

11,678. From whom did you inquire that?—I could not tell you, I am sure. I should know the Conservatives would be returned, and I should know they would have a majority.

11,679. You knew perfectly well before you sent out your address that if you were supported by the Conservatives you would be returned for St. Mary's Ward?—No, I did not know that. How could I know.

11,680. If you were supported by the party, you know?—If I had ever thought it over in my own mind I should certainly have come to the conclusion that if the Conservatives supported me I should have a majority. There is no doubt about that.

11,681. Am I to understand that you never turned it over in your own mind?—I cannot say that I did. I might have done; but I could not say.

11,682. I think you did, because a man who was going to be a candidate would be likely to turn these things over in his mind. In that state of things did you put forth a joint address or a separate address?—I put forth a joint address.

11,683. Can you tell the date of that?—I could not tell you.

11,684. That was a week or a fortnight before the election?—I could not tell you.

11,685. Had you seen both your colleagues before you put forth your joint address?—I had only seen one of them.

11,686. Before you put forth your joint address?—Yes, that was all, and I was the author of that address. I wrote it myself.

11,687. Did you not submit it to your colleague?—No.

11,688. Did you put your name and the names of your colleagues to that address without their authority?—No, I received authority from one, and he said he had authority from the other.

11,689. Who were to be the candidates for the Minster Ward?—Usher, Catterson, and J. B. Lowther.

11,690. First, I must ask you about the business of your colleagues. What business do they carry on; do you know much of their private affairs?—No, I do not. I know that one is a builder, and the other, as far as I know, is a gentleman.

11,691. You know nothing of their private affairs?—No, I do not know anything about their private affairs.

11,692. Not care anything about their private affairs?—I should have done, sir, if I had heard anything against them. But I believe they were respectable men.

11,693. Who was Mr. Usher?—He was the secretary at that time of the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company. He is dead.

11,694. I am sorry for that, because we shall lose the benefit of his evidence. What was his salary?—He had 400*l.* a year.

11,695. As secretary of the company, had he to take any shares?—He had 108 or 110 shares; 112 I believe.

11,696. Who is the other man? Do you know the private affairs of the other man?—No; I do not know anything about his private affairs. I should think he is worth 50,000*l.*

11,697. Mr. Lowther?—Yes; I am speaking of Usher's father-in-law, the other candidate, Mr. J. B. Lowther. I do not know anything about him, except that he is a man supposed to be respectably connected. I do not know anything about his affairs, nor any of their affairs, except Mr. Usher's.

11,698. I must ask you again, do you mean to tell me that you had not seen Wreghitt on any business matters up to the Saturday before the municipal election?—I am not aware that I had.

11,699. Now, again I call your attention to "I am not aware." You know perfectly well if you did see him?—Oh, yes, I know.

11,700. Did you see him upon the business of the election that was coming on at any time up to Saturday the 31st of October?—I saw him on Saturday, the 31st of October.

11,701. What time in the day?—I think it was early; it might be 10 o'clock; it would not be after. I should think between the hours of 9 and 10, as soon as I came from breakfast.

11,702. You saw him before banking hours on that day?—I saw him before 10 o'clock on that day.

11,703. Did not you see him before banking hours on that day?—I saw him before 10 o'clock on that day.

11,704. I don't wish to conceal from you a bit the purport of my examination, and after you saw him did you go to the bank?—I certainly went after I saw him.

11,705. And did not you see him upon the purport of the election that was to take place on the Monday?—Yes.

11,706. Why did you say when I asked you "I am not aware that I saw him?"—I understood you to say previous to the Saturday.

11,707. You had consulted the party, had not you as to the probable expenses up to that time?—I had.

11,708. At that time, what in your own mind did you think would be the probable amount of bribing, to use plain terms, and degrading the electors in the borough? What was the amount? With whom had you consulted about the expense? Just give me the names?—I had consulted with Mr. J. B. Lowther as to the expense.

11,709. Anybody else?—Never.

11,710. Mr. Usher?—Mr. Usher was in Edinburgh.

11,711. On the business of the company?—Yes.

11,712. Did either of your colleagues consult you?—No.

11,713. Not either of your colleagues?—Not either of them. I never consulted anybody about the cost, only J. B. Lowther.

11,714. You are going to fight a battle for two other men and yourself, and going to expend money, and you never consulted them about it?—No.

11,715. Were you in the town or the borough yourself that you did not consult your colleagues as to the amount of expenditure?—I cannot tell you as to what my notions would be at the time. The understanding was——

11,716. I will have no "understanding," no such thing as understanding. Very well, I take your answer that you did not consult them?—I did not consult them.

11,717. Who was the only man, you say Mr. Lowther?—Yes.

11,718. When and where did you consult him?—I had consulted him on previous occasions at my own office.

11,719. He came up?—He came up to canvass the matter over, and we talked it over.

11,720. He came up to the ironworks?—Yes.

11,721. When was the first visit?—I could not tell you that, I do not know; it would all be within about a fortnight.

11,722. How many visits had he paid to the iron works?—He was in the habit of coming up every other day or so on special business, and when he came up on other business it generally ended in the election.

11,723. How was he connected with the ironworks?—He supplies us with timber, coal, and other things; that is, we trade with him in general trade.

11,724. You are customers of his, you buy from him?—Oh, yes; we buy from him and sell to him.

11,725. Might I say you would be speaking to him half-a-dozen times before the Saturday?—Oh, yes; I daresay you might.

11,726. And discussing as to the amount you would require. What personal interest had you in the Minster Ward?—I had not any.

11,727. Not any?—Not the slightest.

11,728. You were only a short time residing here?—I had no interest in the Minster Ward, except as being a shareholder in a considerable property in that ward. That is the only interest I had.

11,729. I asked you what interest you had in the Minster Ward?—Only a shareholder in the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company.

11,730. You saw Mr. Lowther; did you settle what amount of money you thought it would require to carry the election by bribery?—Yes.

11,731. You and Mr. Lowther?—Yes.

11,732. Was that at your last interview?—Yes.

11,733. When was that? Can you tell me that?—It would be on Friday.

11,734. Did you put it down in figures?—No.

11,735. Was there no memorandum?—I have not any; I do not know whether he has.

11,736. Was it in your private office?—No, I do not think it was.

11,737. How did you calculate how much would be wanted? Supposing you say 600*l.*, how did you make out that 600*l.* would be wanted?—I could not tell you how he made it out; I asked his advice.

11,738. He made it out?—Yes.

11,739. Did you know how many voters there were in St. Mary's ward?—No, I did not.

11,740. Did he tell you the number of voters?—No.

11,741. What figure did he say would be necessary for St. Mary's Ward?—I cannot say.

11,742. You know you settled the amount on the Friday; what figure did he say would be necessary for St. Mary's Ward?—I cannot say.

11,743. You were to be candidate for St. Mary's?—Yes.

11,744. And you cannot say?—No; it was thought the cost of St. Mary's would be very trivial.

11,745. That was where you were to be candidate?—Yes.

11,746. Let us say 20*l.* or 30*l.*?—I don't know.

11,747. What do you call very trivial?—I should call 100*l.* very trivial.

11,748. Was about 100*l.* the sum named?—I cannot say that; I do not know what was named.

11,749. What other human creature could know it if you do not?—There is not anyone except those that know.

11,750. Now I ask you in that condition who knows?—I can tell you the sum total.

11,751. I ask you the St. Mary's Ward?—I could not tell you.

11,752. How much for the Minster?—I could not tell you. I don't know. I can tell you the sum total.

11,753. I can tell you that probably myself; that was 500*l.*, was not it?—No.

11,754. How much?—350*l.*

11,755. How did you get the odd 50*l.* I should like to know what calculation you made to get the odd 50*l.*?—I cannot tell.

11,756. What time on Friday?—I could not say what time; it would be sometime in the afternoon.

11,757. Sometime in the afternoon of Friday you were fixed upon as being secure of the election for the two wards for 350*l.* Now Mr. Lowther is going to be examined, and I ask you was not it arranged between you and Lowther upon that evening that you were to go and see Wreghitt on the Saturday morning?—Yes.

11,758. You see I knew that?—Well, I have told you.

11,759. You did not, indeed. Was it not arranged between you that you were to tell Wreghitt the amount that you thought would win the election?—No.

11,760. Now, you are a public man. Do you mean to tell us that you and Lowther had settled upon the Friday that 350*l.* would carry the election, that it was not arranged between you that you were to see Wreghitt on the Saturday morning, and that when you saw Wreghitt you were not to arrange about it?—I cannot understand you, Mr. Commissioner.

11,761. You are the only person in the court who does not, I think. I will put it again. Do you mean to tell me you and Lowther having fixed on Friday that a sum of 350*l.* would carry both the wards, that it being arranged between you that you should wait upon the subject of the election upon Mr. Wreghitt, do you mean to state that being arranged that you did not tell Wreghitt the amount you thought would carry the election?—Oh, yes; I told him the amount that I thought would carry the election.

11,762. You told me first you did not mention any sum to him?—I did not understand you in that way.

11,763. It is more an intimation, I don't say it is a caution. I gave you an intimation that I do not put one single question without an object, therefore you had better attend to the questions?—I am trying to do so.

11,764. What sum did you mention to him you thought would carry the election?—350*l.*

11,765. And at that time you knew that he was the most active friend or agent that Sir Henry Edwards had in Beverley to secure his election?—Yes.

11,766. You went before banking hours?—Yes.

11,767. Was it not arranged between you and Wreghitt that you should go to a bank in Beverley and raise some money?—No.

11,768. I do not say any particular bank?—Not any bank.

11,769. Will you tell me, it is a simple question?—I will tell you anything you ask me.

11,770. Oh yes, I know that. Why did you mention to Wreghitt the sum of money that you thought would carry both elections?—I meant to ask what portion of it he would find.

11,771. What had Wreghitt to do with it?—Nothing.

11,772. Exactly, Mr. Wreghitt had nothing to do with it. Why did you go to him to ask what he would find? There were were a number of other men in Beverley, why did you go to him?—He had the character in Beverley for being very kindly disposed towards all candidates on all occasions, and I went to test his good nature.

11,773. Mr. Norfolk, if you would not indulge so much in that. He had the character of finding the monies?—Of being kindly disposed I said.

11,774. Kindly disposed! Do I understand you? I put a test question to you—do I understand you by that that you mean that he out of his own pocket would find the money?—I don't know how he found it; I should think he would not do anything of the sort.

11,775. Kindly disposition means a man who is dealing with his own; if he advanced the money where did you think he would get it from? You went to him that morning, did you not, under the impression that if he advanced the money, Sir Henry Edwards would not see him at a loss. Did not you go with that impression?—I cannot say I did.

11,776. Upon your oath, did not you go with that impression?—Upon my oath I never thought of Sir Henry Edwards in any way.

11,777. You told me he advanced money for candidates, and that you believed it would not come out of his own pocket?—I did not say so.

(The shorthand writer read the previous answers of the witness.)

11,778. Do you now think he would find it out of his own pocket?—No, I should think not.

11,779. Now, I will repeat the question again. I ask you again upon your oath, when you went to him that morning did not you believe if he advanced the money Sir Henry Edwards would repay him?—No, I did not even think so.

11,780. The candidates?—The Conservative candidates—I should conclude so; I did not think so.

11,781. Whoever they were?—I should come to that conclusion undoubtedly, but I did not think so at the time; it never entered my head.

11,782. Now you mentioned the sum of 350*l.* to him; where did you see him in the morning?—I saw him at his own house I believe.

11,783. I think you told him that it would be very important about the election that was coming on, about the parliamentary election, that you should win by a large majority?—No, I do not know that I said so.

11,784. Did not you discuss between you that it would be very important that you should win by a very large majority at that election?—No.

11,785. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

11,786. No discussion at all about the importance of it. Did not you think it would be very important as regards the coming election that you should win by a large majority?—We never said anything about the coming election.

11,787. But did not you think so—we shall see about that by-and-bye?—I did not think so. He did not tell me what he thought. We thought it was important we should win.

11,788. Did you know Mr. Wreghitt was going to Hull that morning?—No.

11,789. Don't you know he went?—I heard so after. I did not know till I saw it in the trial before Baron Martin.

11,790. You must have had an earlier interview with him than you said, I think so?—I cannot say.

11,791. You say between 9 and 10. I pressed you so much about banking hours. Is not there a train to Hull about half-past 8?—I am speaking from memory.

11,792. Are you sure you did not see him before half-past 8 in the morning. I do not think the counsel at the trial got out from you that you had an interview with Wreghitt on the Saturday morning. You did not tell them that I think?—I cannot say. My evidence is printed. It might have been on the Friday morning, I could not say. I do not know that I saw him only at that time.

11,793. Now don't be shifty. You fixed the Friday evening with Lowther?—I believe I did.

11,794. You fixed the Saturday morning with Wreghitt?—I have mentioned the dates as near as I can.

11,795. Had you up to the time of your interview with Wreghitt provided any money for this coming contest?—Had I provided any?

11,796. Had you and Mr. Lowther provided any money for the coming contest up to the time you saw Mr. Wreghitt?—No, I do not know that I had. I am always provided for anything I want.

11,797. I am asking you, setting apart any money to be ready for the coming contest?—No.

11,798. How soon after you saw Mr. Wreghitt was it that you provided the sinews of war, the money; how soon after you were introduced to Mr. Wreghitt?—I should draw 350*l.*

11,799. I am not asking you about what you should draw; how soon after your interview with Wreghitt was it that you went and provided the money?—It would be within a couple of hours; it might be within one hour.

11,800. Or less?—It might be less.

11,801. Did not you go straight to the bank after you saw Wreghitt?—I do not know that I did.

11,802. What did you do in the interval; did not you go straight to the bank?—I could not say that I did; I don't know. I went before 12 o'clock.

11,803. Will you swear you did not go straight to the bank after you saw Wreghitt?—No, I won't swear anything about it.

11,804. Did you consult any of your colleagues after you saw Wreghitt?—No.

11,805. Am I to understand that without any consultation with your colleagues the men who were to stand, after seeing Wreghitt you went to the bank; is that so?—No.

11,806. Did you consult your colleagues?—No, I did not consult any of my colleagues.

11,807. You went to the bank without consulting them?—Oh, yes, without consulting them.

11,808. That is exactly what I say, after your interview with Wreghitt, and, you say, within an hour or two?—Yes.

11,809. Can you tell me at all what time it was when you got to the bank?—No, I cannot, it would be before 12 o'clock.

11,810. What time do banks open at Beverley?—Banks open I believe about 10 o'clock.

11,811. You went to the bank, and you say money was spoken of between you and Wreghitt,—the sum mentioned, and how much money did you get at the bank?—I got 350*l.*

11,812. Was it a bank you were accustomed to deposit your money in?—No, I did not deposit any of my own in it. It is a bank I have regular trading transactions with as trustee of an estate in the town. I am intimate with them. I don't deposit any of my own money with them.

11,813. You never bank with them?—Yes.

11,814. I suppose you have a banking account?—Oh, yes.

11,815. Why did not you go to that bank?—After I had seen Wreghitt and he had not found what I required, and refused to have anything to do with it. I went and consulted Mr. Alderman Arden and he told me.

11,816. This is all new?—I cannot help that.

11,817. Now you put that upon me. He told you something else did not he?—Who did?

11,818. Wreghitt. He told you it would not do for him to be seen at all in conjunction or to have anything to do with it?—He told me he would not have anything to do with it.

11,819. Did not he tell you it would not do for him to be seen or known in the transaction?—He told me that he would have nothing to do with such a sum, and I came away and left him. He told me very plainly he would have nothing to do with it.

11,820. And then you went to Alderman Arden. I am sorry to be obliged to mention names. Was he one of the aldermen to preside at the election?—He presided at the election: he was Sir Henry Edwards' chairman.

11,821. Oh, no no. At the election of the town council?—I could not say, but I think that he did not preside at that time. I think not. I do not think he presided, I do not know.

11,822. Do you know who presided at your ward?—No, I do not. It would be Cussons or Collison, I do not know which.

11,823. Then you went and consulted him, and then was not there a lawyer called in?—No, I never had anything to do with a lawyer.

11,824. You managed it all yourself. Now tell me, did you upon consulting him tell him the amount you required?—I should say so.

11,825. Was he chairman of Sir Henry Edwards' committee afterwards?—He was appointed afterwards.

11,826. And acted as chairman of Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes, I believe so. He is a most respectable man. I do not know why he should not.

11,827. You asked him how you were to get the 350*l.*; what did you say to him?—I told him I had been to see Mr. Wreghitt, and he would not find it, and that if we were to win we should have to have it. I asked him where he thought I could get it plainly enough.

11,828. You had your own banker?—Oh, yes.

EIGHTH DAY.

Mr. R. Norfolk.

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11,829. Why would you go to Alderman Arden?—I did not want to be responsible for the whole of it; that is the reason.

11,830. Why did you go to him?—Simply because it was a Conservative question and he is a Conservative.

11,831. It would hardly be a Conservative question whether you would be town councillor for St. Mary's Ward or not?—We are Conservative councillors; there are councillors on the other side. It was a party question in the town.

11,832. Why did not you go to your colleagues. You said you did not want to be responsible for all, why did not you go to the five other men and consult them?—I could not tell you; I went to him.

11,833. Did you know he was a strenuous and constant supporter of Sir Henry Edwards?—No, I had heard that he was a constant and strenuous supporter but I had not resided in the town a sufficient time to know.

11,834. That is what I mean, you had heard?—Yes.

11,835. His greatest friend, next to Mr. Wreghitt in fact?—I do not know that.

11,836. Did he go with you to the bank?—No.

11,837. Did he recommend you to the bank?—No, he said he thought if I went to the bank and saw Mr. Forge who is the bank manager, and would sign for it myself that I would get what I required.

11,838. Had you known the bank manager before?—Oh, I am very intimate with him.

11,839. Then it did not require Alderman Arden to help you?—It might not, it was a mistake probably of my own, but that was the way I proceeded.

11,840. Which was a mistake?—It might have been a mistake of my own to ask him, but still I asked him. You asked me the question and I answered it.

11,841. Had you any notion of going to the bank manager before his name was mentioned to you by the alderman?—Not the slightest.

11,842. Had you any notion of how you were to raise the money before you saw the alderman?—I offered to pay 50*l.* out of my own pocket.

11,843. I will take you at half-past 9 o'clock on the morning of the 31st of October, I will take you as you are going with Wreghitt's refusal in your mind. Did you know at that time how to raise the money?—No.

11,844. And then upon a suggestion of the alderman's you went to the bank manager?—Yes.

11,845. You had no notion of applying to that bank before?—Not the slightest.

11,846. Then it was not because you had an account of your own there?—I have a banking account as trustee, but this was a separate account.

11,847. Then you saw the manager of the bank?—Yes.

11,848. And you told him, I suppose, you wanted 350*l.*?—I told him I wanted 350*l.* for election purposes. I believe those were the words. I do not swear they were the exact words, and that I would be responsible for it.

11,849. Might I inquire, had the company been banking with that bank?—No.

11,850. Where did the company bank?—They banked at the East Riding bank.

11,851. In Beverley?—Yes.

11,852. And of course it was known to the other bank where the company banked?—Oh yes.

11,853. This was on the Saturday?—Yes.

11,854. Now will you tell me had you deposited any security with the bank?—Not any.

11,855. Was any security required?—Not any.

11,856. Was anything else said except the manager saying, Well, you might have it?—If I would sign a cheque for it.

11,857. A cheque upon what?—Upon that bank.

11,858. You went through the form as if you had money there?—I signed a cheque for 350*l.*

11,859. You sign a cheque if you have assets?—You may also sign a cheque if you have none.

11,860. Of course I know, that is the form?—He told me I could sign my cheque for 350*l.* or for any sum I might require.

11,861. I wish that manager was nearer London?—I dare say you do.

11,862. I suppose you drew the cheque, and did you receive the 350*l.*?—I received it and brought it away with me.

11,863. In notes or gold?—I could not say exactly? I know I had it.

11,864. Now comes the distribution. Mind the state of things. Now we are at the bank. Up to this time you had not spoken to any one of your colleagues?—No.

11,865. To no one but the gentlemen you mention?—No.

11,866. Now you have received your 350*l.*; can you tell me whom of your colleagues did you see first?—I could not say. I am sure I do not know. I should think it would be Mr. Lowther that I should see first, but I am not certain of that.

11,867. Take it it is Mr. Lowther; where did you see him?—I could not say.

11,868. They do not know you are going for the money: where did he come to you? Did he come to you, or did you write to him?—I should not write to him, he would come to me at my own office; I have not any doubt about it.

11,869. Was he the first that came?—He was the only one that ever came.

11,870. What time did he come; you will be able to tell me that?—I am not able; it would be some time in the afternoon.

11,871. I do not want to know to a minute?—It might be 1 o'clock.

11,872. You saw him on the Friday?—Or it might be in the evening. I saw him on the Saturday. I don't know when I saw him.

11,873. You had arranged with him on the Friday that you were to go to Mr. Wreghitt to mention to Wreghitt about the money, and had you arranged at that time what time he was to come to see you on Saturday?—No; I never arranged when he was to see me at all.

11,874. You had arranged he was to come?—I arranged I would see him somewhere some time on Saturday, and I am not certain when and where I saw him.

11,875. You had arranged you two were to meet on Saturday, after your interview with Wreghitt?—Any time on Saturday.

11,876. It would be after your interview with Wreghitt?—It was obliged to be so.

11,877. Had not you arranged with him it would be after your interview with Mr. Wreghitt?—I never arranged anything with Mr. Lowther in any way, except that I was to see him.

11,878. On Saturday did you tell him you had been at Wreghitt's?—Yes.

11,879. Did you tell him you had met the alderman?—No, I did not tell him anything about that; I should not waste time. I should tell him I had the money.

11,880. How much of that money did you hand over to him?—I am utterly unable to say.

11,881. There is nothing a man takes a note of more than as to money; how much of that 350*l.* did you hand over to him?—It might be 50*l.*

11,882. It might be anything; it might be 100*l.*?—No, it was not 100*l.* I do not think it would be over 50*l.*, but I don't swear to that, sir. I tell you as near as I can remember.

11,883. Had you any discussion as to how much more you might require when you handed him over the 50*l.*?—No.

11,884. That would be Saturday?—I think it was Saturday evening, but I cannot say; it would be on Saturday.

11,885. Then you know there was nothing now between you and the Monday but the Sunday?—The Sunday.

11,886. Did you see any of the party on the Sunday?—No one.

11,887. Do I understand you to say, having given 50*l.* or more to Mr. Lowther, you had the remainder yourself on the Monday morning?—Oh no.

11,888. What then?—I should give a portion of it to Bentley, a portion of it to Thirsk.

11,889. When?—On the Saturday; and a portion of it to Burrill.

11,890. Don't say you should; I want to know what you did. I thought Lowther was the first man you saw with regard to the money?—Yes, I believe so.

11,891. After that, whom did you see? who is Thirsk?—A foreman at our works.

11,892. Thirsk?—Yes.

11,893. That you gave the money to?—Part of it.

11,894. Is he a voter?—Oh, yes.

11,895. Foreman of what?—He is foreman of the wood department at our place.

11,896. You oblige me to put these questions because you talk of the interest you had in the works. How much did you give Thirsk?—I could not say; probably 25*l.*

11,897. Tell me as near as you can?—I am.

11,898. Was he a voter for St. Mary's Ward?—No, I think not.

11,899. Had you many men in the works that were voters for St. Mary's Ward?—Very few.

11,900. Had you many men in the Works that were voters for the Minster Ward?—Oh, yes, many.

11,901. That was the ward Lowther was candidate for?—Yes.

11,902. Is that all the money you gave Thirsk during that election?—Oh no, you asked me on that day.

11,903. Now we will take them as they come in order. How much money altogether did you give Thirsk?—I gave him 50*l.*

11,904. 20*l.* on the Saturday?—I did not say 20*l.*

11,905. About 20*l.*?—Yes.

11,906. What time on the Monday did you give him anything?—It would be early, I should say before eight, but I am not positive. It would be early in the morning; it would be when he wanted it.

11,907. He is a foreman in your works. Supposing he misconducted himself in any way would it be in your power to discharge him or report him to the directors?—Oh yes, it is in my power to discharge him without.

11,908. I suppose of that 50*l.* given to your foreman you have got an account from him of course of how he expended it?—No; he brought me I believe 14*l.* back, and said he had spent the rest.

11,909. I don't care what money he brought you back; have you received an account from him, the foreman of your works, of how he had expended that 50*l.*?—No.

11,910. What instructions did you give him as to how he was to use that 50*l.*?—He was to employ it in winning the election for the three Conservative candidates, and I left it to his discretion.

11,911. For the three! for the six?—For the three Conservative candidates. He had no action to take in St. Mary's Ward.

11,912. Did you tell him that?—Yes.

11,913. You assigned to him the Minster Ward?—Yes.

11,914. That is the more important one, the larger one?—It would be important on that account.

11,915. It was the more important one?—Yes.

11,016. And it was in that ward most of your workmen had votes?—Yes.

11,917. Don't talk about winning the election, you gave it to him for the purpose of paying men to vote for Mr. Lowther and the other candidates?—Paying the men for their time in coming.

11,918. Don't talk about that, it was to pay the men for voting for the Conservative candidates. Very well now; did you distribute the whole of that 350*l.* on the Saturday night?—No; I could not say; I should say not. No, I am certain I did not distribute all of it on the Saturday night.

11,919. You gave 50*l.* to Lowther; 20*l.* or 25*l.* to Thirsk; now go on. You gave Bentley something?—Yes, 50*l.*

11,920. Go on with the next?—And I gave Burrell 50*l.*, I believe; it might be over, it might be under.

11,921. That is three fifties. Anybody else?—No; I am not aware I gave anything to anybody at any time, except these four men.

11,922. That would leave over 100*l.* in your hands?—It might.

11,923. Was that so?—Yes, it might, within 5*l.* either way.

11,924. In the mean time, I suppose, on the Sunday you had heard that the contest would be a closer one and a harder one, or a more corrupt one than you thought, whichever you like to take. Had you heard on the Sunday the contest would be a closer one?—We heard on Sunday evening it would be a very sharp one.

11,925. Who told you on the Sunday evening?—I could not say; I don't know.

11,926. Oh yes, you do?—I do not.

11,927. Did you see Lowther on Sunday?—No.

11,928. Did you see Thirsk on Sunday?—No.

11,929. Did you see Bentley on Sunday?—I could not say.

11,930. Oh, yes; just recollect yourself?—I might have seen him, I might not.

11,931. I know you might or might not?—I could not say; I won't swear; I don't know.

11,932. Did you see any of the men in whose hands you had placed that money on the Saturday evening or the Sunday?—I saw Burrell at his own house on the Sunday evening; that is the only man of the four I saw.

11,933. In fact you went down to see him?—I went down on purpose to see him to ask what was going on.

11,934. He was not a candidate?—No.

11,935. You had placed 50*l.* in his hands?—Yes.

11,936. For what ward was he to take action?—He was to take action in St. Mary's Ward.

11,937. That was in your ward?—Yes.

11,938. Did you give him any of the money on the Sunday?—I cannot say; I do not think so.

11,939. Just recollect; don't you think you gave him some more of the money on the Sunday after he told you there was a sharp contest, because you would have to commence at 8 o'clock?—I believe not.

11,940. Will you swear you did not?—No.

11,941. Did you take money with you when you went to Burrell's house on the Sunday?—I could not say that. I am not in the habit of carrying a great deal of money about with me, and I should have no use for any on the Sunday.

11,942. Then you heard from him that the contest was likely to be sharp, and that more money would be required?—No, I did not say that.

11,943. That the contest would be a sharp one?—Yes.

11,944. I will take now Thirsk again, the foreman of the timber yard?—On the Saturday morning.

11,945. I know. When did you give him any more money?—About 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

11,946. Where?—It would be on our own premises; I cannot say the exact spot; upon our own works.

11,947. Had he been engaged all the morning about the election?—Yes.

11,948. Then you gave him more upon your own works?—Yes; he asked for it and I gave it to him.

11,949. How much did he ask for?—He did not say any sum.

11,950. You gave him how much?—I gave him a sufficient sum to make up 50*l.*

11,951. Do you recollect, had he been out of your works that morning at all?—He had not even been upon them. The works were stopped on account of the municipal election; consequently he was at liberty to go where he liked.

11,952. They were stopped as a matter of prudence and economy to give the men an opportunity of voting?—No.

11,953. What else?—I stopped them as a matter of prudence and economy on the part of the company. On these occasions if I did not stop the works the men would stop them for me and go away.

11,954. That is what I said; to enable the men to go and vote?—They would have stayed away whether I stopped the works or not.

11,955. Had you learned from Thirsk that he had expended the amount you had given him?—He said he had spent it and wanted more.

11,956. Did you learn from him that he had paid some of the men under him?—No, he did not tell me who he had paid. He said he had spent it.

11,957. Have you ascertained since that the very men that were at work under him he gave money to vote at that election?—I saw it in the evidence here.

11,958. Before us?—Yes.

11,959. He was the first man you gave the additional sum to?—I think so.

11,960. Who was the next man you paid?—It would probably be Bentley; I should think it would be; I am not certain.

11,961. Did you meet him?—He would come to me at the office.

11,962. Did you remain at your office?—Yes.

11,963. You did not go and canvass at all for yourself?—No.

11,964. Bentley came up to you?—Yes.

11,965. And made the same report, money gone. What time in day was that?—It would be about the same time.

11,966. About 10 o'clock?—About 10 o'clock; it might be a quarter before or half an hour after.

11,967. Then you must have arranged with him that you would be at your office and if they wanted more money they were to come to you?—Yes, I had.

11,968. And you remained at home for the purpose of having money ready there for them?—Yes.

11,969. Then Bentley came upon the scene and you gave him how much more?—I should give him as much as would make up the 100*l.*

11,970. Who is Bentley?—A foreman at my place also.

11,971. A foreman in what?—Foreman of the implement department.

11,972. How much did you give him?—I made his up to 100*l.*

11,973. Now, I will ask you the same thing of him; I suppose you might discharge him at any time?—Oh, yes.

11,974. Did you ever receive from him a detailed account of that expenditure?—No.

11,975. Did you ever ask him for it?—I asked him how much of the money he had spent.

11,976. That is not what I asked?—I never asked him for an account.

11,977. Did you ever ask him for a detailed account?—Never.

11,978. And yet you told me you thought you were doing nothing wrong?—Yes.

11,979. Who was the next after Bentley?—I should probably think the next that would apply to me would be Burrill, but I am not certain; it would be either Burrill or J. B. Lowther; I don't know which came first.

11,980. How much did you advance to Burrill?—I advanced him upon the whole 200*l.*

11,981. Now we must go further, the 350*l.* is expended that you got from the bank?—I provided myself in the mean time by sending up to the bank for a fresh supply.

11,982. What time was that?—It would be about 10; I cannot say to half an hour; I had it all out before 12 o'clock.

11,983. Did you write to the bank?—I signed a cheque and sent a lad with it to fetch the money.

11,984. By whom did you send the cheque?—By Charles Collinson, a clerk in our office.

11,985. You have not got the cheques?—Yes, I have them in my office here; I can let you have them.

11,986. A cheque in the usual form?—Just in the usual form.

11,987. You said he told you you might have as much more as you liked, or something to that effect?—I should have what I required.

11,988. That was the difference between 350*l.* and 800*l.*, that would be 450*l.*?—Yes.

11,989. You got that out before 12 o'clock?—Yes.

11,990. Now, Burrell, when he came to you, was he the briber for the St. Mary's Ward?—He had the management of the election in that ward.

11,991. He was the manager of the election in the St. Mary's Ward?—In the interest of the Conservatives.

11,992. Burrell, who was the manager of St. Mary's, how much did you give him?—200*l.*

11,993. Up to this time did you learn at all what they were paying for the voters?—I only heard that the price was high.

11,994. Tell me, Burrell is a stranger to you comparatively?—No, he is not a stranger to me; I know him very well.

11,995. He was no way connected in business with you?—Not in any way.

11,996. Did you receive from Burrell a detailed account of the expenditure of the 200*l.*?—No.

11,997. Did you ever ask him for a detailed account?—No.

11,998. From that day to this?—No.

11,999. How many did Burrell tell you he had paid? Did you ever take the trouble of inquiring how many voters he paid money to?—No.

12,000. Did you take the trouble of inquiring how many Bentley or Thirsk paid money to?—No.

12,001. Now we will come to Mr. Lowther. Is he a common councilman now?—Yes.

12,002. The man you gave the money to?—Yes.

12,003. How much did you give to Mr. Lowther?—300*l.*

12,004. I believe that nearly exhausts the whole 800*l.*—No, there is 150*l.* remaining.

12,005. I think not; 300*l.* and 200*l.* are 500*l.*, and 100*l.* is 600*l.*?—Yes.

12,006. Then you gave two 50*l.*?—No.

12,007. Did you not ——. Well you drew all the money out of the bank; you drew 800*l.*?—I drew 800*l.*

12,008. What became of the other 150*l.*?—I should spend probably in the printing in one item or the other probably; I could not say to 20*l.*

12,009. What do you say in printing?—The printer's bills.

12,010. For placarding the town?—It was placarded partially, I think. I do not know that it was entirely.

12,011. I did not mean entirely. You are a man of business. It was stuck up at the corner of streets?—Yes.

12,012. Was all the 800*l.* gone for the purpose of the election?—After the examination before Mr. Baron Martin, these men brought me——

12,013. I do not care what they brought you. On the morning of Monday the 2d of November, was all the money out of your hands on that day?—Yes; the whole of the money was out of my hands on that day.

12,014. On the evening of that day?—Yes.

12,015, That makes you yourself expend about 150*l.*?—I did not spend 150*l.*

12,016. What time did you leave your office. I suppose about 12 o'clock they had the money out?—Yes.

12,017. And then you left your office?—No; it would be one hour after that I should leave. I think it was. I believe so. I do not know.

12,018. Tell us what became of the other 150*l.* How much did you expend?—What do you mean by

all being out of my hands? The whole of the 800*l.* out of my hands?

12,019. Yes?—No; it was not out of my hands by 12 o'clock.

12,020. I said in the evening?—No.

12,021. You said so. I caution you to remember my questions, they have a meaning. How much remained in your hands on the evening of the 2d of November?—I should be unable to say within 50*l.*

12,022. Tell us within 50*l.*?—Well, 50*l.*

12,023. You did not count how much remained?—No; I did not.

12,024. Did you ever make any in your own way; any account of what the election had cost you?—I have.

12,025. When did you make it?—It would be after it, some considerable time after it had passed away.

12,026. I want to know on the day that you found yourself with something like 50*l.* You had 800*l.* against you in the bank?—Yes.

12,027. Have you any account on the 2d or 3d of November of how much remained?—No.

12,028. I should like to know when you made the account, if you made an account?—I have never made an account out only in my own head.

12,029. If I speak of an account to a commercial man he does not mean in his head, does he?—That is a very different matter.

12,030. You never made an account at all of the expenditure?—No.

12,031. There is 100*l.* clearly gone that we can get no account of. I must get a little account of that. How much of that did you expend yourself?—I could not say.

12,032. About how much, about 60*l.*?—I could not say.

12,033. Yes you can, about?—I attended all the meetings canvassing previous.

12,034. You paid yourself back out of the 100*l.* for the money you spent on previous canvasses?—Any money I spent on the election in any way whatever would come back.

12,035. How much money had you expended before the 2d of November?—I could not say.

12,036. About how much?—8*l.* or 10*l.* It might be under that.

12,037. That will not account for the 100*l.*?—No, I cannot account for that.

12,038. We will give you 8*l.* or 10*l.*?—That would be the utmost.

12,039. How was that expended, in treating people?—I should think so; if you go to a public-house there is always expense, and the expense must be paid by somebody.

12,040. Did you attend any public-house near you?—There are none that I know of.

12,041. Did you attend any public-house in the neighbourhood?—I do not know that I did.

12,042. Does St. Mary's Ward go up to the building?—No, I should think not, not within 100 yards; it may be over that.

12,043. We will take 10*l.* in wine. Now 20*l.* in printing. Now what is the rest; we have 70*l.* to make up?—I should pay for the band of music, no doubt, which would be rather an expensive affair.

12,044. When would that be employed?—It would be out on the same night, the 2d of November.

12,045. What, the band to celebrate the triumph?—Yes.

12,046. Did any band of music go to receive the members as they came in?—No, I am not aware of it.

12,047. How much was spent on the band of music?—I could not say; it would be under 10*l.*

12,048. Anything else?—I should pay all the cab fares.

12,049. Did you pay them yourself?—Yes.

12,050. This is money you expended yourself?—Yes.

12,051. About how much in cab fares?—It would be under 10*l.* I paid them what they charged.

12,052. What did you pay them?—Anything they charged.

12,053. Was there any other head of expense?—There were canvassers that had to be paid.

12,054. Did you pay the canvassers?—I should pay them something, no doubt.

12,055. What did you pay them?—I cannot tell you.

12,056. Who were the canvassers?—I do not know who they were, even.

12,057. You were a man of money, and you paid money, and you paid it to canvassers, and do you mean to tell me you can neither tell me the names of the canvassers nor the amounts?—I am unable to do so.

12,058. When did you pay the printers?—I should pay them after. I have the bills in my office.

12,059. You have not any of the canvassers' bills?—No, only the printers' bills; and I did not want any.

12,060. You cannot tell me the names of the canvassers?—No.

12,061. How many were there?—I do not know; I should say very few.

12,062. Any other item of expenditure?—I could not tell you.

12,063. How much money did you pay voters yourself. That is what I really come to?—I am not aware that I ever paid one.

12,064. Will you swear that on that day that you did not pay money out of your own hand for voting. You did not know that there was any harm in it?—I will swear that I did not know that there was any harm in it.

12,065. Will you swear that you did not pay money out of your own hands for voting?—No.

12,066. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am very glad you will not.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

NINTH DAY.

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Mr. R. Baxter.

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Mr. Robert Baxter sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

12,067. Are you a member of the firm of Baxter, Rose and Norton?—Yes.

12,068. In London and Doncaster?—London only.

12,069. London only now?—Yes.

12,070. I believe in November last you were a candidate for the representation of the town of Hull?—It was so.

12,071. Do you remember some gentlemen coming from Beverley to see you at Hull?—I got a letter, but the exact date I cannot say, with a telegram from Sir Henry Edwards. The letter to myself from Sir Henry Edwards stated it was desirable I should make a speech here, and the telegram from Sir Henry was to ask me to come and speak here in the evening, when he himself could be here. I think that was the first occasion of his coming here to his constituents previous to the election.

12,072. The Tuesday evening?—I think that was the case, the 3d of November. The same day the letter and telegram came to Hull I wrote back to say I could not speak here as I was attending a Ragged school meeting at Hull. I wrote back to say so. The Bishop of Oxford was speaking at Hull. I could not speak here. I was engaged for Mr. Burton at Cherry Burton, to speak on another topic entirely. I passed through Beverley, but did not see any body.

12,073. So you missed those gentlemen who were coming over to see you?—Yes.

12,074. That would be Saturday, the last day of November?—I forget what day it was.

12,075. You did not know as a matter of fact whether anybody came from Beverley to meet you?—Not at all.

12,076. You did come to Beverley?—Yes, I came through.

12,077. Did you not come and make a speech here?—I came here and made a speech, but it was not an election speech, it was a speech I delivered in Mr. Birtwhistle's school room on religious topics.

12,078. When was that?—That was in January.

12,079. You did not address the electors of Beverley on Sir Henry Edwards' behalf?—Not at all.

12,080. I must ask you another question; do you know any Beverley person in any manner connected with the election?—Nobody.

12,081. Nobody at all?—Nobody at all, none. I had no communication with any soul living on the Beverley election, saving the communication I have just told you of.

12,082. I must ask you another question: did you bring with you any money for the purposes of the Beverley election?—Most certainly not. I had quite enough to do to bring money for my own election.

12,083. Then you were not at all concerned in the Beverley election?—In no way at all. I had no communication with any body. I had no letters. I had no inquiry at all. I had nothing to do with it. I know nothing, and in point of fact as regards myself, it is as if there was no election; I had nothing whatever to do with it.

12,084. I believe on one occasion you were the attorney for Sir Henry Edwards against a gentleman of the name of Ward?—Yes. I was not aware of the fact till Mr. Collier wrote a note to me, saying such was the fact. I then sent down to our common law department to make inquiry. Our managing common law clerk is out for his vacation holiday, but Mr. Collier stated my partner's name was entered as attorney for Sir Henry Edwards. Mr. Buck was out, and my partner had no recollection of the action. It seems to have occurred in 1859. I cannot find the papers, but as soon as our common law clerk comes home I will have a search made for them, and you shall have them if you desire to do so. In fact it was only a passing matter, and being some years ago the papers may have been destroyed. We always keep papers relating to property, but in matters of trivial import, actions for defamation and such like, we get rid of them entirely, and we are glad to do so, but if these do exist you shall have them if desired.

12,085. *Mr. Serjeant O'Brien* said he had nothing to ask the witness, and was sorry if he had been personally inconvenienced from coming, but it so happened his name was mentioned; it was quite an accident.

12,086. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is there any clerk in your office who could give us information on this matter of the action?—No one at present.

12,087. But hereafter?—Yes.

12,088. Who is he?—Mr. Buck, our common law manager.

12,089. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have no recollection of the action yourself?—I never heard of it.

12,090. Where was it tried?—It was in the year 1859, it was never tried at all.

12,091. Where was the venue?—I think the venue was here in Yorkshire. I daresay I could tell you.

12,092. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was the name of your common law clerk?—Buck.

12,093. His christian name?—Henry.

The witness withdrew.

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Richard Norfolk recalled; examination by the Chief Commissioner resumed.

12,094. Now, I am going to ask you one question, and I hope you will be very careful and candid in your answer. Now tell me, when you got the money, on the Saturday I understood you to say, what you said to the banker was this: "I want the money for election purposes?"—I said so.

12,095. Did you say anything else to him, or did anything else pass between you and the manager of the bank but that?—There was not anything else, not anything else.

12,096. Had you more than one interview with him?—Yes, two.

12,097. I understood—it may be I was wrong, but I understood you to say that on the Saturday you had but one interview with the manager; when was the second interview?—In the evening of the Monday.

12,098. Had you had any interview with him before the 800*l.* was advanced?—No.

12,099. Did you mention to him that Alderman Arden had suggested the bank to you, or anything of that kind?—I did.

12,100. You see that is not all that passed, I suspected that, and I wanted to call your attention before I put the question to you whether that was all that passed at that interview. You did say to him you were advised or suggested to come to him by Alderman Arden?—On entering his presence I made that statement.

12,101. Are you aware that Alderman Arden was named as the chairman of one of the parliamentary candidates' committees on the Saturday before?—No, I was not aware he was named as chairman only on the entry of Sir Henry Edwards into the town.

12,102. You were not aware of it till then?—No.

12,103. You were not aware of it before?—No.

12,104. Now another question; you had an interview with the bank manager on the Monday?—On the Monday evening.

12,105. If there is anything relating to your own private matters or transactions of business I do not wish to go into them at all?—I shall be happy to tell you everything.

12,106. Did you return any of the 800*l.* which you drew on the Saturday and Monday; did you, I say, return any of it to the bank in the evening?—No.

12,107. Now tell me, had you seen Wreghitt on the Monday?—I am not aware that I ever saw him on the Monday anywhere; I might have seen him, but I could not say.

12,108. When I use the word "seeing" I mean having any conversation with him?—Not that I am aware of.

12,109. You could hardly forget if you saw Wreghitt on the Monday. I will tell you the condition you are in. You applied to Wreghitt; he sent you off without any money; then on the Monday he would not know unless you saw him. Did you see him later in the day on the Monday?—I am unable to say whether I saw him. I could not say.

12,110. Now take care. I am putting a question to you which you can answer. Had you seen Wreghitt from the time you left him on the Saturday morning up to the time when Sir Henry Edwards came into the borough on the Tuesday?—I am not aware that I saw him; I really am not aware.

12,111. That will not do; you can tell me perfectly well whether you saw him or not?—I never saw him that I know of to speak to him on anything relating to election matters.

12,112. I am only referring to those?—I do not know that I saw him.

12,113. You will not swear you did not see him in reference to the pending election matters?—I will not swear, but to the best of my belief I never saw him.

12,114. Before you went to Wreghitt had you heard there was a person of the name of Crosskill was acting on the part of the Liberals and preparing for the contest; had you heard that before you went to Wreghitt?—I was not aware of it, but I heard so.

12,115. Had you not heard that Crosskill was receiving money from Maxwell and Trollope?—I had not heard so then.

12,116. When did you hear it?—I could not say.

12,117. Now tell me, for I wish to know very much, was not that the reason you went to raise the funds? You know I have read your evidence; I have it here?—What I have said before will be true to the best of my memory.

12,118. Had you not heard that Crosskill had been receiving money, and was it not on that account you went to Wreghitt for the money in order to fight the battle?—No, it was not, for I had not heard that at the time.

12,119. Had you heard it before you were examined before Mr. Baron Martin on the trial of the election petition in this place?—I heard it between the two times, between the time spoken of and when Mr. Baron Martin came.

12,120. You gave that as a reason, I think, why you went and got the money, because you heard they were prepared to bribe on the other side, and Crosskill had been receiving money from Mr. Trollope, and you were pressed upon it, and asked if you could name anyone you heard the report from.

12,121. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Mr. Serjeant Sargood said, "You were told that Mr. Crosskill had got money "from Maxwell and Trollope, and that they were "determined to win. Who told you that? I heard "it in general conversation; it was the general talk "for days."—I heard of that afterwards.

12,122. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He said before that he was told by the Liberals.

12,123. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This was asked, "Having supplied so large a sum on the Saturday "night, what information had you received that could "possibly induce you to draw out the remainder of "the 800*l.* before 12 o'clock in the day?" That is the information between Saturday and 12 o'clock on the Monday. "I was told that the Radicals were paying "25*s.* a piece."—That was my answer.

12,124. "And that if we meant to beat them we "must pay equal to them; that Mr. Crosskill had got "money from Maxwell and Trollope, and that they "were determined to win at any cost, and we must "beat them?"—I heard that afterwards.

12,125. That is not your answer here. Your answer here is, you drew that large sum, between 350*l.* and 800*l.*, in the interval. You had heard that Trollope and Maxwell had supplied Crosskill with money, that was the reason you gave; is that true or false?—That is true to the best of my knowledge, but there is a space of time intervenes between my drawing the first money and the last.

12,126. What? did you hear between drawing the first money and the last, that Crosskill had been supplied with money by Maxwell and Trollope?—Certainly I said so.

12,127. Why did you say you had not heard it before?—I understood you to ask me if I heard that before I drew the first money.

12,128. Then it is before you drew the second money?—Yes.

12129. You had heard that before you drew the second money?—Yes I had.

12,130. And of course you supposed Crosskill had received the money from Maxwell and Trollope, in order that that expenditure might affect the pending parliamentary election?—No, I never heard that.

12,131. I did not ask you had you heard it, I asked you, hearing that Crosskill had received money—Now, first, did you believe he had received money from Trollope and Maxwell; did you believe it?—I could not say I believed anything of it.

12,132. I mean, you paid that attention to it, and supposed it might be true?—I should suppose it might be true. I had no proof of it.

12,133. Supposing it might be true, did you not conclude in your own mind from that that Crosskill had got the money to expend on the municipal election, in order to influence the parliamentary election?—No.

12,134. What?—I never thought so.

12,135. Oh, nonsense!—Never.

12,136. Why should Maxwell and Trollope, who were candidates for the parliamentary election, on the municipal day, supply money for the municipal?—The same question might be asked, why should Sir Henry Edwards.

12,137. I do not ask you that. If you believe they supplied it, what do you think they supplied it for, if it was true?—I could not possibly say what I should think at that time.

12,138. Did not you think they did it in order to pave the way for their election a fortnight afterwards?—I could not say I thought so.

12,139. Did you think at all about it?—I do not know that I did.

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12,140. If they did it did not you think it was done with that object? Now, I ask you if it be true that you then believed Messrs. Trollope and Maxwell supplied Crosskill with money to pay 1*l.* or 15*s.* per head for the election for the municipal council; do not you believe they did it in order to pave the way for the election of the 15th?—If they had done so I should naturally conclude so, but I do not know that I thought about it.

12,141. Very well, I do not ask you that, it is all supposition. Now I come to the day. When did you hear that it was all up with the Liberals on that day?—About 1 o'clock.

12,142. Had you seen Lowther after you heard it was all up with the Liberals?—I saw him at the time I heard it, he told me.

12,143. About 1 o'clock?—Yes.

12,144. Did you hear the state of the poll?—I did not hear the state of the poll.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien said they merely wanted the state of the poll as a matter of fact to put down on their notes; but that it would not affect the witness in any way.

The secretary stated that the state of the poll for Minster Ward at 1 o'clock was, for the Conservatives 489, 488, and 485, and for the Liberals 191, 188, and 176.

12,145. You know that is nearly three to one. Now you saw Lowther, where was Lowther to take action in his own ward I suppose?—In his own ward; in the Minster Ward.

12,146. At 1 o'clock did you learn from him whether he had expended the 300*l.* you had given to him?—I did not.

12,147. Had not you conversation with him about having some of the money left?—I had not.

12,148. Did not you ask him?—He told me that the majority was very great, and I told him to stop at once. I do not know that any other conversation passed.

12,149. That is a conversation. You know he did not stop at once?—I am not certain of that. I do not know; I had not the slightest idea what he did. He said he would as soon as he could; that was his answer to me.

12,150. What, the stream was flowing so rapidly that he could not stop it?—He did not say.

12,151. "As soon as he could." What did you understand him to mean by that, as soon as he could he would stop the money; that is, he had money and he was paying out money out of his pocket to voters, and he would stop it as soon as he could?—He said so.

12,152. You are the man who gave him the 300*l.*, and he was to account to you for it. What did you understand him to mean he would stop as soon as he could?—I should understand him to mean if he was under a promise to anyone that he would pay him, and that when he had fulfilled his promise he would stop, and that would be as soon as he could.

12,153. If under an obligation to pay, he would continue to pay: do not you know he did?—I do not know.

12,154. There were others who took action in that ward, were not there?—Yes.

12,155. Who were the others?—John Robinson Bentley and Robert Thirsk.

12,156. Did you see Mr. Thirsk?—Yes.

12,157. Did you ask him what money he had spent?—No, I did not.

12,158. Did he tell you he would stop as soon as he could?—No.

12,159. He did not?—No.

12,160. You let him go on spending?—I do not know that I had any conversation with him about it. I met him in the street.

12,161. You met him, and did not speak to him about it?—Yes.

12,162. What did you say to him?—Either Good morning, or how are you getting on, or something of that sort; it was just in passing.

12,163. Now the other man, had you any conversation with the other man?—I cannot say that I saw him till the evening.

12,164. What I mean is, hearing you were nearly three to one, you took no means to stop the expenditure of the money?—Not any after that.

12,165. Did you vote for St. Mary's Ward?—I reside in St. Mary's Ward.

12,166. I mean did you go where they were polling?—No.

12,167. Did you go after the men who took action in St. Mary's Ward, whom you had given the money to, to stop them?—No.

12,168. No, you let them go on, I understand that. Now I will take you in the order of time. You went up to the manager of the bank; you had given, as I understand you, no security, and he had asked no security?—No.

12,169. And in Alderman Arden's name. Alderman Arden was the gentleman, I believe, who on the Tuesday evening introduced Sir Henry (if he wanted any introduction), and Mr. Kennard to the great meeting here, was he not?—He was.

12,170. And you, I believe, were the gentleman who spoke so strongly on behalf of Sir Henry and Mr. Kennard?—I spoke on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards; I might have included Mr. Kennard; I do not know.

12,171. Now, had you been much about with Sir Henry during the election?—Not anywhere.

12,172. You avoided him, is that what I understand you to say, or did he avoid you?—I do not know that he avoided me and I did not avoid him.

12,173. But you were not going about with him anywhere?—Not anywhere.

12,174. Did you canvass at all with him?—Not at all.

12,175. He did not know that you were a candidate for municipal honours; you told me at least as far as you know?—I am not aware that he did.

12,176. Are you aware that he knew that you were elected the day before by a very large majority?—I am not aware of it.

12,177. He did not congratulate you?—He did not.

12,178. Then do I understand you to say that the subject, whenever you spoke to him, was avoided entirely between you and he?—I am not aware that it was avoided, but it was never introduced.

12,179. I am wrong in using the word avoided, but it was never once introduced?—Never once introduced.

12,180. Nor between you and Mr. Kennard?—Nor between me and Mr. Kennard. I never spoke one word to Mr. Kennard in my life.

12,181. They did not congratulate you at all?—No.

12,182. That brings me to the bank. You went to the bank on the Monday evening?—On the Monday evening.

12,183. My brother Commissioners call my attention to a passage in your evidence yesterday. You said that you went to Alderman Arden because you did not want to be responsible for the whole of the money?—No, I did not go to the bank for any responsibility of Alderman Arden in any way whatever; if I said so it was because I did not understand your question.

12,184. I myself did not understand you in that sense, but I did not take down any of your evidence, because I was examining you.

(*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is my note of what he said.

12,185. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is quite clear you said it?—I did not intend to say it.

12,186. Did you go to Mr. Alderman Arden, or was it a casual meeting?—I was certainly going to his office, but I believe I met him in the street.

12,187. But you were going?—I was going.

12,188. I think it was with him you had arranged to become a candidate; he was the first man who

spoke to you about being a candidate ?—I was proposed as a candidate by the Conservatives Working Man's Association ; I did not remember it yesterday, or else I would have told you.

12,189. But he was the first man. Now I am bound to tell you, you need not to answer this question unless you like, I do not want to entrap you. Have you acted as common councilman in this borough since the time you were returned ; mind I do not use the word elected. You need not answer it unless you like ?—Under your advice then I will decline to answer the question.

12,190. Then I will not press it ?—I will answer the question if you wish me to do so.

12,191. No, I do not wish to press it ; you heard what I said—returned, not elected. I must ask you this : who were the three gentlemen whose turn it was to go out as aldermen ?—I am sure I do not know.

12,192. Do not you know their names ?—No, I do not.

12,193. You voted for them after ?—I should vote for the incoming aldermen.

12,194. Who were they ?—Alderman Barkworth, Alderman Walker, and Alderman Cussons, they were the three incoming aldermen.

12,195. I thought Alderman Cussons had been an alderman before ?—He was the father of the present alderman.

12,196. Then are these two aldermen Cussons in the town council at present ?—No, the young man took the father's place.

12,197. The father went out and the young man came in. Now I bring you to the bank. Nothing else passed between you and the manager except what you told us about the alderman ?—Not that I am aware of.

12,198. I call your attention particularly to it, nobody else can know it but you ?—Not that I am aware of.

12,199. What took you to the bank on Monday evening ?—I went to speak to the manager.

12,200. Why he had advanced the money to you ; the money was spent. He had found it and advanced you as much as you wanted ?—I went to tell him the sum was greater than I expected.

12,201. What took you to the manager that evening ?—I had no other purpose in going.

12,202. He knew the sum ?—Just so, but I wanted to know whether he was satisfied or not, I wanted to know whether he was uneasy, I suppose ; I went with that view, any how.

12,203. You went to him after banking hours I suppose ?—Yes, I believe so, it would be.

12,204. To his private house, or does he live at the bank ?—I was going to his private house I believe, and I met him in a street close to his house ; I should have gone to his house if I had not met him.

12,205. You were going to his house, but you had no other object than to ask if he was satisfied ?—No other object excepting to tell him the sum was greater than I expected, and I would make it right some way ; I believe those were the words I used.

12,206. I do not understand you ; you would make it right some way. The only way I know of if a man borrows from a bank is to repay it ?—That is the only way I know.

12,207. Very well, some way. Had you any other communication with that gentleman ?—No.

12,208. Now you have not heard the question : have you had any other communication with that gentleman up to the time that Mr. Baron Martin sat here in last March ?—No.

12,209. That was an emphatic communication you made to him then. Did he apply to you for any money up to the time the baron sat ?—I am not aware that he did.

12,210. You must know if a banker sent to you you must know it—did he ?—I think not, I believe not.

12,211. You know he did not ?—I do not think he did.

12,212. Do not you know he did not; what is the use of this. Do not you know the banker did not apply to you from November to March ?—No, I do not know it, I do not think he did; he might have done. He asked me after I know.

12,213. I am satisfied of that. You do not think he did before ?—I do not think he did.

12,214. How soon after Sir Henry Edwards was unseated did the banker ask you for it ?—I should say the first time he saw me.

12,215. I should say so too. How soon the question is; he did not take long to think after ?—I would not swear to two or three days; it might be a day after, but not more than two or three days.

12,216. I will take it the day after he came to you ?—No, he did not come to me, I met him. I was at the bank on business I believe, and the first time he saw me he asked me.

12,217. Did not that strike you as rather singular. What had Sir Henry, being unseated, to do with the banker coming to you ?—I do not know it had anything.

12,218. Did not it strike you as singular that a day or two after Sir Henry was unseated he came to you ; from November the 2d to March the 9th perfect silence, perfect quiet. Mr. Baron Martin publishes his report on the 10th or 11th of March, or some time after, and then the moment he saw you the day after he asked you for the 800*l.* Did not it strike you that was something to do with it, that the one fact had some connexion in the banker's mind with the other ?—No, it did not strike me.

12,219. It did not strike you at all ?—No.

12,220. You mean to tell me in the banker's mind or in the mind of those whose money he was dealing with one fact had no reference to the other, do you mean to tell me that ?—I cannot tell you what he thought.

12,221. I am asking you what you think. Do you think his conduct had reference to the other fact I mentioned ?—I think the publishing of Mr. Baron Martin's report had some reference to it, and induced him to ask me for the money.

12,222. That is what I ask you ?—That is what I think.

12,223. Then do not you think that they were under the impression when they lent the money to you that if you did not pay it Sir Henry would ?—I could not answer that question.

12,224. I do not want to go into whether you paid it or not I suppose you did ?—I did.

12,225. When did you pay it ?—I believe the first week in April.

12,226. You paid it altogether in one sum, I suppose ?—No, I paid it in two halves.

12,227. You paid it in two halves, it is a large sum to pay, 800*l.* How did you pay it, by cheques on your own banker I suppose ?—I drew a cheque on my own bank and fetched the money, and took it over and got the cheques back again.

12,228. Did your bankers advance it to you ?—I deposited security to the amount of 1,400*l.*, and drew a cheque.

12,229. From your own banker ?—Yes, in a legitimate way.

12,230. That is quite true in a legitimate way, that is perfectly true. Now just be careful and consider the purport of the answer you give to me. Do not you expect in some way or other that you are to be repaid that amount of money or any portion of it ?—I expect some way or other that I shall be repaid part of the money,

12,231. The greater part ?—The greater part.

12,232. Substantially all ?—No, I could not say that; I expect to pay a share.

12,233. Have you ever received from Lowther, you told me, I think you had not, any account of the 300*l.* in his hands ?—I have not.

12,234. Then do not talk of shares. He is a member of the town council with you ?—He is.

12,235. What I want to know is when you were

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called upon for the 800*l.* immediately after Sir Henry was unseated did you see alderman Arden?—No.

12,236. You did not see the alderman?—No.

12,237. Did you tell him you had to repay it?—No.

12,238. I think you would?—No, I told him after I had paid it.

12,239. How soon after?—The first time I had seen him.

12,240. Immediately after a day or two after?—It might be, I should tell him the first time I saw him immediately after.

12,241. Of course you did not tell Mr. Wreghitt?—I do not know that I did.

12242. Up to this hour Wreghitt does not know from anything you have told him that you had paid it?—I do not think he does, I have never told him.

12,243. You said you had not asked Lowther for any portion of the 300*l.* he had laid out when you became a councilman. Did you ask him at all for any portion of the money, the 800*l.* you had advanced?—I intended to ask him.

12,244. You intended to ask him. Now why did you not ask him before this Commission? Here you had one Commission in March, and another in August; and here is Mr. Lowther, and you had an intention to ask him and you never have asked him; will you tell me why?—I thought I had better wait for the result of the Commission.

12,245. For the result of the whole inquiry?—I certainly thought so.

12,246. Is it true that for the same reason you did not speak to Wreghitt?—No, I do not know that it had anything to do with it.

12,247. Oh, but he was the first man?—Yes.

12,248. Now is not it because you did not want that to come out at the inquiry that you did not speak to Wreghitt?—No, I never thought of it.

12,249. I suppose the same answer will hold good with regard to the other men?—With all.

12,250. Of course you did not tell Sir Henry?—Never.

12,251. You were in the habit of meeting Sir Henry?—Sometimes, very seldom.

12,252. He is chairman you know?—Yes.

12,253. And you are a man who took such an active part in the election, and you are the man who seconded the resolution that recommended him as a fit and proper person to represent the borough, and spoke so strongly in his favour; do you mean to say you had no conversation with him about the election after?—Never.

12,254. Never; you kept your mouth closed about it?—Entirely.

12,255. We have heard it ourselves, but I must get it from you. Did not you know that it was notorious throughout the borough that there was bribery going on on both sides at the municipal election?—Yes.

12,256. And did not you know that the papers were teaming with accounts of it on both sides?—The papers were full of it at the time of Mr. Baron Martin's inquiry.

12,257. I am not talking of the time of Mr. Baron Martin's inquiry, but at the time of the election itself on Monday the 2d of November, I believe there are papers published here on Saturday, that would be the 7th?—Yes.

12,258. Did not you know between Monday the 2d of November and Saturday the 7th the town was full of rumours, and not merely rumours, but facts, alleging there was bribery at the municipal election on both sides?—I know the town was full of rumours and there were these facts, but I never saw it in the papers.

12,259. At the meetings did not they cry out about the bribery that was going on?—I did not hear them.

12,260. They were stormy meetings?—Very stormy.

12,261. Very stormy, so you might not have heard all that passed. Then am I to understand you that beyond the security given you have not repaid to your bank any portion of the 800*l.*?—Not any.

12,262. So your security is there still; in fact it is borrowed money, still?—I do not owe them 800*l.* nor 400*l.* either, nothing of the sort; I should pay anything I had of my own in, and it would go towards the payment.

12,263. I thought you raised the 800*l.* on your bank and gave security?—In drawing the 800*l.* it would be more than I had in, and I gave the security to cover anything I might overdraw.

12,264. I do not want to pry into your private affairs at all, but will you tell me how much of it is on security, now on loan?—Probably a couple or two hundred and fifty pounds; I do not know it is that, I know it is not more.

12,265. Might I ask you whether this obliging manager charged you any interest for this 800*l.* between March and April?—He has not done so up to now.

12,266. I do not know what you mean by up to now?—I mean that he has not done so.

12,267. I expressed a wish yesterday and I express it more emphatically to-day?—It does not follow that he wont do so.

12,268. I thought the transaction, and so did my friend here, was perfectly closed?—Perfectly closed so far as I know. He has got 800*l.* and I have got the cheques.

12,269. As far as you believe he has no claim against you or anybody else for the interest?—I do not know that he has.

12,270. Who else could he have it against?—He could not have it against anybody else.

12,271. What you told him was that you wanted the money for election purposes?—Yes.

12,272. He is the manager. I thought bankers were generally very indifferent about matters of this kind. Is the manager a very ardent partizan or politician. How do you account for his not charging you interest?—I cannot account for it.

12,273. It is one of those things that is difficult to account for?—It is very.

12,274. Do you not believe in your heart that he did it because he thought it was for election purposes in which Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Kennard were engaged, do you not believe that?—I could not say.

12,275. I am not asking you whether you could say so, but do you not believe it was advanced because he thought it was for election purposes. Do you not believe that. As a man of sense and judgment and truth I ask you. It would do you more credit to answer candidly?—I wish to do so.

12,276. Well, as a man of sense, intelligence, and truth, do you not believe the banker refrained from charging interest because he thought it was for the parliamentary election?—I should think he did.

12,277. And he thought that from the manner in which you introduced the subject to him, that it was for Sir Henry's election. Do you not believe that?—No, he could not think that it was for Sir Henry; I never mentioned his name.

12,278. I know you did not. Is there anything else you wish to tell us, because we are ready to receive any explanation you may wish to give?—You asked me yesterday when was the last time that I had seen Sir Henry Edwards previous to coming here in November. I was unable to answer that. I went and referred and I find I saw him in Manchester on the 25th of September, and I never saw him after that till I saw him in Beverley.

12,279. That is perfectly consistent with what you said, because you still hold to it that you had no communication with him?—Yes.

12,280. You still hold to that?—Yes, I still hold to that.

12,281. Is there any other explanation that you wish to make?—Not that I am aware of.

12,282. Mr. Usher is dead; I do not like to go into his affairs?—Mr. Usher was in Edinburgh. There is not anything that I am aware of. If I think of anything I should be glad to give you any information.

12,283. We shall be glad to receive any information from you even up to the last day of our sitting. We want to see the printers' bills?—There is an explanation I may as well make with reference to these bills. I stated that the bill would be 10*l.* At the time I was unable to find only two of them, but last evening I went to Messrs. Kemp & Son and got the others and I find it is 14*l.* I spoke from memory. I did not know at the time. (*The witness put the bills in.*)

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12,284. I want to ask you one question. When you saw Wreghitt on the Saturday, did you tell him what you wanted the money for?—Yes.

12,285. I have read your evidence before Mr. Baron Martin. It is not consistent with that; that is the reason I ask you. The question was put to you in this way: "Of course you took great care not to talk to "Mr. Wreghitt about it, he being Sir Henry's "accredited representative?—I am not very friendly "with Mr. Wreghitt" is your answer. Am I to understand that when you saw Mr. Wreghitt on the Saturday that you told him it was for the purpose of bribing?—I am not positive that it was the Saturday that I saw him. I could not swear it, it must have been on the Thursday at dinner-time or the Friday or the Saturday morning.

12,286. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It makes no difference. It was shortly before you went to Mr. Arden's?—I saw him before I went to Mr. Arden's.

The witness withdrew.

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12,287. What are you?—A cashier.

12,288. In what bank?—The Beverley bank.

12,289. Will you give me the proper name of the bank?—Machell, Pease, and Hoare.

12,290. There are three partners?—Yes.

12,291. And you are the cashier?—Yes.

12,292. And it would be your duty among other things when persons applied to you for money to be advanced upon credit, to consider whether money should be so advanced?—Yes.

12,293. Would your authority under the partners enable you to give them credit without consulting the partners?—Yes.

12,294. Not to an unlimited extent?—No.

12,295. If the amount was very large you would consider it your duty to consult one or other of the partners?—Yes.

12,296. There are three partners, is that so?—Five partners.

12,297. You would consult one or other of the partners before you would advance on credit a large sum of money?—Yes.

12,298. What do you mean by a large sum?—Anything under 1,000*l.* I should advance.

12,299. Unless it was a very small sum you would not advance the money on your own responsibility?—I should use my own discretion up to 1,000*l.*

12,300. Do you remember Mr. Norfolk calling upon you at the end of October 1868?—Yes.

12,301. What day was that?—I cannot say what day.

12,302. Was it on a Saturday?—Most probably it was, I think so.

12,303. Do you remember what time in the day it was?—I do not remember.

12,304. Of course it was after banking hours had commenced?—I think it was.

12,305. And early in the morning was that so?—Yes.

12,306. What did he state was the object of his coming to you?—He wanted to borrow some money.

12,307. Did he say what he wanted it for?—Yes.

12,308. What did he say he wanted it for?—For the election.

12,309. For what election?—For the municipal election.

12,310. He said he wanted it for the municipal election?—Yes.

12,311. Are you sure that he mentioned the municipal?—To the best of my belief.

12,312. But you do not recollect?—I could not swear positively, but I think he said so.

12,313. Did he mention to you what sum he wanted?—He did not mention any sum particularly, he said he might want 300*l.* or 400*l.* or he might want more. He did not specify exactly.

12,314. And that was such a sum as you would think yourself entitled to advance in your own discretion?—Yes.

12,315. According to the practice of your bank?—Yes.

12,316. Without consulting the partners?—Yes.

12,317. Had Mr. Norfolk ever before asked you to advance money to him?—No.

12,318. Did you know his pecuniary circumstances so as to consider he was good for that sum of money?—Yes, from what I know of him.

12,319. Was anything said or suggested at the conversation as to any other person being jointly responsible for the money?—No.

12,320. Did he mention Mr. Arden's name in the conversation?—No.

12,321. Alderman Arden?—No.

12,322. He did not mention his name?—No.

12,323. Did he give you any idea as to when the money was to be repaid?—No.

12,324. Did you not ask him; surely you asked him! A cashier does not advance 400*l.* for the first time to an applicant without asking when he is going to get it back again?—He said it should be paid shortly.

12,325. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why did you not tell us that before?—I did not hear the gentleman's question exactly sir.

12,326. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I ask you again, did he give you any idea as to the time when it was to be repaid?—Yes, he said it would not be for long.

12,327. What did that mean?—Before long.

12,328. What a few days or weeks or what?—A few weeks or a month or two.

12,329. How much money did he draw out on Saturday?—I think it was 350*l.*, I believe so.

12,330. You will have your books. I suppose that shows all the transactions with Mr. Norfolk?—No, they do not show it, it was lent on credit. It was advanced on cheque.

12,331. Are not the amounts of these cheques entered in any book that you have?—No.

12,333. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The cheques are not entered. Your books show no entry of the money?—No.

12,334. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You advanced all this money without entering anything whatever?—They were on cheque kept in the cash.

12,335. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Kept as cash?—Yes, kept as cash.

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12,336. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is that your usual way of advancing money without taking an account of it?—At times we have transactions where we advance money on cheque for a short time. We keep them in cash.

12,337. In what sort of transactions do you adopt the practice of omitting to enter advances?—Any customers coming into the bank and wanting a loan for a short period, for three or four months, we take a cheque from them and put it in the cash. We have no account of such transactions where parties have no banking account with us.

12,338. You have no entry of a loan extending over three months, or extending over several months. Do you say that is often done in your bank?—Yes, we frequently do it.

12,339. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For six months?—Yes.

12,340. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What record have you to show what sums of money Mr. Norfolk drew out on the Saturday?—I have no record now.

12,341. And you never had any record but the cheques themselves?—No.

12,342. Then you can only speak from memory as to the amount he drew on Saturday?—That is all.

12,343. Do you know what amount he drew out?—I think it was 350*l.*; I think so.

12,344. Do you know in any way what Mr. Norfolk's private bank was?—No.

12,345. You do not know where he banked?—I know he banked at Bower & Co's.

12,346. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In this town?—Yes.

12,347. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He also had a trust account, he described it, in your bank?—Yes.

12,348. He had money there on joint account in your bank. He told us yesterday he had an independent trust account, trust money at your bank?—There is a joint account.

12,349. A joint account with somebody else?—I cannot speak whether the account was in credit or not. I do not know whether he was overdrawn on that account, I cannot speak to that.

12,350. Who is the other name in the joint account?—Myself.

12,351. You and he were joint assignees of another person's estate?—Yes.

12,352. And it was the money of the estate?—Yes.

12,353. On the Saturday he drew 350*l.* Do you remember what he drew on the Monday?—He drew several cheques on Monday.

12,354. Have you heard Mr. Norfolk's evidence here to-day?—For the last 10 minutes, I think.

12,355. Well, in the course of his evidence he said that at an interview with you he said that Alderman Arden recommended him to come?—I do not recollect him saying that; he might say so.

12,356. You said positively just now that Alderman Arden's name was not mentioned?—I do not remember.

12,357. Will you undertake to say that the recommendation of Alderman Arden had no influence on your mind in allowing him that credit?—Not at all. It had no influence with me. Mr. Norfolk was good enough for the money; I considered him so.

12,358. And you trusted entirely to Mr. Norfolk's credit?—Yes.

12,359. And not to the recommendation of Alderman Arden?—No.

12,360. What money did he draw out on the Monday?—He drew several cheques; I suppose it was to the extent of 800*l.* altogether.

12,361. Additional to the 350*l.* of the Saturday?—Yes.

12,362. This was drawn out, I think, early in the course of the Monday?—During the day.

12,363. Quite early?—Perhaps at 10 o'clock.

12,364. After 10 of course, but quite early in the day. How late were they drawn, the latest of them?—As far as I can recollect it would be between 11 and 12.

12,365. The last was drawn before 12?—I think so.

12,366. You told us that your margin of discretion extended to 1,000*l.* without consulting the partners?—Yes.

12,367. 800*l.* is not so very far from 1,000*l.* Do you not think it was a limit at which it was necessary to consult the partners?—I had not the opportunity to consult them. I have that limit given to me.

12,368. Do they give you that specific limit?—No, they leave it to me.

12,369. But practically there is a limit somewhere?—Yes.

12,370. And you consider the limit 1,000*l.*?—Yes.

12,371. You would not advance beyond 1,000*l.* without consulting them?—But there were none of them there to consult.

12,372. Not one?—No.

12,373. You say that it was for election purposes this money was advanced. The fact that it was for election purposes had that any influence on your mind in granting so large a credit?—No.

12,374. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I wish you would consider that before you answer.

12,375. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I will ask the question again. It is a question that ought to be thought over before you answer it.

12,376. (*Mr. Sereant O'Brien.*) Consider it carefully.

12,377. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is it usual for your customers to come and tell you what they want the money for when they want any advanced to them?—Very often they do.

12,378. Now consider. He said that the money was to be appropriated for election purposes, and I ask you again had the fact of it being advanced for election purposes no influence on your mind in granting so large a credit to a man to whom you had never advanced money before?—No, I do not think it had.

12,379. And you do not know that it had not?—No, it had no influence on me.

12,380. Now you say it had no influence upon you, which is your answer; you do not know, or that it positively had none?—I do not know that it had.

12,381. Those cheques were all drawn out. The 800*l.* was exhausted before 12 o'clock on the Monday. Did Norfolk see you any time in the course of Monday morning?—I cannot say positively whether he did or not.

12,382. Did you communicate with him about this large amount?—No.

12,383. You see he had spoken about 300*l.* or 400*l.*, and it had run up to double the amount?—He kept drawing the cheques.

12,384. The cheques were sent to you, he did not bring them?—I cannot say whether he did or not; most likely he would call on Monday morning.

12,385. What was the conversation about on the Monday morning?—It would be about advancing the money.

12,386. Advancing more money?—Advancing more than what he got on Saturday night.

12,387. He said he should want some more, is that so? That he came on Monday morning and talked about your advancing more money than was advanced on the Saturday?—Yes, that is so to the best of my belief.

12,388. At the conversation on the Monday morning did he say how much more he would want?—He said probably it might run to a large sum of money.

12,389. What is a large sum of money in your idea?—600*l.* or 700*l.*

12,390. Did he say anything about 600*l.* or 700*l.*?—To the best of my knowledge he did.

12,391. He said he thought he might want 600*l.* or 700*l.*?—Yes.

12,392. In the course of the morning?—Yes.

12,393. What did you say to that ?—I said it was a large sum to expend.

12,394. Why I have asked you the question is that Norfolk has told us that he never saw you again between the Saturday and the Monday evening ?—To the best of my belief he was there in the morning, but I cannot swear positively.

12,395. You told me circumstantially that he came and talked to you about 600*l.* or 700*l.* There cannot be any mistake. He wanted more money beyond what he obtained on the Saturday, and he believed he should want 600*l.* or 700*l.* in the course of the morning ?—To the best of my knowledge it is so.

12,396. You are a cashier. They do not throw away or lend 600*l.* or 700*l.* of their employer's money without thinking about it ?—It was either on the Saturday or the Monday that he said he should want that sum.

12,397. On the Saturday you told me that he only wanted 300*l.* or 400*l.* ?—Yes.

12,398. Now then, was it on the Monday that he came and asked for more ?—To the best of my knowledge it was.

12,399. Was it in the morning ?—Yes, I believe it was in the morning.

12,400. What did you say to the application ?—I said, Well, I should look to him for the money.

12,401. You would look to somebody for the money no doubt. You would look to him for the money ?—Yes.

12,402. And to nobody else ; pause before you answer my question ?—No, I had nobody else to look to.

12,403. You say that there was nobody else that you should look to ?—Nobody else but Mr. Norfolk that I should look to.

12,404. Was nobody else suggested ?—No.

12,405. But you thought it was a large sum of money. I want to know what you mean by saying that you would look to him for the money ?—To repay it.

12,406. You mean to say that you told him that you expected the money to be repaid ?—Yes.

12,407. It was not to be a free gift, of course ?—No.

12,408. I do not expect a cashier would make a free gift of 600*l.* or 700*l.* What do you mean by saying you should look to him to repay it ?—He said he would repay it.

12,409. When ?—There was not a time fixed.

12,410. I suppose you wanted some information as as to when it was to be repaid ?—He did not fix a day.

12,411. He did not fix any day ?—No.

12,412. But did he give you any idea as to when it was to be paid back again ?—No, not at that time.

12,413. When did you inform the partners or any of them of this transaction ? — I did not tell the partners of it. I never named it to them.

12,414. You never told them of it ?—Not till some time after.

12,415. Never told them of it ?—I told them sometime after.

12,416. When did you tell them ?—It was soon after the election.

12,417. What month ?—I cannot say the time when it was.

12,418. When did you see any of your partners after that ?—It was some months after ; two months perhaps.

12,419. Did you tell them before March ?—I think so.

12,420. Did you tell them before Baron Martin came here ?—Yes, to the best of my belief I did.

12,421. Did you tell them of this transaction before you heard of Baron Martin's coming ?—I do not know whether I did or not.

12,422. You do not think you did ?—I do not know whether it was before or after.

12,423. Did you tell them of this advance of 800*l.* before you heard of Baron Martin's coming. Now answer that question ?—I think I did.

12,424. Which of them did you tell ?—I do not know which of them it was.

12,425. Did you tell them here in Beverley, or where ?—I think they were over one day from Hull, and they asked me about it.

12,426. If they asked you about it they must have heard of it beforehand ?—I think so.

12,427. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then you did not tell them at all. Don't say you told them.

12,428. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How did they hear of it. As far as you know it appears they knew of it from somebody else, and not from you first ?—I do not know.

12,429. They asked you about it ?—I think they did.

12,430. That was the first conversation you had with them about it ?—To the best of my recollection it was.

12,431. Then they must have heard of it from somebody else. Now, can you tell me who that was, as far as you know ?—I do not recollect.

12,432. They questioned you about it ; it had come to their knowledge, and they wanted an explanation ?—Yes, I said I let Mr. Norfolk have the money.

12,433. Well, and what explanation did you give ?—They asked me if it was safe, and I said I considered Mr. Norfolk safe for it.

12,434. The conversation did not begin there ; it could not have begun there. They must have told you that they had heard that he had had that money. Which of the partners was it that told you this ?—I do not know which of them it was.

12,435. Did they tell you that they had heard of it from other people ?—I think it was Mr. Hoare, as far as I recollect.

12,436. Did they tell you they had heard it from other people or from anybody else ; did Mr. Hoare tell you that he had heard of this advance from others ?—No, he asked the question.

12,437. But how did it come to his knowledge ?—I do not know how he got to know.

12,438. I should like to know when that conversation took place with Mr. Hoare ? — I cannot recollect.

12,439. But as near as you can ; November, December. When did Mr. Hoare have this conversation with you ?—I cannot recollect when it was.

12,440. November, December, January, or February ?—Probably it might be in January, I cannot say positively. I have no date to go by.

12,441. Was it after the annual account at the bank was made up in January ?—I cannot speak positively.

12,442. You make up your accounts annually, don't you ?—Yes.

12,443. You square them up on the 1st of January of each year ?—Yes.

12,444. Was it after that process ?—I think it was.

12,445. You think it was after the accounts were squared on the 1st of January ?—I think so, but I cannot say.

12446. But in balancing your accounts on the 1st of January, did this transaction with Norfok appear in the books ?—No.

12,447. Then how did your books balance ?—It was in the cash.

12,448. You put it as so much cash, is that right ?—Yes.

12,449. And that did not appear in the books at all that were balanced up to the 1st of January ?—No.

12,450. I want to take you back to what occurred on that Monday at the municipal election. After this conversation with Norfolk in which he applied to you and you agreed to advance him more money, how much did you advance then ?—On the Monday ?

12,451. Yes, do you remember the cheques ; have you any means of knowing what the cheques were ?—The amount was 800*l.*

12,452. But the individual payments ? — No, I cannot say.

12,453. How soon after this did he come to you

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again. After these cheques were drawn and paid, how soon did he come to you again?—I cannot say what time; he had lots before he came again.

12,454. Did he come the same day?—No.

12,455. No?—I think not.

12,456. I ought to tell you that he has told us that he came to you on the evening of that day?—On the evening he might, but I cannot recollect; he might come. I cannot say positively whether he did or did not.

12,457. What took place at that second conversation?—On the Monday.

12,458. The second interview?—About advancing more money?

12,459. No, no.

12,460. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) After you had advanced all the money?

12,461. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) After you had advanced all, he came to you again, he says he did; what was that about?—I do not know what it would be about; I do not recollect.

12,462. When that second interview took place on the Monday, there was a conversation between you as to how he was to repay, and when he was to repay, and so on, was there not? After the money was all drawn out I am asking about. After the 800*l.* was gone there was another interview between you as to how the money was to be repaid?—There was no time particular fixed for it.

12,463. But did he come and talk to you as to the money being repaid? Did he not meet you in the street after banking hours?—He did not say anything about it then.

12,464. Did you meet him in the street after banking hours?—I cannot say positively.

12,465. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He said he met you near your own house after banking hours. I think you must recollect it, and he said to you this money will be paid some way?

12,466. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were here when he gave his evidence.

12,467. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is what he said; is that true or not?—I do not recollect meeting him; I might meet him. I cannot swear positively that I did meet him in the street.

12,468. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) But you had a conversation with him as to the repayment of the money?—Yes, I had a conversation with him.

12,469. What was that conversation? Tell me in your own words, if you can, what was that conversation?—He was to make arrangements to pay it as soon as he could.

12,470. And did he tell you what the arrangements were to be?—He said he would see some of the council.

12,471. Well, what else?—And they would have to pay a part.

12,472. Did he mention any names?—I do not know that he mentioned the names of anyone.

12,473. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When was this conversation?

12,474. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He will not fix the time?—I cannot fix the time. So frequently I saw him on business matters that I positively cannot say what time it was.

12,475. You say it was on the Monday that this conversation took place. You agree to that?—About the repayment?

12,476. Yes?—I cannot say.

12,477. He says that he was going to your private house after banking hours, but he met you in the street accidentally, and then a conversation took place, at which he said he would repay you somehow. Is that true or false?—To the best of my belief it was so.

12,478. He did?—Yes.

12,479. On the Monday?—I think so.

12,480. After banking hours?—I think so.

12,481. And he said he would repay you some way; he would make arrangements, and would go to some members of the town council?—To the best of my belief it was so.

12,482. What was he to go to them for?—To arrange with them about paying the money back again.

12,483. Did he mention anybody's name?—He mentioned Mr. Usher, I forget who else. I forget who were the candidates with him.

12,484. Mr. Arden, was he one?—Mr. Catterson, I think.

12,485. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Usher was the man who was their own secretary, who was away in Scotland, of whom you knew nothing, and is now dead.

12,486. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Catterson was one you say?—Yes.

12,487. And Usher was another?—Yes; I expect he meant the candidates.

12,488. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Tell us what you remember?—I cannot recollect.

12,489. You may rely upon it you will have to answer, you had better remember?—I will tell you all I know.

12,490. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did he tell you their names?—I think he mentioned two or three names.

12,491. What did he say was to be the arrangement with them?—That they would have to pay their part.

12,492. That they would have to pay their part?—I understood him to say they would have to pay it amongst them.

12,493. Then, in fact, you looked to them; you supposed they were to assist in repaying?—I looked to Mr. Norfolk for the money. I had only his name. I looked to the man who borrowed the money.

12,494. You relied upon the success, shall I say, of his application to them?—I could not rely, I could only look to him for the money.

12,495. And that satisfied you?—Yes.

12,496. When the partners in your bank saw you, did they not complain of this money being outstanding?—(*No answer.*)

12,497. Did your partners complain of this money being advanced?—Well, they said I ought not to have advanced so much as that.

12,498. You ought not to have advanced so much as that without security, I suppose?—I told them it was good enough; I considered it was good enough without security.

12,499. It was only personal security?—It was only personal security.

12,500. They complained of your advancing so much on personal security only. In consequence of those complaints did you make further applications to Norfolk for repayment?—Yes.

12,501. Immediately the complaints were made?

12,502. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now be cautious?—I asked Mr. Norfolk several times to get it settled.

12,503. Mr. Norfolk told us you never made the slightest demand for the money till after Baron Martin was here; is that so?—To the best of my belief I named it to Mr. Norfolk before to get it settled.

12,504. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The partners made complaints to you after the settlement of the January accounts of the bank; and you told me that in consequence of those complaints, therefore, I suppose, immediately after those complaints you applied to Norfolk?—I think I applied to him before then.

12,505. Did you apply to him in consequence of those complaints?—No, it was before.

12,506. And not after those complaints?—Yes, after.

12,507. And after?—Yes.

12,508. Before and after?—To the best of my belief.

12,509. Mr. Norfolk said he was not applied to by you, either before or after that time. Norfolk said here that you did not make those applications, that you did not apply to him for the money?—To the best of my belief I did.

12,510. You know you did; you know you made several applications to him?—To the best of my belief I did.

12,511. You know you made several applications to him?—When I met him, in conversation.

12,512. When did he repay the money?—I cannot recollect what day it was.

12,513. But you can, and you must?—I am sure I cannot recollect what day he paid it.

12,514. No, not what day, what month. It is a large sum, 800*l.* You must have some recollection?—I cannot recollect the day or the month it was in; there are so many transactions that passed.

12,515. So many transactions of that sort?—Yes, that we have passing in the bank.

12,516. What, of that sort?—No, common transactions.

12,517. That is not a common transaction with your bank. I am not a banker, but I know enough of banking for that. Did he repay you before or after Baron Martin came here?—I do not know whether it was before or after.

12,518. Was it in the first week of April 1869.

12,519. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You make us doubt whether he repaid it at all.

12,520. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Has he repaid it at all?—Yes.

12,521. Was it in the first week of April 1869?—Probably it might be.

12,522. Do you know how he repaid it?—Yes, in bank notes.

12,523. Was it in two sums?—I believe it was.

12,524. Do you know what the sums were?—No.

12,525. No entry of that either?—No.

12,526. Did he say where he got the money from to repay you?—From his bankers.

12,527. From his own bankers?—Yes.

12,528. Did he say how he got it?—He got it at his bankers.

12,529. What bankers?—His bankers, Bower and Company.

12,530. Did he say how he got it from them?—No.

12,531. Did he say they had advanced it to him? He said he had drawn it out of his account.

12,532. Did he say they had lent it to him?—No, he did not say so.

12,533. Did he say anything about having deposited security for it at his own bankers?—No.

12,534. Did he say anything about those arrangements with his fellow town councillors having failed or otherwise?—No.

12,535. You told me something about his arrangements, that he was to look for part of the money to them?—No, he did not say anything.

12,536. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now attend to me. I would have you be very cautious, very cautious indeed. You were associated with Mr. Norfolk as assignee under a bankruptcy here?—Yes.

12,537. How long ago?—Perhaps eighteen months.

12,538. Was that the first time you knew anything about him?—I had been acquainted with him before.

12,539. How long have you been acquainted with him?—Perhaps two or three years.

12,540. That is the year after he came here?—I suppose so.

12,541. I suppose you as a banker know of the list of bankrupts, and the list of composition deeds, do you not?—Yes.

12,542. Did you know during the time he was here as manager—I speak of this for your own knowledge—that there was a composition of 12*s.* 6*d.* in the pound to his creditors?—No.

12,543. When did you hear that for the first time?—At Baron Martin's inquiry, in the newspapers.

12,544. It was then stated there was a composition; when you heard that did you not apply to him immediately under the direction of your partners to pay back the money?—No, not in consequence of that.

12,545. I am not asking about in consequence of that; I am asking you did not you immediately afterwards apply to him to repay the money, after you had ascertained that fact?—I believe not.

12,546. When did you apply to him?—I cannot say when I did apply to him.

12,547. When was it paid?—I cannot say.

12,548. You, the manager of a bank, cannot say when 800*l.* was paid back to you?—I cannot recollect; it is impossible.

12,549. How long after Baron Martin was here was it paid?—I do not know.

12,550. How long ago is it, six months ago? We expect the very greatest accuracy from managers of a bank. You do not mean to tell me you do not know? He says it was in April.—Probably it was.

12,551. Was it in April?—To the best of my belief it was.

12,552. Now, you have some belief about it?—When you put the question it brings it to me.

12553. You think it was in April?—I think so.

12,554. How many applications had you made to him between the time when Baron Martin was here and the time it was paid?—I am sure I cannot say.

12,555. Were you constantly applying to him then?—No, not constantly. When I met with him I asked him when it was going to be settled. I was not at all uneasy about it. I considered him good.

12,556. You knew there was good security behind, did you not?—No.

12,557. Why did you say to him, "I must look to you for the money," if nothing was said to you that you would have to look to others?—I could not look to anyone else

12,558. That is the reason I ask you why you should say it to him. Why should you say, "I must look to you for the money," when no mention was made about anybody else?—I could not look to anyone else.

12,559. Why did you say it to him, that is the reason I ask you. Why did you say to him, "I must look to you for the money?"—He said that he would see the councillors.

12,560. That is not what he said; he said he would see you repaid?—Yes.

12561. He said he would see you repaid in some way?—Yes, and I called upon him to pay it. I said he must pay it to me.

12,562. Was that the time you advanced him the first money?—No.

12,563. Was it the time after you had advanced all the money?—Yes.

12,564. Are you a political supporter on the same side that he is?—I am not a voter.

12,565. Are you a supporter on the same side that he is?—I am of the same politics.

12,566. Did you know the money was going in bribery?—Yes, I judged so.

12,567. Don't talk about judging. You knew it was going in bribery?—Yes.

12,568. Did you know or inquire who were his fellow candidates? Did you know their condition in life?—Some of them.

12,569. Did you know Mr. Usher?—Yes.

12,570. You knew him as an employé of the company, secretary of the company, a man with a small salary, comparatively speaking?—I do not know what salary he had.

12,571. You must know the secretary had not a very large salary. You knew Sir Henry Edwards was coming, and that he was a great supporter of Sir Henry Edwards, did not you?—I knew Sir Henry was coming.

12,572. And that he was a great supporter of his?—Yes.

12,573. You knew he was one of his most active men?—He took an active part.

12,574. You knew it?—I saw him on the hustings.

12,575. Was anything said about Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes.

12,576. Do you know Alderman Arden?—Yes.

12,577. How soon before the 31st of October had you seen Alderman Arden?—I saw him before the 31st.

12,578. How soon before? Had you seen him the day before?—A day or two previous? I do not know.

12,579. I think at that time you knew very probably that some money would be required at the bank?—Mr. Arden said they were going to borrow some money.

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12,580. Why did you not tell us that before?—I was not asked the question. You did not ask me the question.

12,581. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I asked you whether Arden's name was mentioned; you said his name was never mentioned.—Not by Norfolk.

12,582. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That was the time to have told me.

12,583. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We understand the witness we are dealing with perfectly now. Have you any memoranda apart from the books? I do not say they are entered in the books; but have you made for your own information any private memoranda, or did you make any private memoranda of the moneys you had advanced to Mr. Norfolk on that day?—No.

12,584. I think you did?—No.

12,585. Eh?—No.

12,586. Have you any private memorandum book of your own?—No.

12,587. You have none?—No.

12,588. You trust to your memory?—Yes.

12,589. Which seems to me not to be very accurate?—I have no private memoranda.

12,590. How many days before Saturday, as I like to be precise, was it on the Friday that you think Alderman Arden told you they would want some money from the bank?—I cannot say what day.

12,591. But about a day or two before?—It would be a few days before, I think.

12,592. Did he come to the bank?—No, I met him in the street.

12,593. Always meeting in the street; used he to bank with you?—No.

12,594. Do you know whether he banked in Beverley, and where?—I think he banks at Bower and Co.

12,595. Did it not seem a little strange to you that they should come to you? However I will go on with Alderman Arden. Did he say, "Well, Mr. Forge, "there will be a sharp contest here; are you pre- "pared to advance a little money"?—Yes.

12596. I bring you and the alderman together. He said "It will be useful for us to carry the election. "Sir Henry Edwards is coming in a few days"?—No, he never said anything of that kind.

12597. You knew Sir Henry was coming?—Yes.

12,598. You knew Sir Henry was a good mark?—A good what?

12,599. A good mark; a very responsible man?—Yes, there was no doubt of that.

12,600. He said "Advance a little money;" does Sir Henry Edwards bank with you?—No.

12,601. Has he a banking account in the town, do you know?—I am not aware.

12,602. What would Alderman Arden have to do with the money? Arden was not a candidate?—I do not know.

12,603. You knew Alderman Arden was not a candidate; what did he want the money for?—He wanted it for the council business.

12,604. Now, you are putting the council on me continually. I will tell you what Mr. Norfolk said, who latterly seemed to have given his evidence candidly. He said what he asked you for was for "election purposes," not for council purposes, or anything else. He told you an election was coming on?—The election of councillors.

12,605. And he wanted money?—Yes.

12,606. Did he tell you how much?—Mr. Arden?

12607. Yes.—No, I believe not.

12,608. Just recollect?—No, he did not say the amount.

12,609. Did he tell you who would be responsible. He said, "We shall want money for the purpose of the election," did he?—No, he said "I shall want some money, will you advance any money"?

12,610. "I, Alderman Arden, shall want some money," is that what he said?—Probably "We—would you advance some money."

12,611. He said "We"?—When Mr. Arden asked me about the money, I said "If you will be responsible I will let you have some."

12,612. You told my friend just now that you advanced it on the sole responsibility of Norfolk?—Yes, I did.

12,613. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I put it to you two or three times whether Arden was to have any part of the responsibility, whether you looked to him in any way?—No, he did not sign the cheque, therefore he was not responsible.

12,614. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You said you depended on the sole responsibility of Norfolk.

12,615. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I asked you two or three times.

12,616. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now we will go on with the conversation. You said to the alderman, "If you will be responsible I will advance some." Is that so?—If he would sign the cheque.

12,617. See how you turn words; what you told me just now was, if he would be responsible?—Yes, if he would sign the cheque.

12,618. Which did you say?—If he would sign the cheque.

12,619. There was nothing mentioned about a cheque?—Yes, I mentioned it.

12,620. Did you mention a cheque?—Yes, "If he would sign a cheque."

12,621. Sign a cheque for how much?—The amount was not mentioned just at the time.

12,622. You said "If he would sign a cheque." What did Alderman Arden say to that?—He said——

12,623. Well, go on, what do you say he said?—He said he would not sign. I said I would not advance the money without some one.

12624. But he said "You need not be at all afraid, "the party are liable and will see you paid; you need "not be in any way uneasy about it"; did he not say so, or words to that effect?—No.

12,625. Did he not say words to that effect?—No.

12,626. That you need not be afraid of advancing?—No.

12,627. Then he point blank refused?—Yes.

12,628. The alderman refused to sign the cheque?—He never came.

12,629. Did he refuse to sign the cheque; what did he say?—He would not sign.

12,630. Then that is a refusal; he refused to sign the cheque?—I never saw him afterwards.

12,631. And he never said anything to you about the party being responsible for the money?—No.

12,632. That you swear?—Yes.

12,633. But did anything take place between you when Alderman Arden said, "I will not sign the cheque," anything else; did anything else take place?—I think not.

12,634. I think there did. When Mr. Norfolk came to you in the morning, were you surprised at his coming, or did you expect him to come?—I said to Mr. Arden, "If any responsible person"——

12,635. And he said "Mr. Norfolk will do"?—No, he never said Mr. Norfolk.

12,636. He said he would get you a responsible person, did he?—No, he did not say so.

12,637. Now, did you not expect before Mr. Norfolk's visit to you that you would have to advance money for the purpose of the election?—No, I did not expect it.

12,638. His visit was a surprise to you, was it? Consider the question?—No, I was not surprised; Mr. Arden had named it to me.

12,639. Why did you not tell us that. What had he named to you?—He asked me if I would advance any money; I said, if any responsible person——

12,640. Then, did he mention Mr. Norfolk's name?—No.

12,641. Was no name mentioned to you at all then?—No name was mentioned.

12,642. Then you arranged with him that if some responsible person was to come you would advance the money on that responsible person's cheque?—Yes.

12,643. I understand you now. I did not know that you had seen the alderman; had you seen Wreghitt?—No.

12,644. How long before that had you seen Wreghitt?—It is very seldom I see him.

12,645. You have seen him during the election?—No.

12,646. Some time after the election had you not seen him?—No.

12,647. Just recollect?—No, I never saw Wreghitt.

12,648. Not at all?—No.

12,649. Eh?—No.

12,650. Never had any conversation with him about this money?—No.

12,651. It was not known at all in the town that you had the money advanced up to the time of the discovery by your partners in the bank; it was not known up to that time, except by Norfolk, that you had advanced the money?—I believe not.

12,652. Up to that time?—I believe not.

12,653. After that time did you speak to the alderman who introduced him, you know. You are in this difficulty: your partners, the owners of the money, complained to you of advancing so large a sum and your not getting it back. Did you go to the alderman and say, "How am I to get this money?"—No.

12,654. Had you any communication with the alderman on the subject at all?—No.

12,655. Why did you not? He was the man who came to you?—Mr. Norfolk was the man.

12,656. No, the alderman was the man who first came and mentioned it to you. Why did you not go to the alderman?—I had no claim upon him.

12657. You had no legal claim. But I ask you, did you go to him?—No.

12,658. Did you tell your partners at the bank that the alderman had introduced the subject to you?—No.

12,659. You did not?—No.

12,660. How came it that you did not go and seek immediately to enforce payment of the money when yours masters discovered it; why did you not go to Norfolk?—Because I considered the security good enough.

12,661. Security! You had none?—His personal security.

12,662. You had his cheque?—Yes.

12,663. Why did you not apply to him? You know the money was idle; it was not bearing any interest?—No.

12,664. Then it was idle?—Yes.

12,665. That is not a very profitable transaction, is it?—No.

12,666. Then why did you not apply to him immediately the election was over, on the 2nd of November; why did you not apply to him?—I asked him several times for it.

12,667. He says you did not?—To the best of my belief I did.

12,668. He says you did not?—To the best of my belief I did.

12,669. You expected, I suppose, it would be only for a week or two?—I thought it would be a few weeks or a month.

12,670. It is astonishing to me why you did not apply to him before the cash account in January?—I did not feel uncomfortable about it.

12,671. You did not feel uncomfortable about it, you knew he had good backing. I ask you upon your oath, knowing no one but Mr. Norfolk himself in the transaction, knowing that he was the salaried manager of that company, upon your oath would you have ventured to have advanced that money upon his simple personal security?—Yes, I would advance it to him.

12,672. Did you ever advance such a sum to any other man in Beverley upon their personal security, so large a sum?—Yes.

12,673. In a situation like Mr. Norfolk?—He has real property.

12,674. Real property?—Yes.

12,675. How do you know?—He told me so.

12,676. Where? There are a good many who would like to know where his real property is, a man who paid only 12*s.* 6*d.* in the pound?—I understood he had some landed property in Wales.

12,677. Did you ask him where the landed property was?—No, he has often in conversation said he had a small place in Wales, but I forget where.

12,678. 800*l.* you know is a large sum for a bank manager to advance to a man of whom he knows comparatively little or nothing. I do not like to ask for the names, but would your books show, I would rather look at them myself; would your books show any similar transaction to this? I do not like to mention names at all. If they do show it we will have them?—No, the books will not show.

12,679. Did you ever write to Mr. Norfolk for the money?—No, I never wrote to him.

12,680. Never wrote a line to him?—No.

12,681. Here is a thing pending for nearly six months, and you never wrote a line to him?—No.

12,682. A thing that ought to have been paid within two or three weeks. Now I ask you again, did you ever apply again until after Baron Martin declared the election null and void?—I made several applications to him.

12,683. Did you go to his office?—No.

12,684. Did you write to him?—No.

12,685. Then what do you call making application to him?—When I used to meet him in the street in conversation.

12,686. When you met him casually in the street?—Yes.

12,687. Did he not tell you that as soon as this election inquiry was over you would be settled with?—No.

12,688. Any words to that effect?—No.

12,689. Now just be cautious?—No.

12,690. When did you hear that the baron was coming down?—I am sure I do not know.

12,691. In February you had heard it?—I do not recollect.

12,692. Did he not tell you as soon as the trouble or bother was over that you need not be uneasy, that the money would be paid you?—No, he did not say so.

12,693. Did nobody say that to you?—No.

12,694. Take care now. Have you ever seen anybody at all in connexion with this money except Mr. Norfolk?—No.

12,695. You never had conversation with any of the party?—No.

12,696. You say so?—Yes.

12,697. Had you seen Sir Henry at all at the time he was here so as to speak to him?—Yes, I have seen him in the street.

12,698. So as to speak to him?—Yes.

12,699. You spoke to him?—Yes, he called in at the bank when they were canvassing. He called in and asked how we were. There was Mr. Hill and two or three voters in the bank?

12,700. Who is Mr. Hill?—He is a gentleman in the bank.

12,701. Is Mr. Hill a voter?—No; we have two voters in the bank. He called in to canvass them in the bank.

12,702. Were you known to Sir Henry?—I was known to him.

12,703. He went in to see you and Mr. Hill?—To canvass the clerks.

12,704. Did he call in more than once?—Yes, I think he did.

12,705. Did he see you in your private room?—No.

12,706. Where did he see you?—In the bank.

12,707. Was Mr. Kennard with him? Who were with him?—They were altogether, the party.

12,708. A number of gentlemen, I suppose?—Yes.

12,709. Apart from seeing him in the bank, did you ever have conversation with him out in the street during the canvass?—No.

12,710. How soon after you had advanced this money on the Monday did you see Sir Henry? In the course of that week, I suppose?—Not to have any conversation.

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12,711. Did he not call at the bank that week?—During the election?

12,712. That week you know. The money was advanced on the Monday; did you see him during the week at your bank?—No.

12,713. You saw what a flourishing speech Mr. Norfolk made in his behalf. Were you at the meeting?—Yes, I was at the meeting.

12,714. Now, I understand Alderman Arden, who spoke to you about the money, was in the chair, and introduced the candidates?—I was not there at the time he first commenced.

12,715. But you saw him in the chair?—He was in the chair when I went.

12,716. Then you saw the Alderman in the chair, and you heard Mr. Norfolk make a flaming speech in their behalf; you heard him second the proposal that they were proper persons to represent the borough?—I think I did.

12,717. Then you felt perfectly safe, I think. If you had any doubts before you had none now about the safety of the money?—No; safe enough without.

12,718. You have no documents of any kind that will give us any information? The cheques you returned, I suppose, to Mr. Norfolk?—To Mr. Norfolk.

12,719. Did you date the cheques when you received the money?—No.

12,720. You did not?—No, Mr. Norfolk dated them himself; he drew the cheques; I did not.

12,721. You say Sir Henry did not keep a banking account with you. I will read you what Sir Henry said, "Having no banker here, I may explain that I "always sent a certain sum of money to Beverley "before the election. I have no other regular "standing account in Beverley at the four banks." Used he to send any money through your bank?—No.

12,722. Did you attend many of the meetings?—No, very few.

12,723. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You mentioned that you asked Norfolk for the money several times?—Yes.

12,724. Now, just think. You have been asked the question before. Which was the first time you asked him?—I cannot recollect, I am sure, which was the first time.

12,725. You cannot recollect the day, but about what time?—I asked him several times, I know, to get it settled.

12,726. I asked that; and now I should like also to know what was the first time you asked him?—I cannot speak to that.

12,727. Did you ask him before Christmas last year?—Yes.

12,728. Before Christmas last year?—Yes, I believe so.

12,729. That you are sure of?—To the best of my recollection I did.

12,730. I should like to know more accurately. Cannot you really say? There is a circumstance that I am coming to soon which will bring it to your mind what time you asked him; but I should like to get it now. Did you ask him before Christmas last year to settle this account?—I should ask him before Christmas, but I cannot speak as to the date.

11,731. But you did, as a fact, ask him before Christmas?—To the best of my belief, I did.

12,732. To the best of your belief. Cannot you swear whether you did or not?—Yes, I did.

12,733. You swear you did ask him before Christmas?—Yes.

12,734. What did he say to you?—He said he would get it settled.

12,735. Is that all he said?—That is all he said to me.

12,736. When did you ask him next after that?—I asked him many times to get it settled when I met with him.

12,737. I suppose the accounts in your bank are balanced some time about the end of the year?—Yes.

12,738. Does one of the partners come over then and supervise the balancing of the accounts?—No.

12,739. How do they know, then, that the accounts are accurate?—We report to them.

12,740. You report to them?—Yes.

12,741. However, you sent the balance-sheet to them?—No.

12,742. What is the nature of your report; that the accounts are all right, or what is it?—Yes.

12,743. Well, I am surprised to hear it. Do you mean they do not really look to your accounts?—They come over occasionally to look at them.

12,744. Did they come over at the end of the year or the beginning of this year, to look at them?—At the beginning of this year.

12,745. One of the partners, I presume, came over?—Yes, first one, and then the other came.

12,746. Who came at the beginning of this year?—I think Mr. Hoare.

12,747. Did he come over with you and balance the accounts?—No.

12,748. I do not quite see the object of his coming over?—He merely comes over to look through the ledger.

12,749. He comes over to look through the ledger?—Yes.

12,750. Then, I suppose he did, in fact, look through the balanced accounts?—He looked through the ledger.

12,751. I am not familiar with banking. The ledger would show all your transactions?—Yes, all the accounts.

12,752. Did he take stock of the cash?—No.

12,753. Did he not see what you had in the till?—No.

12,754. How is that? Is that left open then?—Yes.

12,755. Now, these unpaid cheques of Norfolk's, where were they at this time?—In the cash.

12,756. I do not know where the cash was?—In the drawer.

12,757. That is the till, I suppose?—A till where we keep all our cash.

12,758. Then, when the accounts were looked over by the partner did that appear as so much cash?—Yes, so much cash.

12,759. Did it or did it not, escape the attention of the partner?—They did not ask about it.

12,760. You did not tell them? You treated them as you have treated us to-day: is that so?—No.

12,761. Do you mean that you did not mention to them that you had made a loan to this amount to Norfolk?—They knew of it.

12,762. Yes, but what I mean is, in the ordinary course of business, did you not mention to them that you had made a loan of this kind to Norfolk?—I am sure I do not know whether I did or not, I forget.

12,763. Does it appear in any way? You have told us it did not appear upon your books, and I take it so; but did it not appear in any way that you had made this loan to Norfolk?—It only appeared in the cash.

12,764. I suppose there was a deficiency in the cash?—No, decidedly not.

12,765. Then, I do not understand it. I should have thought if I had paid 800 sovereigns out, I should have 800*l.* less in cash. Is that so?—If we do not take something for it.

12,766. You took something for it?—Why the cheques as cash.

12,767. What I want to know is, from anything that was in the bank, did this come to the knowledge of your partners?—The partners knew of it.

12,768. The partners knew of it in the course of business?—Yes.

12,769. Is that so?—They knew of it, that it was owing by Norfolk.

12,770. Now, I am coming to this: did they ask you for an explanation of the transaction?—I told them that I had let Norfolk have——

12,771. When you told them, I presume they asked you for an explanation ?—Yes.

12,772. Did you tell them ?—I told that I had let Norfolk have 800*l.*

12,773. Did they object to your advancing so much ?—No, there was nothing to say particular.

12,774. I thought you said they did object ?—It was too much ; I ought not to have advanced so much.

12,775. Surely that is an answer to my question. They said you ought not to have advanced so much. After that did you speak to Norfolk again ?—Yes.

12,776. Did you tell him that your partners were dissatisfied with the advance ?—I told him I requested it to be settled.

12,777. Nay, you not only told him you requested it, but that they requested it to be settled ?—Yes.

12,778. You knew or believed that Norfolk was a man of property ; did you press him for security ?—No, I pressed him to get it paid.

12,779. But he did not pay ?—Not then ; he did pay it ultimately.

12,780. He did pay it ultimately, no doubt ; but he put off paying several times ?—Yes.

12,781. Did you press him for security ?—No.

12,782. Why not ?—Because I considered him good.

12,783. You heard to-day that when he went to his own banker, his own banker exacted security from him ?—Yes.

12,784. Why should you, who were a stranger, treat him more leniently than his own banker ?—He was not a stranger to me.

12,785. He was more a stranger to you than he was to his own banker. He was a stranger in accounts ; he had no dealings at your bank ?—Only this trust account.

12,786. This bankruptcy account. Why was it you did not press him for security ?—Because I considered him good enough to have the money.

12,787. You considered he was good for the money ?—Yes.

12,788. Tell me another thing. Why did you let him have this money without charging interest for it ?—The interest was to be paid after.

12,789. Why the transaction is closed.—The 800*l.*

12,790. Do you mean to tell us that the transaction is not closed ?—Yes, it is closed.

12,791. Then you have no claim for interest ?—No, there was no interest.

12,792. I suppose so, but what I am asking you is, why he had this money, 800*l.*, for nearly six months without paying interest ?—I expect he will pay the interest when he gets settled with the other people.

12,793. Don't talk about what you expect. Why did you not charge him interest. Now answer ?—I was glad to get hold of the principal.

12,794. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) From a man you had confidence in.

12,795. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Why were you so particularly glad to get hold of the principal ?—It was time it was paid.

12,796. But you have been telling me for a long time that you thought Norfolk was good for the money ?—Yes.

12,797. And you told the partners so ?—Yes.

12,798. And you have told us so ?—Yes.

12,799. Why were you so particularly glad to get hold of the principal ?—Because it was time it was paid ; I spoke to him several times about it.

12,800. But if the principal, why not the interest ?—Well, I did not get the interest.

12,801. Is it your practice to lend 800*l.* for six months without charging interest ?—No, it is not our practice.

12,802. Do Messrs. Machell, Pease, and Hoare know that you their manager lend a sum like 800*l.* to a stranger without charging him interest, eh ?—(*No answer.*)

12,803. Tell me that ?—(*After some hesitation.*) I expected he would settle the interest.

12,805. Nonsense, he has not settled the interest, and you tell me the transaction is closed ?—Yes.

12,806. Now then, did you understand my question ?—Sir.

12,807. Did you understand my question ? Do your masters know that it is your practice to lend a stranger so large a sum of money as 800*l.* without charging interest ?—(*After some hesitation.*) No.

12,808. Would you have done so if this had been a commercial transaction ?—No.

12,809. Can you answer, or can you not answer ? Have you ever done a thing of this kind before ?—No.

12,810. Then this was a solitary transaction ?—Yes.

12,811. Now, answer one. Would you have done it if it had not been for election purposes ?—(*After long hesitation.*) No.

Mr. Charles Arden sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

Mr. C. Arden.

12,812. We understand you are an alderman of the borough ?—Yes.

12,813. When were you elected ?—Seven or eight years ago ; I do not remember.

12,814. I caution all witnesses not to answer so flippantly as to dates. It is very important ?—I do not remember when I was first elected alderman ; it is several years ago.

12,815. Are you a magistrate of the borough ?—No.

12,816. Is the mayor a magistrate ?—Yes, by virtue of his office.

12,817. Have you been mayor ?—Yes.

12,818. When were you mayor ?—About six years ago.

12,819. As mayor of the borough, and having passed through that office, did you know it was a criminal offence to bribe voters for the town council ?—Yes.

12,820. Liable to be indicted ?—Yes.

12,821. How long have you been town councillor ?—I was councillor for three years.

12,822. Before you were an alderman ?—Yes.

12,823. Then you have been about ten years connected with the borough ?—Ten or more.

12,824. How long have you been a voter for the borough ?—About 20 years.

12,825. A parliamentary voter ?—Yes.

12,826. And how long have you been a municipal voter ?—About the same.

12,827. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

12,828. By birth or servitude ?—Birth.

12,829. When did you take out your freedom ?—About 1843 or 1844.

12,830. And you know it is a very important advantage to be a freeman of this borough if properly used ?—Yes.

12,831. And you know that the council have very great powers to benefit the poor of the borough, and the freemen of the borough, if their power is properly used, do not you ?—Well, yes, they have powers.

12,832. If properly used. And you know the pasture masters have very considerable power and patronage for the benefit of the freemen of the borough if properly used ?—Yes.

12,833. Very great ?—Yes.

12,834. Would you tell me about how many thousand a year are distributed by the Corporation in wages and other employments ; taking the pasture masters with them is not it very near 10,000 a year ?—I could not tell you without examining the accounts.

12,835. The pasture masters have 1,100 acres of most valuable land. 8,000*l.* would answer my purpose ?—I do not know.

12,836. Would it be about 8,000*l.* ?—I could not tell you.

12,837. From whom am I to derive the information ?—You have had the accounts before you.

NINTH DAY.

Mr. C. Arden.

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12,839. How have you voted generally at the parliamentary elections?—On the Conservative side.

12,840. Of course at the municipal elections also?—Yes.

12,841. I am obliged to ask you, but do you recollect Towneley's election?—Yes.

12,842. Was there money going on both sides then?—I believe so; it is always said so.

12,843. Did you yourself receive any money?—No, I did not; I was not a voter then.

12,844. You will pardon me, because I look upon a briber as much worse than a bribee; and you received no money during the whole time?—No.

12,845. During all the time did you know that money was going on both sides?—On many occasions.

12,846. That the freemen in fact seldom voted without money?—Freemen and occupiers generally when there was money took it, a great many of them; not all.

12,847. Two-thirds of them?—I cannot say.

12,848. About?—I really cannot say.

12,849. Did you take an active part when Sir Henry Edwards canvassed the borough?—Not at first.

12,850. When did you commence taking an active part?—The election in 1860.

12,851. He has been returned at every election since he first came?—Yes.

12,852. You can tell me this, when he entered the borough was not it an understood thing between the different parties in the borough that the pasture masters should be equally divided?—I do not think they were equally divided. There were some of both parties. That was done for a particular purpose by the person who managed the pasture masters at that time.

12,853. Who managed them then?—Daniel Boyes.

12,854. The pasture mssters were under Daniel Boyes?—He was the clerk; but it was always understood that he was the master. There were certain of his own friends on the Conservative side that he got put in.

12,855. The 12 were made up of both parties?—Yes, both parties.

12,856. After Sir Henry Edwards came into the borough there was a change took place?—Yes, a year or two afterwards.

12,857. And then they became all Conservative?—They did.

12,858. And they remain Conservative up to this hour?—Yes.

12,859. Might I inquire (I take them all as honest and honorable men), what is the particular object that there should be 12 Conservatives having to distribute this amount of money and decide between competing claims; what is the object of having them all Conservatives?—I suppose the Conservatives wish to be in.

12,860. Much more than that. It is a troublesome office; what is the object in having them?—I suppose they like to be in because it gives them some patronage.

12,861. Because they can use the patronage, is not it, for political purposes?—I do not know that it is so.

12,862. Do not you in your heart and soul believe that it is because they might; I do not say they do, but they might use, or might be supposed to use that influence for political purposes?—I cannot tell what the pasture master's opinion is.

12,863. I ask your opinion. You are an alderman of the town. You know they were composed of different elements up to Sir Henry's appearance. They have been Conservative since. Do not you believe it was for the purpose of having that power to use the patronage for political purposes?—I do not know that it was.

12,864. I am not asking you, I know you did not know?—I cannot tell what other people wish.

12,865. I asked you what you believe?—I cannot give an answer to that question, because I do not know it.

12,866. Do not you believe it?—I really cannot say.

12,867. You think it was a mere fancy?—I do not know.

12,868. Do you mean to say you think it was a mere fancy to have all that patronage and to turn it to no political purposes? did you ever hear it complained of that they used that patronage for political purposes?—By the other party?

12,869. Of course their own party would not complain of it. My question does not come upon you by surprise?—Oh no, I have certainly heard it.

12,870. And you knew, I suppose, from what you knew of the borough, that money was paid for the election of the pasture masters?—On several occasions I believe it has.

12,871. And money was paid in the interest of Sir Henry Edwards for the election of the pasture masters?—I have heard it rumoured so.

12,872. Money paid through the hands of Wreghitt?—I heard so.

12,873. And believed it?—Mr. Monkman, the clerk to the pasture masters, stated that he once received some money from Wreghitt, and therefore I suppose it is true.

12,874. That was not the first time you heard it?—Oh, I had heard it before.

12,875. And believed it before?—Yes, I daresay it is true.

12,876. Then you can have no hesitation in saying you believe it was done for a political purpose?—I do not know that it was done for a political purpose.

12,877. What else could it be done for? If Wreghitt paid Sir Henry Edward's money for the election of pasture masters, what else could it be done for?—To please certain members of the Conservative party they wished to be in.

12,878. As you please a child by a toy, dangling it as a toy before the 12 pasture masters?—You may call anything a toy.

12,879. You are a man of business?—Yes.

12,880. What business?—A wine merchant.

12,881. Do you mean to say that you do not in your soul believe money was advanced for a political purpose. Now do answer?—I cannot answer what I do not know.

12,882. I did not ask you what you do not know. Don't you believe it was?—I never thought about it.

12,883. Think about it now. Don't you believe it now?—I cannot form an opinion just now.

12,884. Not after what you have heard here; very well. Now about the town council. You were elected about seven years ago?—No, longer as a councillor, I believe 10 years ago.

12,885. When do you go out by rotation?—In about two years.

12,886. Now, I can ask you, I did not like to ask Mr. Norfolk, who were the three aldermen elected last time?—Dr. Walker, Mr. Cussons, and Mr. Barkworth.

12,887. You were at the election?—I was in the street at different times. I did not preside at the election.

12,888. I mean the election of aldermen?—Oh yes.

12,889. Will you tell me these six councillors, I do not call them representatives at all; did these six councillors vote for these aldermen?—Yes.

12,890. Had you a vote?—Yes.

12,891. Of course you voted for them?—Yes.

12,892. You took an active part in the last election?—The parliamentary or municipal?

12,893. Both?—Not in the municipal.

12,894. You do not wish us to suppose a man who is engaged in finding the sinews of war —— ?—I wish to explain that. I was not engaged in finding the sinews of war.

12,895. Do I understand you to say you took no

part in the municipal election?—Very little part. If I saw a person I might ask him for his vote.

12,896. That is taking a part?—Very slight.

12,897. A slight part in the municipal election. Did you canvass anybody?—Well, a few people.

12,898. That is taking what I call an active part?—I only canvassed very few.

12,899. You heard Mr. Norfolk's evidence, and you have heard him say before Baron Martin that you were a person who suggested to him to stand for the town council?—That is quite a mistake. I think Mr. Norfolk stated that this morning.

12,900. You did not then?—No, I never suggested it to him.

12,901. I am very sorry there are these mistakes?—It is not my fault.

12,902. You never spoke to him at all about it?—I heard that he was going to be a candidate, and I asked him if he was.

12,903. When did you hear that? He said you were the first man he spoke to on the subject?—There was a meeting, as Mr. Norfolk explained to you this morning, of the Conservative Association.

12,904. I am sorry you use the word "Conservative" with reference to such a thing, it is too respectable a name; an association of bribers and bribees, that is all?—Not that I know of.

12,905. When was that meeting held?—Some time before the election.

12,906. Where was it held?—At the Conservative news rooms.

12,907. Were you there?—Yes.

12,908. You can tell me when it was?—I should think about a month before the election.

12,909. Why, Mr. Norfolk says it got into his head about a fortnight before?—I cannot say precisely.

12,910. Who proposed Mr. Norfolk?—I really don't remember.

12,911. Did you second him?—No, I think not.

12,912. Do you live in the ward?—Yes.

12,913. What ward?—St. Mary's.

12,914. You know, as an alderman, at that meeting at which the common council were to be proposed, as president of the ward, you would most likely take an active part in it?—I was not president of the ward.

12,915. Who was president?—Mr. Cussons.

12,916. I thought you were alderman of that ward?—No, not of that ward.

12,917. Did you propose or second Mr. Norfolk?—I think not.

12,918. Did you propose or second any of the candidates?—I think not.

12,919. But you were present, and heard him proposed?—Yes.

12,920. Do I understand you you had no other communication with Mr. Norfolk after that?—No, except that I met him one day in the streets and told him.

12,921. All these meetings are in the street?—It so happened.

12,922. Did you know where he lived?—Yes.

12,923. And he knew where you lived?—Yes.

12,924. Had you any business transactions with him?—Sometimes; he is a customer of mine.

12,925. Then you knew about a fortnight or a month before that he was a candidate. Now tell us when you accidentally met him in the street what occurred?—I simply said, "I understand you are going to be a candidate," and he said, "Yes." That is all that passed about it.

10,926. Did not you see the joint address, the composition of Norfolk himself? You had a vote for town council in the ward?—Yes.

12,927. Did not you see the joint address?—Yes, I did.

12,928. Then you need not have asked him if he was going to be candidate?—I saw him before he put out the address.

12,929. That is about a week before?—I do not remember.

12,930. Do you recollect your meeting with him after he had been to Wreghitt?—Yes; I will tell you exactly what he said.

12,931. He told you he had been to Wreghitt?—Yes.

12,932. He told you Wreghitt this time would not supply the funds?—Yes.

12,933. Is it usual, because I want to know, for gentlemen who are candidates for the honour of the town council to go begging about for money to pay their expenses?—It is so long since I have been a candidate. I never did when I was a candidate.

12,934. I am leaving out all personalities in every way; is it usual for gentlemen who are seeking the honour of representing a ward in the corporation of Beverly to go about begging for money to pay their expenses?—I do not know that it is.

12,935. It is not usual?—I do not know that it is.

12,936. Have you ever heard of it before this last time?—Yes, I have heard of subscriptions being raised.

12,937. This is not a subscription at all. Did you understand that he had gone to Wreghitt for a subscription?—No, he had gone to ask money from Wreghitt.

12,938. 300*l.* or 400*l.*?—He did not tell me how much. He had gone to ask for some.

12,939. Was the last occasion the first time you heard of such a transaction as that; men who were candidates going to Wreghitt for money?—I have heard that Wreghitt has paid money before.

12,940. To candidates who are going to stand as town councillors?—For the town council elections I had heard so.

12,941. Mr. Wreghitt must be a very wealthy man?—I don't know I am sure.

12,942. I suppose it was known, I do not mean your own personal knowledge, that he had a supply from Sir Henry Edwards?—I suppose so.

12,943. And that was the general belief in the town about it?—Yes, I have no doubt it was.

12,944. Then you know, that a man who is about to set up as councillor going to Mr. Wreghitt, was literally going to ask Sir Henry Edwards for money?—Yes.

12,945. Do you know where Sir Henry Edwards lives?—Yes, at Pye Nest, near Halifax.

12,946. Then instead of having to go to Halifax, which would be a journey, they go to Mr. Wreghitt here?—Yes.

12,947. He came to you and told you there was no flow this morning, because that is what it came to?—Yes.

18,948. What did you suggest?—He asked me where he could get some money. I told him he had better go and ask Mr. Forge; I thought he would advance him some.

12,949. For the first time we have heard to-day from Mr. Forge that you had been applying to him?—Mr. Forge did not state that quite correctly.

12,950. I am afraid we shall have to come to the conclusion that very little is stated quite correctly?—What I am going to state is correct.

12,951. Of course you knew the amount, the sum was mentioned?—I do not remember that it was.

12,952. Just recollect; 300*l.* or 400*l.*?—He might say 300*l.*; I don't remember.

12,953. Of course you knew that was intended for bribery purposes?—I did not ask him what it was for.

12,954. You took it for granted. Of course there is nothing that at all touches you in that, but you suggested to him to go to Mr. Forge?—Yes.

12,955. How came that?—Because I had had a conversation with Mr. Forge a short time previously.

19,956. I suppose accidentally?—Yes, I met him; I was talking to him.

12,957. How came you to know that these six gentlemen, one the manager of a large concern, wanted the funds?—I did not know.

12,958. You spoke to Mr. Forge?—Yes.

NINTH DAY.

Mr. C. Arden.

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12,959. You would not have spoken to Mr. Forge except to ask him to advance money?—I asked him if, in case it was necessary and any one wanted money, he would advance it.

12,960. "Any one?"—At the municipal election.

12,961. If any one at the municipal election wanted money. That is not the way a conversation of this kind takes place?—That is the way that took place.

12,962. If any person at the municipal election ——?—Of course he knew who the candidates were at that time, the Conservative candidates.

12,963. Did you say, "If any of the candidates?"—I do not remember the precise words I used.

12,964. I think you would say, "If we want any money at the borough election ——?"—The council choosing, the municipal election.

12,965. Oh of course, everybody mentioned "municipal." I think you would say "If we want any money at the municipal election, will you advance it?"—Yes.

12,966. I think that is what you would say; I think you would say, "If we want any?"—I did not say "we."

12,967. I think that would be the natural thing?—It was not on that occasion.

12,968. "If any is wanted?"—"If any money is wanted."

12,969. Was any sum mentioned?—No.

12,970. "If any money is wanted will you advance it." Then you did expect or dread that some money might be wanted?—I will tell you the reason why.

12,971. By-and-bye you may explain everything. Tell me the reason why?—At the previous municipal election, I was told the Conservative party lost the election because they had no money.

12,972. Did they lose the election?—Yes, in 1867 they lost the election at the Minster Ward.

12,973. How many were returned for the Minster Ward?—Three Liberals.

12,974. And then you thought it would be well that there should be provision made to counteract Liberal bribery?—Yes.

12,975. You said now in plain language, "Let us bribe to counteract the Liberal bribery?"—I did not say so.

12,976. That is the meaning?—You may draw that inference if you please.

12,977. I mean what was in your mind. I do not want to draw any inference except what your own idea was?—I certainly did not suppose the money would be spent for strictly legal purposes.

12,978. What did he say?—He said, "If any "responsible person applies to me for money I will "let them have it."

12,979. Did not he ask you if you would sign a cheque?—No, that is quite a mistake of his.

12,980. Who are we to believe. Here is a banker's clerk who understands the meaning of language; did not he say, "If you sign a cheque," and did not you refuse to sign a cheque?—No.

12,981. It is all pure invention?—It is a mistake. He got nervous.

12,982. A man may make a mistake, but he cannot invent words?—I cannot say any more.

12,983. You say nothing of the kind ever occurred?—Nothing.

12,984. Did he ask you to sign a cheque?—No.

12,985. And you never refused to sign a cheque?—Never.

12,986. What sum of money had you in your mind at that time. Had you any?—I should have thought about a couple of hundred pounds.

12,987. Had you seen anybody in reference to the election except Mr. Norfolk? Do you think you saw Lowther?—No, I do not remember seeing Lowther.

12,988. I think you did?—I do not recollect.

12,989. Are you on friendly terms with him?—Oh yes.

12,990. Did you know either of the other candidates?—I knew them all.

12,991. Do you pledge yourself; they are not before us yet, let us have no mistake about it; do you mean to tell us there was no conversation with any of them in reference to the forthcoming municipal election?—Several conversations with respect to the election.

12,992. With respect to the want of money?—Not till I had spoken to Mr. Forge.

12,993. Afterwards I mean. You laid a foundation with Forge; can you tell me how many days before the election?—I should think a fortnight before.

12,994. Now referring to this subject as it proceeds, when did you ascertain that money had been obtained?—I think it was on the same afternoon.

12,995. On the Saturday?—Not till the Monday after the money was taken out.

12,996. 350*l.* was taken on Saturday?—I don't know anything about that.

12,997. You had not heard that?—I never heard any more about the matter.

12,998. Then you heard on the afternoon of Monday that the money had been advanced?—I heard so.

12,999. From whom?—I don't remember who told me. Several persons mentioned it in the course of the afternoon. I do not remember who told me first.

13,000. Did you hear how it had been distributed?—I heard that there was bribery going on in the town.

13,001. Did you hear of any particular sum?—Oh no.

13,002. For example, from Mr. Lowther, one of the candidates?—I never heard anything about that.

13,003. Mr. Lowther, a candidate, got 300*l.* into his own hands on the morning to bribe for himself?—So I have heard now: I did not know it before.

13,004. Did you see Mr. Norfolk on the day after he came out of his office about 1 o'clock?—I saw him in the street, but not to speak to him.

13,005. To have an interview with him?—I might have spoken to him casually.

13,006. Nothing passed between you confidentially?—No.

13,007. Were you not about? It was an important day for those who were taking part in the election; were you about a good deal?—I was about. I went after breakfast and stayed for about an hour perhaps.

13,008. At what time did you hear it was all up with the Liberals?—I should think about 11 o'clock.

13,009. You had heard that the Liberals were bribing too?—Oh yes.

13,010. Had you heard from what source the Liberals got the money?—There was a rumour that Maxwell and Trollope advanced the money, but I did not believe it.

13011. And I suppose the rumour on the other side was that the money found by Mr. Norfolk was advanced by Sir Henry?—I did not hear of that.

13,012. Don't you think that was supposed on your side?—No, I never heard of it on our side.

13013. Well then, about 11 o'clock it was all up, so that any money after that was quite unnecessary for the purposes of that election?—I should think it was; I cannot say particularly to the hour.

13,014. You canvassed some men, can you tell me whom?—No, I cannot remember. I canvassed a man of the name of Girbow who was examined yesterday.

13,015. What did he say?—He said he thought he would vote on our side; he was not sure.

13016. He got some money I think?—He said here he got some money.

13017. Not from you?—Not from me. Did you mean me personally, or the party?

13,018. He did not say he got it from you?—No, he did not say that.

13,019. I think he was bribed on both sides?—I do not know that he was. He was offered money I believe on our side.

13,020. Had you any knowledge when you spoke to him and canvassed him that he would get money?—No.

13,021. Individually?—No, not individually.

13,022. You knew money was going?—Not when I saw him. I canvassed him two or three days before the election; I did not canvass any one on the day of the election.

13,023. After you had known that money was going, which you would know on the Monday, did you canvass any one?—I do not think I asked any one for a vote on Monday at all. I think not.

13,024. Are you sure?—I took very little part in it.

13,025. You cannot tell me the name of any one you canvassed on Monday?—I do not think I canvassed any one on the Monday at all.

13,026. Was there a meeting of the party on Monday evening to celebrate the triumph?—I do not know that there was.

13,027. You did not attend?—No.

13,028. Well, now you were I believe one of the first to see the candidates as they came in; were you chairman for Mr. Kennard, announced in September?—He was announced in September, but I was not the chairman in September.

13,029. Were you on the committee?—I was appointed chairman afterwards; there was no committee before he came.

13,030. He was announced in September?—I believe it was September.

13,031. When were the placards put out announcing Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard had arrived in Beverley. They had been out before the municipal election, had not they?—I cannot say.

13,032. I think you will find they had been advertised before the municipal election?—I cannot say.

13,033. Their addresses were out in the papers?—Their addresses were out.

13,034. A week or two before?—I should think some time before.

13,035. You saw the addresses, but you do not know that the announcement was made?—No.

13,036. Were they met at the railway station?—No.

13,037. Do you know what time they came in?—I should think most probably by the 5 o'clock train.

13,038. You were chairman at the meeting?—I was elected chairman at that meeting.

13,039. You introduced them?—Yes.

13,040. And you heard Mr. Norfolk make that speech?—Yes.

13,041. You knew at that time Norfolk was returned by bribery?—I had a pretty good idea of it.

13,042. You knew it perfectly well?—I supposed so. I did not know, because I did not see any one bribe.

13,043. You had a general idea?—Oh yes, I suppose so.

13,044. Was any contribution or subscription at all proposed among the party?—I told Mr. Norfolk I should be very glad to subscribe.

13,045. I do not ask you what you told him; had any subscription been set on foot, or any means been taken to raise that 800*l.*?—No, I believe not.

13,046. When did you tell Norfolk that you would be glad to subscribe?—When he was talking to me afterwards, after the bank had applied to him to pay the money; he said it was very hard upon him.

13,047. He said the bank never applied to him for the money till after Baron Martin was here?—Yes.

13,048. You have heard him say so?—Yes, I heard him say so.

13,049. Was it after Baron Martin was here that he spoke to you?—I cannot remember positively whether before or after.

3,050. What is your impression?—I fancy it was before; I cannot say positively. Once or twice he spoke to me about it.

13,051. No subscription has been raised. I suppose you spoke to Wreghitt about it?—Oh yes, I spoke to him about the money after it was paid.

13,052. You spoke to Wreghitt about the money?—Yes.

13,053. When did you speak to Wreghitt about it?—I believe on the Monday.

13,054. On the Monday evening?—Yes.

13,055. Were you surprised it was so large a sum as 800*l.*?—Yes.

13,056. And you spoke to Wreghitt, knowing that Wreghitt was Sir Henry Edward's confidential man?—I did not speak to him on that account; I did know that he was.

13,057. Tell us what you told Mr. Wreghitt?—I said they must have been great fools to spend 800*l.* He agreed with me that they were.

13,058. Oh yes, I will give it another name?—Yes, possibly. I called them fools.

13,059. He was very much annoyed?—Yes, he seemed very much annoyed.

13,060. Mr. Wreghitt was very much annoyed. I suppose he did not think at all it would promote the chances of Sir Henry's election?—He did not say so; I don't know what he thought.

13,061. What did you think; did you think it would tend very much to promote Sir Henry's election?—I did not think it would. I took it in this manner, that winning that election was an omen of the other.

13,062. Winning that election by means of bribery was an omen?—If you remember both sides bribed; it was a criterion of the strength of the parties.

13,063. And the money?—No, of the strength of the parties.

13,064. But a number of Liberals voted when they were bribed on the other side?—I did not know that at the time.

13,065. You thought the Liberals were beaten?—I thought they were beaten, and they were.

13,066. You spoke to Wreghitt about that; did not it strike you it might have a dangerous influence on the parliamentary election?—Do you mean with respect to the safety of the seats of the candidates?

13,067. Yes?—No, it never struck me, I must say.

13,068. This is an expenditure for no earthly object, the object one cannot conceive?—I thought it was a very great object.

13,069. What?—To get the Conservative councillors in.

13,070. I agree that you get the party men in and accomplish your object if you want to convert the borough into a corrupt party clique?—I would not call it a corrupt party clique.

13,071. If you think it is a great object to have all Conservatives in the town council, and if you do that by means of bribery, do not you call that creating a corrupt party clique?—No.

13,072. Why?—Because it does not follow the council is corrupt because they were elected by corrupt means.

13,073. Then it is a party clique not elected, but returned by corrupt means. I like to be accurate. It is a party clique, not elected, returned by corrupt means; is that it?—When you call it a party clique I do not understand it.

13,074. It is a political clique, a political party returned by corrupt means?—Yes.

13,075. What object could that have if it was not for the sake of securing the influence of the party in the borough?—Because it has always been for many years an object of ambition in the two parties to succeed in the council, and there have been some very hard fights before.

13,076. And so they did not mind going through dirt to gain that end?—Men will go through dirt to attain the ends they wish.

13,077. Do not you think that had a considerable influence upon the coming contest?—I do not think it had.

13,078. No influence! You are answering in the presence of your townsmen. Don't you believe it had an influence upon the coming contest?—No, I do not think it had.

13,079. Why should they consider it of so much importance at that time?—Because if they had not won the Liberals would have elected the aldermen and

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had a majority in the corporation. That is the reason it was done for. They would have had the majority for some time in the corporation.

13,080. I know perfectly well; you think it was an object to have aldermen elected by this common council, the creatures of bribery and corruption. Did you think that was the sole object?—The sole object of what?

13,081. Of the expenditure?—I don't know why they spent the money; I cannot conceive now.

13,082. Yes, you did; you said the object was to secure the election of the aldermen?—To spend a certain proportion, but why they spent 800*l.* I cannot conceive.

13,083. Do you think the spending 800*l.* had no influence upon the coming contest?—No, I do not think it had.

13,084. It did not advance the interests of the political candidates?—No, I do not think it did; you have had a specimen here.

13,085. You do not think it did?—No, I do not think it did.

13,086. Do you think if they had not spent a quarter the sum upon that contest at the municipal election it would have had no influence on the coming contest?—I think they would have succeeded just the same, supposing there was no bribery on the other side.

13,087. If that be so, did you communicate to Sir Henry Edwards what had taken place at the municipal election?—I did not. What had taken place?

13,088. That 800*l.* had to be advanced?—No.

13,089. Why did not you?—Because I had no reason to do so.

13,090. You knew it was advanced to Mr. Norfolk for the purpose of the municipal election?—Yes.

13,091. Very well; if you thought it had no influence upon the parliamentary why did not you mention it to him?—Why should I?

13,092. Did you?—No.

13,093. Why did not you?—I had no reason to do it.

13,094. You think it a matter of no consequence; you were his chairman?—Yes.

13,095. Did he ever ask you or did you mention to him that the Conservatives had succeeded?—He knew that before I saw him.

13,096. How do you know he knew?—Because I think he said, "You had a glorious triumph," or words to that effect.

13,097. Was that the first time you saw him?—Yes, the first time I saw him.

13,098. You did not want to enlighten him?—No.

13,099. You did not tell him, "Yes, it was a glorious triumph, but we know the means?"—Certainly I did not.

13,100. You kept that from him?—Yes.

13,101. What did you say when he said it was a glorious triumph?—I said, Yes, it was.

13,102. You said, "Anything but glorious now?"—I did not say so.

13,103. "And it may be for the borough a very serious triumph?"—You asked me what I said.

13,104. You did not at all say one word to him about the means that were taken?—No.

13,105. You had known, had not you, that Sir Henry had resorted to bribery every election in which he was returned?—No.

13,106. No?—In 1859 there was no bribery on the part of Sir Henry Edwards at all.

13,107. There was bribery in 1865?—I had heard that there was bribery then.

13,108. You heard that he had been returned by bribery in 1865?—Not that he had been returned by bribery.

13,109. Who then?—Sykes.

13,110. Sykes and he were together?—Yes.

13,111. You think Sir Henry had secured so much influence in the borough by means of Wreghitt that he would have been returned?—No.

13,112. What else?—I thought he was so popular that he was sure to be returned.

13,113. By means of Wreghitt?—No, not by means of Wreighitt.

13,114. What has he done for the freemen?—I do not know that he has done anything for the freemen; he has been very kind and attentive to any requests we have made of him. He has been a very good member and a man personally very popular.

13,115. You know there was bribery for Sykes?—Oh yes; I had heard so.

13,116. Did not you think it necessary to caution him at all about it?—No, I did not mention it to him at all.

13,117. When did you hear Norfolk had repaid the 800*l.*?—I cannot tell you.

13,118. In May or April?—I really cannot tell you; I had nothing to do with it.

13,119. You had heard it?—I had heard that he had repaid it.

13,120. And then, I suppose, you spoke to Wreghitt about it?—No.

13,121. Had you no conversation with anybody about how it was to be repaid?—None at all.

13,122. How that poor man had to repay the 800*l.*? I told you I offered to subscribe——

13,123. I am speaking about others?—I never mentioned it to anybody else.

13,124. Have you at all been in communication with Sir Henry Edwards?—Not for a very long time.

13,125. Since you were chairman; you were chairman throughout his election?—Yes.

13,126. And I think you spoke of the great purity of the borough?—No, I think not.

13,127. Purity principles?—No.

13,128. Did not you?—No.

13,129. I thought you did?—I don't remember it.

13,130. Have you been in communication with any of the Edwards' party about this 800*l.*?—No, not at all.

13,131. You think, I suppose, Mr. Norfolk will be allowed to bear the loss of that 800*l.*?—No, I do not.

13,132. Who do you think will pay it?—I think there will be a subscription to pay it.

13,133. A subscription after this inquiry?—There cannot be before.

13,134. You have had no communication with Sir Henry Edwards personally?—Not at all. I have never written to him since the election.

13,135. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How far does your recollection of the political history of the borough go back? I cannot say; 1837 I should think.

13,136. I won't take you so far back as that. We have made Towneley's election the landmark in our inquiry?—I remember that election.

13,137. You have told us a great deal of money was spent at that election on both sides I think?—Yes.

13,138. And we also know in the following election, 1847, a great deal of money was spent on both sides?—No, not on the part of Fox, the Conservative candidate, because he had no money.

13,139. People can spend money without having it?—I think you have had no witnesses who were paid money for Fox, only for Goldsmid and Towneley.

13,140. We have heard a good deal about what has taken place since Sir Henry Edwards came. I am going to ask you if you can tell me about what took place before he came. Can you do so?—Yes.

13,141. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You were not examined before the Commission?—No, I was not.

13,142. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now at all the elections from Towneley's down to Edwards' first coming in 1857 was money spent in bribery?—At Gordon and Hastings' election it was always said that there was no money spent; I don't know whether it was true. I believe you had one or two witnesses who said they had money, but the current report in the town was that Gordon's election was a pure election.

13,143. Was there much drinking?—No, I do not think there was

13,144. Has that been the way in Beverley?—At Towneley's election there was, because people got so

much pay that they spent the money in drinking themselves.

13,145. It would not have been the way to open houses at the candidate's expense?—Not of late years, at all events.

13,146. Between 1841 and 1857 the town council at Beverley has been Liberal?—No, it was not.

13,147. Have Liberals ever been in the town council?—For about 10 years they had the entire control of the council.

13,148. What 10 years would those be?—From 1841 to 1851, as near as I can remember.

13,149. Now were the municipal contests at that time clean?—I do not know much about that, it is so long ago.

13,150. Cannot you tell us whether money was spent?—I have no doubt money was spent.

13,151. On both sides?—I believe it generally has been spent when there has been a contest in these elections.

13,152. On both sides?—From what I have heard.

13,153. The pasture masters, were they Liberal?—I believe they were Liberals at one time, and there were four or five Conservatives introduced into the pastures.

13,154. At any time were all the pasture masters Liberal?—I cannot say that, I think they were.

13,155. In your opinion I ask you, only your opinion, at the time we are now speaking of, on which side was the weight of money in the borough?—The Liberal side at that time.

13,156. I believe the Conservatives at that time had no regular committee?—Sir J. Hogg with Towneley was elected in 1841 and he sat till 1847; he was elected in '41 and sat till '47.

13,157. During the time the money was given on the Liberal side the council was Liberal?—Yes, it was entirely on one side.

13,158. About what time did the change take place?—It took place in '51, 2 or 3; '51 I think was the first change.

13,159. Do you recollect the election of 1851?—Yes.

13,160. Was that a very severely contested election?—No, the Liberals dared not fight at all, it was entirely hollow.

13,161. To what do you attribute the change?—Well, they cut down General Martin's trees, and that made them very unpopular, and from that time to the present the Conservatives have been triumphant. No, I think in 1856 the Conservatives had a majority; there were five Liberals in 1856, and six Conservatives in 1857.

13,162. '57 was the year in which Sir Henry Edwards first came?—Yes.

13,163. I suppose you recollect the election of 1857?—Yes.

13,164. Was that a corrupt election or not?—Yes, but the money was not found by Sir Henry Edwards.

13,165. By the way you answer I am sure you can tell us by whom it was found?—It was found by Mr. Almack, one of the candidates.

13,166. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is he living?—Yes, I believe he is.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) He was a candidate himself?—Yes.

13,167. During all the time the money was on this side who was the Liberal Wreghitt?—Mr. Boyes.

13,168. Oh, Daniel Boyes, of whom we have heard so much?—Yes, he was; and there was the remarkable expression used before the House of Commons which makes me remember it, that if Dan's pups went wrong Wreghitt's whelps would eat them up.

13,169. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did that come out in the House of Commons?—On Walters' petition.

13,170. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a freeman?—Yes.

13,171. And have always been a Conservative?—Yes.

13,172. That I have no doubt will colour the answer you give; but in your opinion what is the political leaning of the freemen?—I should say Conservative.

13,173. When there was this political division of the pasture masters was it a matter of arrangement between the parties?—No, Mr. Boyes arranged it, the men who were admitted were all his own partisans.

13,174. Did you understand my question?—Yes.

13,175. There was no arrangement between the parties to return six and six?—No, because there was some opposition to it.

13,176. Was money spent by the pasture masters at this time?—Yes, when there was a contest.

13,177. What are the grounds of your belief for that?—I think I have heard the rumours.

13,178. I will ask you another question. From whom do you say the money came with which Boyes was supplied?—I should always say, and it always was said the candidates found it, the Liberal members.

13,179. Who were those members?—There was Mr. Towneley.

13,180. That was mere assertion, I suppose?—Mere assertion.

13,181. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The members found the money for paying the voters. Well, there was Townley, who else?—I do not remember their names.

13,182. Lawley and Wells?—Yes, it was always so said; it was a rumour.

13,183. There was also Mr. Fox?—Yes.

13,184. I suppose he did not pay his own expenses?—His relations were wealthy.

13,185. Perhaps he did not pay his own expenses?—Yes; there was great difficulty in getting it, but I believe he did pay the money himself.

13,186. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I think you proposed Captain Kennard at the last election?—Yes, I did.

13,187. And were in frequent communication with him?—I saw him every day.

13,188. My question is this, I see that when Captain Kennard was before Baron Martin on the trial of the petition he said this, "I heard of certain irregular proceedings." The question was this, "Did you "ever hear, during the fortnight you were here "before the election of this corruption which took "place in respect of the municipal election?" and the answer was, "I heard of certain irregular proceedings." Did you speak to Captain Kennard on the subject?—No, I did not.

13,189. But only to Sir Henry Edwards?—He was in the room.

13,190. Did you ever speak to Captain Kennard about it?—They were both in the room.

13,191. And I suppose it was matter of congratulation that the victory had been achieved?—It was, no doubt.

13,192. Do you know where Captain Kennard got his information about these irregularities?—No, I do not know at all.

13,193. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I wish to ask a question. You said that Sykes was returned by bribery in 1865?—It was represented so to me, I did not know personally.

13,194. By his own means?—I did not say so. I mean Edwards election was certain, the contest was between Keane and Sykes, and it was reported there was bribery, but I could not say Sykes found the means himself.

13,195. You heard it reported?—I heard that Sykes was returned in 1865, by bribery; the Serjeant asked me whether there was not bribery, I say there was bribery on both sides, and I suppose Sykes was returned by bribery.

13,196. You did not know that Sykes found the money?—No.

13,197. I was going on to ask you whether you knew where the money did come from on that occasion?—No.

13,198. You were asked what Sir Henry Edwards did for the town, and there is one thing you ought to answer upon in justice. I believe there are great iron-works in the town?—Yes, there are.

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13,199. I believe they were about to be given up at one time?—Yes, they were.

13,200. Do you know that from you own knowledge?—No, not from my own knowledge.

13,201. I believe they became a limited company?—Yes.

13,202. Do you know whether Sir Henry had anything to do with the forming of that company?—No; but he was solicited to take shares, and I think he did; Mr. Norfolk told me so.

13,203. I find I am mistaken, I thought he had been active in getting it up?—I do not know that he was active in getting it up; at any rate it could not have been got up without him.

13,204. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you any interest in it?—No.

13,205. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You must not put it on the shares. When the political body was fighting the members found the money?—It was always said so.

13,206. Do you not know that as a fact in the fights that have taken place in the courts above in connexion with the municipal body, that Sir Henry Edwards has paid the expenses?—I do not know it as a fact, but it was said so. The general impression was so.

13,207. The general impression was that the costs were found by the members?—Not all, that they generally helped.

13,208. More than that?—I do not know that.

13,209. Will this remind you that they found every farthing for the *quo warranto* cases?—Yes, I think they did.

13,210. Do you not think they had an interest in the success of a party in the municipal contest?—On what ground?

13,211. To aid themselves. Do you not think the members would have an interest in the return of the town council; they would have an interest as acting on their chances?—I do not think it would make any difference.

13,212. Do you consider these gentlemen would expend two or three hundred pounds without any object at all?—It might have been to make themselves popular.

13,213. To make themselves popular by spending money?—Yes, a great many people do that.

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13,214. What are you?—A mason.

13,215. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

13,216. How long have you been a freeman?—I have been a freeman since 1852, Lawley and Wells' election, what was the first election.

13,217. I will take you first to the council choosing of last year?—Yes.

13,218. What money did you receive?—I cannot tell that.

13,219. (*Mr. Barstow.*) This is a bad beginning.

13,220. Do you mean to say you cannot tell what money you received?—No, I cannot tell you all I paid.

13,221. You did not pay it all out of your own pocket?—Some of it I did.

13,222. First of all you received some money?—Only when I first became a voter.

13,223. Did you receive from any person any money on the 2d of November last?—When I found a voter I took him up and voted him and then sent him to Nutchey to get the money.

13,224. Not from Burrell or Lowther?—No.

13,225. You did not get your money from them?—No.

13,226. What part did you take in the council choosing last year?—I came out of my house about 8 o'clock.

13,227. Where do you live?—In the market place.

13,228. Very well, go on?—I saw some voters standing about in the street, and I asked if they would vote as soon as the council met.

13,229. Go tell, tell us what passed?—Some of them said they would vote, and some said they would not; and those who would vote I got them money from Nutchey after voting them.

13,230. Who is Nutchey?—They call him David Nutchey, and he keeps a shop up in the street.

13,231. How long did you continue doing this?—I think till 2 in the afternoon.

13,232. Tell us the names of those you "voted," as you call it?—I cannot tell you many; I can tell you one.

13,233. You must tell us a good many; more than one. Your name occurs very frequently indeed, you must know a great deal of it?—I cannot think of the names.

13,234. Well, to make a beginning, who was the first?—Henry Meadows.

13,235. You voted him?—Yes.

13,236. Did you take him to see him vote?—No, I do not think I did; I gave him some money.

13,237. Who did you get it from?—Nutchey.

13,238. And what did he give you?—15*s.*

13,239. Go on; who else?—I could not mention another name.

13,240. That is the only man you can mention?—Yes, it is, to be sure.

13,241. How many men did you take up?—Perhaps 20 or 30.

13,242. And you seriously tell us Meadows is the only name you can recollect?—Yes.

13,243. When were you summoned to come here?—A month or six weeks since.

13,244. I suppose you knew perfectly well what the subject of your examination was to be?—Yes.

13,245. Did you take no pains at the time to remember who these men were?—No, there were so many.

13,246. Well, give us another name?—There is Charlton.

13,247. Now there are two names?—Yes, but he came and told me.

13,248. You paid these men at the time, and saw most of them vote?—Yes.

13,249. Did you get the money from any other person than Nutchey?—No.

13,250. How was it you got the money from Nutchey, just explain that?—He had the money to spend.

13,251. Where was Nutchey?—In the street in Toll Gavel.

13,252. Standing in the street?—Yes.

13,253. With a bag of money?—He had it in his pocket loose.

13,254. Were you a sort of guarantee that the men had voted?—Yes, I paid some of the men before they voted, and some I paid after.

13,255. Having seen the men vote, you went to Nutchey and said, "This man has voted"?—In some cases.

13,256. Mr. Nutchey gave you the money?—Principally, but some of the men he paid himself.

13,257. What sums did he give you to pay?—I do not think he gave me more than 15*s.* at that time.

13,258. Never above 15*s.*?—No, not at that time.

13,259. It was no great catch, then, meeting you at that time, for some got a pound?—Yes, and some of these were paid a sovereign. I gave a crown out of my own pocket.

13,260. Who did you give a crown to out of your own pocket?—Charlton and the other man, who did get a pound from me, I paid a crown out of my own pocket.

13,261. Did you get no more than 15*s.* from Nutchey?—No.

13,262. How much money did you pay away?—8*l.* or 9*l.*

13,263. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Of your own?—Yes.

13,264. (*Mr. Barstow.*) 8*l.* or 9*l.*?—Yes.

13,265. Why that is 40 crowns; do you mean to say you paid that in crowns away?—Yes, and spending in drink; I perhaps did not pay it all.

13,266. This is something new; where did you spend it in drink?—At different houses.

13,267. Tell us the houses?—The "Red Lion," for one.

13,268. I am told that you keep a public-house?—Yes.

13,269. What is your house?—The "White Swan."

13,270. Did you treat people at your own house?—No.

13,271. Who keeps the "Red Lion"?—William Mason.

13,272. We must have the men here to verify this strange statement of yours. You say the "Red Lion"?—Yes, I was in the house after that day.

13,273. What money did you spend at the "Red Lion" that day?—I cannot tell, perhaps 2*s.* 6*d.*

13,274. Where else were you?—At the "Holderness Hotel."

13,275. Who keeps the "Holderness Hotel"?—Mr. Watson.

13,276. What did you spend there?—Perhaps about the same amount; I was in and out several times.

13,277. Were you anywhere else?—At the "Golden Ball."

13,278. What did you spend there?—I can hardly say.

13,279. About?—Perhaps 5*s.*

13,280. You spent about 5*s.* at the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.

13,281. These are very trifling sums out of the 8*l.* or 9*l.* you paid out of your own pocket, very trifling indeed, you have only made it amount to about 10*s.*?—There would be more than that.

13,282. You say besides what Nutchey gave you you spent 8*l.* or 9*l.* of your own money, and you tell us of 10*s.* out of it, that went in drink?—I believe I gave every man money that day who asked me for an allowance; I gave 1*s.* and 6*d.*

13,283. It is very odd we have heard nothing of this before. We have asked a great many persons and none of them told us they were treated?—It is not a very great deal of treating.

13,284. Now the important thing is to know who you paid money to, you speak of 20 or 30, and you have only given us the names of Meadows and Charlton?—I did not know Charlton till he came to me just before he was to go before Baron Martin.

13,285. Can you tell us any more names?—No, I cannot at present, that I am sure. Charlton came to me and said Vickers had been at him. He said, "I am subpœned up, what am I to say," I said "What do you mean?" He said I am subpœned before that man, am I to speak the truth? I said Yes. He said "I "have had Mr. Vickers here, and he wanted me "to say it was 3 o'clock before I polled." I said, "You know the time I paid you." He said, "Yes, "11."

13,286. Never mind that now, but help us with more names?—I did not know him till he came and told me his name. All the men who have come here and said I paid them, no doubt I did pay them what they said, and perhaps more.

13,287. Well you only know one man, Charlton?—Yes; the man I know works with me.

13,288. You know none but your own household?—Very few.

13,289. I think you had better for your own sake tell us more?—If I had a little time I might be able.

13,290. You have had six weeks?—A man does not set it down in his head.

13,291. But you told us just now you had been summoned six weeks?—Yes, but I never enquired a word about it from no one.

13,292. But you knew what you would be asked; you knew you would be asked about the council choosing?—Yes, but I never took the trouble.

13,293. You never took the trouble?—No, I did not.

13,294. I am sorry for your own sake you did not, but I have the fact you contributed 8*l.* or 9*l.* out of your own pocket?—Yes.

13,295. Why did you do that?—I thought I would spend more money; I have done so more than on one occasion.

13,296. What are you?—A stonemason and a publican. I did not know there was money going till I came out and saw Nutchey in the street. He did not pay any man more than 15*s.*, and if I could not get men for that I paid 2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.* more.

13,297. But what was it to you?—Nothing at all. All the interest I had I lent to the Conservative party. The Conservative party was a good friend to me, and have been since I have been in business.

13,298. What! did you get money from them?—I never got a farthing in my life but at one election, the first election I voted.

13,299. Which was that?—Lawley and Wells election.

13,300. What did you get then?—2*l.* 10*s.*

13,301. Who did you get that from?—William Wilson, he is dead now.

13,302. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What wages do you get when at work?—I am master, and have had 20 or 30 men sometimes.

13,303. Were any of the men who worked for you voters?—Yes, Meadows was one.

13,304. Anyone else?—Yes, a man they call Maston.

13,305. Did he vote?—I think so.

13,306. Did he get money?—I am sure I cannot say.

13,307. I mean was he one of those men you paid?—No, I did not pay him, he was in St. Mary's Ward.

13,308. Did Nutchey pay him?—Not that I know of, he is in the other ward.

13,309. Did you make application to anybody: now we have to put down 810*l.* or 809*l.*, or something of the kind spent in bribery; did you make application to anybody about the money you spent?—No.

13,310. Not since you heard that 800*l.* was spent?—No, I never mentioned it to anyone.

13,311. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It is quite plain that you can give us more names if you like than these two, now mind you will have to come here again, and you must not leave the town. I believe you have been very ill lately, have not you?—Yes, for about a twelve month.

13,312. I trust that is the reason you have lost your memory?—I am sure I cannot remember any more names, I would if I could.

13,313. Just think over it. You will not be allowed to leave the town or get your expenses till you give us some more?—There are a deal of voters who are strangers, and I never set them down.

13,314. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You will find out who they are. You have had the honour of having contributed 8*l.* or 9*l.* to the contest for the town council?—I have done so partly before.

13,315. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know whether Nutchey kept any account of the persons?—No.

13,316. He did not, or you do not know?—I do not know that he did.

13,317. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You did not see him with a vellum-bound book?—When I saw him it was principally in the street.

13,318. With no book or paper?—No; I never saw a book or paper, not with him.

13,319. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How much money did you come out with in your pocket that morning?—I do not remember exactly, or else I should have known the sum. It was 8*l.* or 9*l.*

13,320. You took it out for the purpose of bribing?

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—I took it out for the purpose of spending among my customers, principally in giving them it to drink with.

13,321. Used they to spend a good deal of money at your public-house?—Yes; it is a very good house is mine.

13,322. They used to spend a good deal?—Yes.

13,323. At all elections?—Yes; at Keane's election. I had the Keane party at his election.

13,324. That would not make you so very friendly with the Conservatives?—No.

13,325. You say the Conservatives are great friends with you?—Yes.

13,326. Used they to spend money at your house?—No, never on electioneering matters; it was in my trade.

13,327. Never in electioneering matters?—Not at the public-house.

13,328. But they got you to build houses I suppose?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

T. Green.

THOMAS GREEN sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

13,329. What are you?—An innkeeper.

13,330. What is the name of the inn?—The "Turf" inn.

13,331. You took an active part in the last municipal election I think?—During a certain part of the day I did.

13,332. Well, what part of the day to begin with?—From the commencement of the poll opening in the morning until 11 o'clock in the morning.

13,333. Well, what was this active part you took?—I took a part in getting voters to vote for the Liberal side, that is for my own side, and when I could not get the voters to vote without money, I gave them money.

13,334. Now who were they?—I am sure I could not remember the exact names of the persons, for I kept no account of them.

13,335. How many of them were there?—I should say, perhaps, from 10 to 15. I would not swear how many, but I would swear not more than 15.

13,336. You would swear that you did not pay more than 15?—I would distinctly.

13,337. Tell me the names of some of them?—There was Dixon. The names I am telling you now I remember from hearing them mentioned here.

13,338. Never mind?—I distinctly wish you to understand that.

13,339. You say you kept no account. Now Dixon, what is his christian name?—I would not swear, but I believe William Dixon, I know from the fact of seeing his name here.

13,340. We shall identify him, who else?—And Dean.

13,341. Has he been examined?—Yes, and Girbow. I saw his name yesterday, and Strafford, and another of the name of Wright. I remember those. I did not pay in the light of paying exactly for his vote.

13,342. What did you pay him?—A certain portion of what I paid him was for services rendered to the party.

13,343. What did you pay him for the election altogether?—1*l.*

13,344. For his vote, and partly for his services?—Yes; he was employed as a person to take out the circulars.

13,345. And he could not read the addresses?—Well, I do not know; I did not engage him.

13,346. What did you pay Dixon?—I believe 15*s.*

13,347. Where was that?—It would be in the square or in the immediate neighbourhood of this hall. I would not swear as to the exact place where I paid him.

13,348. What did you pay Dean?—I paid the same amount as to Dixon, in fact I might say I bought them both in one bargain.

13,349. 30*s.* a brace?—Yes.

13,350. And Girbow?—I could not swear what I paid Girbow; but the least I paid was 5*s.*

13,351. What was the least you think you paid him?—I should think the least I paid on that day would be 5*s.*

13,352. You swear that Girbow was paid at least 5*s.*?—I do not remember the amount.

13,353. You swear it was not less?—Yes; I paid no one less and I would not swear it was not more.

13,354. Was it 10*s.*?—I would not swear that; I would not swear as to what the amount was.

13,355. And Strafford?—Strafford; I distinctly remember paying him 5*s.*

13,356. Do you know how much money you paid away that day?—I paid a little short of 10*l.*

13,357. I have got nothing like that, I have got about 3*l.* 10*s.* at present, I will read their names over, Dixon, Dean, Girbow, Strafford, and Wright, putting Girbow at 5*s.*, that is 3*l.* 10*s.*?—It was something short of 10*l.*

13,358. Something above 9*l.*?—Something above 9*l.*, but not 10*l.*

13,359. Try and remember someone else?

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien observed that the witness had not remembered anything, they had only heard the names they had already.

13,360. (*Mr. H. Cox. to witness.*) Now tell us some more names?—I should not like to swear to any one, I have no doubt if I were to go to the register I could, I have only had my subpœna this moment put into my hands; if I had the register of voters I might remember, but I certainly do not know. I wish to tell you everyone I do remember.

13,361. Did you pay a man of the name of Johnson?—I believe I did, I could not swear at this moment, but I think I did.

13,362. Do you know Johnson?—I do and I think I paid him.

13,363. What is his christian name?—I am sure I could not tell his christian name; I believe he lives in Walker Gate.

13,364. What is he?—I understood him in the light of a person retired.

13,365. Is he a labourer?—I should say certainly not, I do not know him as a laborer, he is a person of delicate health I should think from what I know of him.

13,366. Where did you get the 8*l.* or 9*l.*?—I got the 10*l.* from Joseph Hind.

13,367. When could you supply us with these names?—Well really, if you understand me, I could not promise to supply you with any names.

13,368. You told me on going through the register you could?—I might supply you with some by making inquiries, no doubt.

13,369. That is what we should like you to do?—I will do so with pleasure if I can.

13,370. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did Mr. Hind give it you?—On the morning of the election Mr. Hind sent for me to come.

13,371. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are you a voter for the borough too?—I am.

13,372. What is your qualification?—As a 10*l.* occupier.

13,373. How long have you had the qualification?—The two last elections, I would not say exactly how many years, I have been in the borough now a little over eight years.

13,374. How long have you had a vote for the town council, a municipal vote?—I would not say exactly how long, but I think I have voted at three municipal contests if my memory serves me.

13,375. Have you been employed in this capacity before at municipal contests?—Never before; when I say never before I mean never as to giving any money.

13,376. How did you vote at Keane's election?—I voted for Keane.

13,377. Did you get anything for your vote?—Certainly not, neither did I expect anything.

13,378. You speak very independently about it, but the man who will give will take very often. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

13,379. Of course you got nothing for your vote then?—Certainly not.

13,380. Which way did you vote at the last election?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

13,381. Did Hind ask you for any account of the money you had spent?—He asked me if I had spent the money.

13,382. Whether you had spent it all?—Yes.

13,383. Did you give him any sort of account of it?—I gave him the account that I had, a sum of 3*s.* 6*d.* left out of the 10*l.*

13,384. Did you give him the particulars?—No particulars.

13,385. Did not he ask you the names?—He never asked me either the names or particulars.

13,386. He took your word for it that it was all gone but 3*s.* 6*d.*—He did.

13,387. Do I understand you the money was all spent in giving sums to voters or did you spend any in drink?—I spent no money in drink.

13,388. Not a penny?—I spent some little personally that day in drink, but not from the money supplied to me from Mr. Hind.

13,389. Where did you get that sum from?—This is what I mean by spending. I did not treat anybody or do anything of the sort during the morning of canvassing, but if I met a man in a public-house most probably I would have a glass myself, and ask him to have a glass.

13,390. And you paid for that?—Yes.

13,391. A man you knew was going to vote for you?—Not exactly that I knew that.

13,392. But one of whom you heard that?—I should not know what he was till he did vote.

13,393. But no doubt you would have some promise from him?—Well, I might.

13,394. And you gave him something to drink on account of that promise?—No, most probably, I should not ask him to drink till we had sat down.

13,395. Not till you had sat down a little, and then when you knew he was a voter, you gave it him. Do I understand that sum of money was spent out of your pocket?—Undoubtedly, but it would not amount to a great deal.

13,396. Do you know whether the public-houses were kept open on your side?—Not that I am aware of.

13,397. You say you were actively employed in this kind of employment for a certain part of the day; when did that employment of yours cease?—About 11 o'clock or thereabouts.

13,398. Why?—One reason was I was going out of town. I went out of town by the 6 minutes to 1 o'clock train to Malton or thereabouts.

13,399. Did not Mr. Hind tell you to stop?—Mr. Hind did not tell me to stop. I stopped because the money was off.

13,400. Mr. Hind would not give you any more?—I did not apply to him for any more. He said to me in the morning, "Here is 10*l.* make the best of it."

13,401. We must get from you the best accounts you can give us?—Yes, but you must understand me; I have just had my subpœna put into my hand, so that I was not prepared.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

13,402. Do you know a man named Tailor Gray?—I do.

13,403. Did you get any money from him?—No, never.

13,404. What had you to do with him at the election?—Nothing whatever.

13,405. What was your connexion with him?—No connexion at all whatever.

13,406. Did you pay him any money?—No, not a farthing.

13,407. Or he pay you any money?—Not a farthing.

13,408. Did you see him that day?—On the municipal?

13,409. Yes?—Most probably, I will not swear whether I did or not.

13,410. I have a reason for asking you?—Just so.

13,411. Did not you take some one to him to pay or he bring some one to you to pay?—Certainly not, that I am most positive about.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

13,412. You paid the voters, some 15*s.*, some 5*s.*, and some 10*s.*?—Yes.

13,413. And one man 1*l.*?—Yes.

13,414. Did you know all the voters that you paid?—I knew them at the time as being voters by the fact of their producing to me their voting papers. Understand me. All those I paid they told me their names were so and so. I asked them whether they were voters, and then I took them to the office to see whether their names were in the book, and to compare them with their voting papers.

13,415. Had you a list also of those who had recently become voters for the parliamentary election?—I had no list except the register of the voters for St. Mary's Ward.

13,416. The register of voters for the parliamentary?—For the municipal. I suppose they would be parliamentary necessarily so as well, but mine was a book with merely a division of the wards in.

13,417. Did you understand they were also parliamentary voters?—I should think they were, but I did not give it a thought at the time whether they were or not; what I wanted with them was to vote on the municipal day.

13,418. Were you at all engaged in the parliamentary election?—I took an active part.

13,419. Was your house used?—My house was certainly not used, not at the last election.

13,420. Was it used at the Keane election?—It was used by the committee.

13,421. For the committee rooms, might I inquire what they paid you for the use of your house at the Keane election?—A sovereign.

13,422. Not more?—Not more.

13,423. How long had they used it?—They used it one night.

13,424. They only paid you a sovereign?—That is all.

13,425. A sovereign independent of the drink?—Well, the drink they paid for as they got it.

13,426. And it was not used at all the last time?—Not in any way whatever; I think they purposely avoided committee meetings at public-houses.

13,427. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is one question I forgot to ask you. Was Mr. Hind, who gave you the 10*l.*, himself a candidate?—He was in St. Mary's Ward.

13,428. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You will be able to give us the other names as far as you remember; we have no reason to think you will not?—I will to-morrow, those that I remember.

The witness withdrew.

Robert Carling sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

R. Carling.

13,429. Are you a voter for the borough?—Yes.

13,430. Parliamentary and municipal?—Yes.

13,431. When first did you become a parliamentary voter?—At Keane's election.

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13,432. I suppose you are not a freeman ?—No.

13,433. How long have you been a voter for the town council ?—Three years.

13,434. And you voted for Mr. Keane, did you ?—Yes.

13,435. What did you get ?—2*l.*

13,436. And you voted at the last municipal election ?—Yes.

13,437. What did you get ?—10*s.*

13,438. From whom ?—Mr. Bird.

13,439. What time in the day did you get it ?—I think it was betwixt 10 and 11.

13,440. And you voted at the parliamentary ?—Yes.

13,441. For Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

13,442. What did you get ?—Nothing.

13,443. Nothing ?—No.

13,444. Who told you you would be paid for voting for the Liberals at the municipal ?—Why, I do not think anybody did.

13,445. Who took you to Mr. Bird ?—I heard that he was giving money, so I expect I thought like other people, I might as well have a little as not.

13,446. Did you go to him before you voted ?—No.

13,447. You went to him afterwards ?—Yes.

13,448. And told him you had voted ?—Yes.

13,449. And told him you would support his party ?—Yes, the Liberal party.

13,450. You told him you would support the Liberal party ?—Yes.

13,451. And told him you would support the Liberal party at the coming election ?—I did not tell him anything of that.

13,452. Telling him you would support the Liberal party, including the coming election as well as the past ?—No, it had nothing to do with the parliamentary.

13,453. Did you expect more for the parliamentary ?—I did not expect anything of the kind.

13,454. You were paid 10*s.* for the municipal ?—I was very well satisfied with it.

13,455. You got 2*l.* at Keane's election ?—Yes.

13,456. Did not you expect any then ?—No.

13,457. Keane's was the first parliamentary election you voted at ?—Yes.

13,458. And the only one ?—Yes.

13,459. And what did you at the last council choosing in '67 ?—I got 2*s.* 6*d.*

13,460. And the time before ?—Nothing.

The witness withdrew.

J. Bewell.

JESSE BEWELL sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

13,461. What are you ?—A labourer.

13,462. Are you a householder ?—Yes.

13,463. Not a freeman ?—No.

13,464. How long have you been a householder ?—About 15 years.

13,465. For whom did you vote at the last council choosing ?—For the Liberal party.

13,466. What did you get ?—15*s.*

13,467. Who paid you ?—I could not swear exactly. The money was on the table, and I took it up.

13,468. At a little place just opposite ?—An office in the square.

13,469. Who did you see there ?—I saw Mr. Vickers there.

13,470. Did Mr. Vickers pay you ; I mean did he take you to get the money ?—Nobody took me to get the money. I came here to vote at the left-hand room in this hall, and I went back to an office, and the money was on the table, and I took it up, 10*s.* and two 2*s.* 6*d.*

13,471. Who was at the table ?—Mr. Vickers was very near to the table.

13,472. You did not see who put the money there ?—No, I could not swear who put the money there, but the money I took off the table.

13,473. Were there other men with you ; did you know the other men who were with you ?—Mr. Lancaster was one that voted at the same time.

13,474. And another man named Bewell too ?—No, there was me and Lancaster and Thomas Gamwell, and the one that brought us to vote was Josse Tate, and the other man that he went with was Gamwell.

13,475. I suppose you voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—No, I did not vote at the borough election.

13,476. How so ?—I was struck off. I voted for the municipal, but not for the parliamentary.

13,477. How often before have you voted at the council choosing ?—I do not know ; I have voted above 20 years I should think.

13,478. How many times altogether did you vote ?—I cannot say, about 14 or 15 times.

13,479. You generally got something, I suppose ?—There was generally something when there was any opposition.

13,480. Which side did you generally vote ?—I am not particular. I generally vote for the men who are most suitable for the office ; it does not matter which party.

13,481. Have you ever voted at a parliamentary election before ?—No.

13,482. Never at all ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

W. C. Appleton.

WILLIAM CARR APPLETON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

13,483. What are you ?—A carpenter.

13,484. How long have you had a vote for the parliamentary election ?—35 years.

13,485. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

13,486. Did you vote at the last election for town council ?—Yes.

13,487. Did you get anything ?—I got my expenses for coming from Pattrington. That was 7*s.* I got a return ticket on Saturday night and I could not get back, so I got 7*s.* for my fare and my expenses.

13,488. Who gave you that ?—John Dales.

13,489. Which side did you vote ?—Always for the Liberals ever since I was a voter.

13,490. I am now talking of council choosing ?—Yes, I voted for the Liberals at the council choosing.

13,491. And did you vote at the parliamentary ?—Yes.

13,492. Which way did you vote then ?—Always for the Liberals.

13,493. Have you ever got anything for your vote at either parliamentary or the other ?—No ; I got some at Towneley's election.

13,494. Towneley, Hogg, and Fox, in 1841 ; what did you get for your vote then ?—I do not think I got anything.

13,495. Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid, in 1847 ; what did you get then ?—I believe I got 30*s.* for Towneley and Goldsmid.

13,496. For Towneley and Goldsmid ?—Yes ; I got 1*l.* for one and 10*s.* from the other.

13,497. Lawley, Wells, and Glover, in 1852 ; what did you get for your vote then ?—I got nothing.

13,498. Did you vote ?—Yes, I voted at all the elections.

13,499. Which way did you vote ?—Always for the Liberals.

13,500. Did you vote Lawley and Wells ?—Yes.

13,501. You got nothing for your vote then?—No.

13,502. Gordon and Hastings, in 1854?—I got nothing then.

13,503. Did you vote?—I do not know that I missed any election but Keane's. My name was out of date then. I had been working out from home.

13,504. Denison, Glover, and Wells, in 1857; for whom did you vote?—Mr. Wells would be the Liberal man.

13,505. Cannot you remember of yourself?—No; but I can always remember I always voted for the Liberals, let them be who they was.

13,506. What did you get for your vote in 1857?—I do not know that I got anything. I am almost sure I did not.

13,507. Will you swear you did not?—I could almost swear I did not; I do not remember that ever I got anything.

13,508. When Sir Henry Edwards came here first, for whom did you vote?—I should vote for Mr. Wells.

13,509. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

13,510. Are you sure?—I am sure.

13,511. The next was 1859 when Walters, Edwards, and Walker put up?—Yes.

13,512. Did you vote then?—Yes.

13,513. For whom?—For Mr. Walters.

13,514. Did you get anything for your vote?—I got 1*l.* I believe.

13,515. Do you know who gave you the 1*l.*?—I believe it was a man of the name of Taylor. I got it at the Reform Rooms one night when I was leaving work.

13,516. Then there was one election in 1860 when Walker and Gridley put up, for whom did you vote then?—For Gridley.

13,517. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

13,518. That you are sure of?—Yes.

13,519. In 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane put up, for whom did you vote then?—For Keane.

13,520, Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

13,521. You are sure of that?—Yes.

13,522. You have been a freeman a great many years and have voted at many of the county elections. Have you generally got paid for your vote at council choosings?—No, I have never got above 2*s.* I believe this last 20 years.

13,523. At council choosings?—Yes.

13,524. I think you said you got nothing at the last time?—I got nothing but 7*s.* to pay my expenses from Pattrington. I could not get off by the first train then, my ticket was of no use.

13,525. Have you ever voted for pasture masters?—Very seldom, I do not often vote for them.

13,526. Have you got paid anything?—No, I do not think I ever got a penny from them.

13,527. Did you vote for Maxwell and Trollope at the last election?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

Richard Stimpson sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

13,528. Were you a voter at the last parliamentary election?—Yes.

13,529. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Maxwell at the parliamentary.

13,530. How long have you been a voter for the parliamentary?—The first time was last time.

13,531. And how long have you been a voter for the town council?—About four or five years.

13,532. Did you vote for the town council the last time?—Yes.

13,533. For whom did you vote?—For the Liberals.

13,534. What did you get for voting?—15*s.* of Mr. William Westerby.

13,535. Was he one of the candidates?—Yes.

13,536. Did he canvass you himself?—Yes.

13,537. And promised you if you voted for him that he would give you 15*s.*?—Yes.

13,538. Had you voted at the council choosing before?—Yes.

13,539. How often?—Four times.

13,540. And been paid always?—No.

13,541. Was that the only time you were paid?—No, I was paid the first time.

13,542. And paid the last?—Yes.

13,543. I suppose if you had not been paid you would have voted the other way?—No, I should have voted Liberal.

13,544. You voted Conservative for the parliamentary?—Yes, I gave them one and one.

13,545. You divided your vote?—Yes.

13,546. You were not paid at the parliamentary?—No.

13,547. And did not seek for payment?—No.

The witness withdrew.

Silas Windas sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

13,548. What are you?—A sawyer.

13,549. A freeman?—No.

13,550. How did you vote last council choosing?—For the Tories.

13,551. What did you get?—1*l.*

13,552. From whom?—Mr. Voase.

13,553. Where were you paid?—In the yard.

13,554. Was anyone with you?—No.

13,555. You voted by yourself?—Yes.

13,556. Did you see Voase getting money from any one?—No.

13,557. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

13,558. They came and asked you for your vote, I suppose?—Yes, they called on me.

13,559. And who was with them?—I cannot swear who.

13,560. Was Voase with them?—No.

13,561. Did you get any thing for your vote?—No.

13,562. Did you look for anything?—I did not look nowhere.

13,563. Why not?—Because there was nothing going on.

13,564. Have you voted at council choosing before?—Yes.

13,565. What have you got?—I have got sometimes 5*s.*, and I once got 1*l.* from the Liberals.

13,566. How did you come to get so much as that?—A man brought it to my house.

13,567. Do you remember when that was?—I believe it is 11 years since.

13,568. Do you remember who the man was?—Yes, John Westerby.

13,569. Is that the same man who was a candidate this time?—No, he is dead I believe.

13,770. Was he a member of the council do you know?—No, I believe not.

The witness withdrew.

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W. Johnson.

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WILLIAM JOHNSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

13,571. What are you?—A labourer.

13,572. What do you work at?—Agricultural.

13,573. Have you a vote for the parliamentary?—Yes.

13,574. How long have you had a vote for parliamentary elections?—Only once.

13,575. For whom did you vote?—Maxwell and Trollope.

13,576. How long have you had a vote for council choosing?—20 years.

13,577. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

13,578. Which way did you vote?—Liberal.

13,579. At the council choosing?—Yes.

13,580. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

13,581. How much?—Four 2*s.* 6*d.*

13,582. Who gave it you?—Mr. Vickers.

13,583. Where did he give it you?—In Walker Gate.

13,584. Have you ever got money for town council choosing before for your vote?—No.

13,585. Never before?—No.

The witness withdrew.

W. Hepworth.

WILLIAM HEPWORTH sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

13,586. Are you a parliamentary voter for the borough?—Yes.

13,587. When did you become one?—This last election.

13,588. For whom did you vote?—Maxwell and Trollope.

13,589. How long have you been a municipal voter?—I voted twice.

13,590. In 1867 and 1868?—Yes.

13,591. Did you get anything in 1867?—Yes.

13,592. How much?—3*s.*

13,593. There was no parliamentary election going on then. What did you get in 1868?—10*s.*

13,594. From the Liberals?—Yes.

13,595. From whom?—Mr. Pottage.

13,596. What time in the morning?—Between 10 and 11.

13,597. It never occurred to you how much more it was?—It only paid my expenses; I came 20 miles to vote.

13,598. How far did you come?—The other side of Pocklington. I asked for my expenses, that was all.

13,599. From whom?—Mr. Pottage, a day's wage and railway fare.

13,600. Was he a candidate?—Yes.

13,601. What would be the railway fare?—I came on the Saturday night, and I had a return ticket; I remained all day, and I remained till Tuesday morning. It cost me 16½*d.* more.

13,602. You came back to vote for the parliamentary?—Yes.

13,603. Surely you got your expenses when you came to vote at the parliamentary?—No.

13,604. Why?—I never asked for it.

13,605. Are you sure?—Quite sure.

13,606. Are you living at Pocklington now?—No, I was not living there; I was working there.

13,607. You are living in town now?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Little.

JAMES LITTLE sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

13,608. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

13,609. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

13,610. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-eight years I should think.

13,611. Who did you vote for last council choosing?—For Pottage.

13,612. The Liberals?—Yes.

13,613. What did you get?—Nothing.

13,614. Quite sure?—Yes.

13,615. No money in any shape or kind?—Not a halfpenny.

13,616. That you swear that nobody paid you anything?—Nothing.

13,617. Who did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—Maxwell.

13,618. Maxwell alone?—Yes.

13,619. Did you get anything?—No.

13,620. What was the first parliamentary election for which you voted?—1847 I believe.

13,621. Did you ever vote for Mr. Towneley?—For Towneley and Goldsmid.

13,622. You did not vote in 1841?—No.

13,623. Did you get anything?—Yes.

13,624. How much?—I believe 30*s.*

13,625. The next election was in 1852, who did you vote for then. It was Lawley and Wells?—Who else was there?

13,626. Mr. Glover.—I voted for Glover.

13,627. Did you get anything?—No.

13,628. Not for voting for Glover?—No, nor for either of the others.

13,629. The next was in 1854, Gordon and Hastings, for whom did you vote?—I am sure I do not know.

13,630. Did you get anything?—No.

13,631. The next is 1857, that was Denison, Wells, and Glover; who did you vote for?—I should vote for Glover I believe.

13,632. Did you get anything?—No.

13,633. The next election was Edwards and Wells, that is Major Edwards' first election.

13,634. Did you get anything then?—I am sure I do not know.

13,635. Who did you vote for?—I do not know.

13,636. You have forgotten?—I have forgotten.

13,637. Which way do you generally vote, crimson or orange?—Orange frequently.

13,638. And frequently crimson?—Yes, I have sometimes.

13,639. Well, you do not know for whom you voted?—No.

13,640. Did you get any money?—I did not.

13,641. You do not mean to say you did not get any?—I mean to say I did not get any money.

13,642. The next election was 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker. You got something then?—Yes.

13,643. For whom did you vote?—For Walters.

13,644. What did you get?—I believe 2*l.*

13,645. The next election was 1860, Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—I believe for Gridley.

13,646. What did you get?—I cannot say, it was not over 2*l.*

13,647. Did you get what the others got?—I believe so.

13,648. That is 2*l.*?—It might be 2*l.*

13,649. I will put you down 2*l.* Then the next was in 1865, that is what we call Keane's election.

Edwards, Sykes, and Keane. For whom did you vote ?—Keane.

13,650. What did you get ?—I believe 2*l.*

13,651. Did you get that at the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

13,652. You got nothing when you voted for Maxwell and Trollope in 1868 ?—I only voted for Maxwell.

13,653. Did you get nothing ?—No.

13,654. Were you promised anything ?—Yes.

13,655. Just tell us what you were promised ?—There was a man offered me 30*s.*

13,656. Who was that ?—John Dales.

13,657. Who is Dales ?—He is a shopkeeper in Norwood.

13,658. What sort of a shop does he keep ?—A grocer's shop.

13,659. What did he offer you that for ?—He said it was on account of a little bill the Liberals owed me.

13,660. What was the little bill for ?—It was for some work done at Keane's election.

13,661. What was the work ?—Several boards hung out of the committee room windows, and boards and staves put in them to go to meet him at the station.

13,662. To carry round placards ?—Yes.

13,663. Had you done the work ?—Had I ?

13,664. Yes ?—Of course.

13,665. What was the amount of your bill ?—2*l.* 5*s.*

13,666. Was that a proper tradesmanlike charge ?—It was almost too small, I thought.

13,667. How did Dales come to offer you this amount ?—He came into our yard.

13,668. Where is your yard ?—I reside in Norwood. in the same street as he does.

13,669. On what day was this; was it before the election ?—It was the Saturday before the council choosing.

13,670. That would be the 31st of October; was it so ?—It was the Saturday previous to the Monday.

13,671. What did Dales say to you when he came into your yard ?—He asked me who I was going to vote for, and I told him I should vote for Lowther, Usher, and Pottage.

13,672. Lowther and Usher were Conservatives, and Pottage was a Liberal ?—Yes.

13,673. What did he say on that ?—He said, I ought to vote for the whole three Liberals. I told him I thought I should vote for those, and he said, "Do not the Liberals owe you a little money, a little bill ?" I said, "Yes."

13,674. Had you ever applied to Dales for the amount before ?—No.

13,675. Can you tell us how he knew that they owed you a little bill ?—I was at a loss myself to know how he knew.

13,676. He asked you ?—Yes.

13,677. And you of course said that they did ?—Yes.

13,678. Then upon that what did he say ?—He held out his hand and he said, "They have put that into my hand for the purpose of paying you."

13,679. What was that ?—A sovereign and a half.

13,680. Did you take it ?—No; I held out my hand for it.

13,681. What happened ?—I said it was more than that, but, however, ——, and I held out my hand for the amount, and he withdrew his hand, and he said, "Not till after you have voted; vote for the three "Liberals and you can have that." I told him it was my money, and if they had given it him to pay my bill I considered it was mine.

13,682. However, you did not get it ?—Oh no; I should have liked to have done.

13,683. Well, you tell us you did vote for the Liberals ?—Yes.

13,684. Then you applied for the money ?—Yes.

13,685. And what did he say to that ?—He said I was a strange chap.

13,686. Have you ever got the money ?—Oh no.

13,687. Did Dales give you any reason for not paying you ?—Yes; he said the money was all gone, and I should have took it while I had a chance.

13,688. According to your story you never had a chance ?—Of course not. I said, "I should think I "should have knocked you down and got the money." He said, "Is that what you meant," and I said, "Did "you not withdraw your hand and tell me I must not "have it till I had voted ?"

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

13,689. 30*s.* is a large sum to offer to you. Do you not know that bills are often sent out by people in order to get their votes ?—Yes.

13,690. Have you heard of that practice ?—Yes.

13,691. And you know perfectly well that that was offered to you for the parliamentary vote ?—No, I do not know anything of the sort.

13,692. You never heard of a man paying for a municipal contest what was due at a parliamentary ?—I put that amount owing to me apart from anything.

13,693. Do not imagine I am speaking to you in any disparaging tone at all, but you know that is the practice. To whom did you apply for the money that was owing to you after the election in 1865 ?—I do not think I applied to anyone. I thought it was very little use making an application.

13,694. You did not apply for it ?—I think not.

13,695. You mean you were literally cheated out of that ?—Yes.

13,696. Who employed you ?—They sent to me from the committee rooms.

13,697. Who sent ?—There was Mr. Greenhough, he sent to me to a committee room in Toll Gavel, and showed me what I was to do.

13,698. And then you got 2*l.* at Keane's election ?—I did.

13,699. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is what they gave you; they gave you 2*l.* for lowering you in your own estimation, and would not pay you honestly as a tradesman. They wanted to degrade you as a voter by giving you 2*l.* for your vote, and they wanted to cheat you as a tradesman by not paying you for what you had honestly earned.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TENTH DAY.

Friday, 3rd September 1869.

TENTH DAY.

A. Trollope, Esq.

3 Sept. 1869.

ANTHONY TROLLOPE, Esq., sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

13,700. Were you a candidate at the last election for the borough of Beverley?—I was.

13,701. Had you ever been a candidate for Beverley before?—No.

13,702. You were a candidate with Mr. Maxwell?—Yes.

13,703. Did you conduct your election on joint principles?—Yes.

13,704. I believe we have the parliamentary accounts; who were your agents?—Messrs. Leeman, Wilkinson, and Leeman, of York.

13,705. Have you paid to those gentlemen any money?—I have paid to them 400*l.* exactly.

13,706. You have paid that sum as your part of the expenses?—Yes, I paid as my portion of the expenses.

13,707. Can you give us the date of the first payment?—I have the two cheques in my pocket (*handing same to the Commissioners*).

13,708. I merely want the dates?—The first payment would be the 30th of October 1868; '66 is the date, but no doubt it would be '68.

13,709. When did you come into the town?—Do you mean on what day did I first come?

13,710. On what day did you first come for electioneering purposes?—I cannot tell, but it must have been a week before that, I have no record of the dates.

13,711. I merely wish to fix a date in your mind; you were in the town canvassing before the election of town councillors?—Not canvassing, I came down here one day and saw Mr. Crosskill, Mr. Boyes, and one or two other gentlemen I see about.

13,712. You came down to see how the land lay?—Exactly.

13,713. And when did you commence canvassing?—I commenced canvassing 10 days before the election, I was canvassing for 10 days.

13,714. Then you did not commence canvassing till after the municipal election?—No.

13,715. I see the cheque is paid before the municipal election?—Yes.

13,716. Had you heard when you came down to Beverley that there had been bribery going on for the election of town councillors?—When I first came down I was told the parliamentary election would ultimately depend in a great measure on the manner in which the municipal election was carried.

13,717. Just so; go on?—And it may be some hint was given that perhaps money might be unduly spent on the municipal election; but if such was the case it was hinted to me in the most cursory manner, and certainly not as a fact.

13,718. Having that hint given, and having advanced the 300*l.* before the municipal election, I ask do you believe or suppose any portion of that money would be used in the municipal election?—I should like to answer that question by telling exactly what occurred between me and Mr. Leeman, jun., when the money was paid.

13,719. When you advanced the money?—Before. I did not write the cheque till some days afterwards; that was so.

13,720. Oh, very well; go on?—I met Lord Herries at Mr. Leeman's office.

13,721. The father of Mr. Maxwell?—Yes. I met him at York, and then we agreed that Mr. Maxwell and myself should carry on our election at a joint expense, and we asked from and obtained a spoken promise from Mr. Leeman that not a shilling should be spent of our money otherwise than according to the law.

13,722–3. Yes; will you proceed?—When I afterwards paid my 300*l.* to Mr. Leeman nothing passed between us. Mr. Leeman asked me for my cheque for 300*l.* and I gave it. There had been the son's promise given to Lord Herries and myself that whatever money was paid should be paid strictly for the parliamentary election.

13,724. Now, I will just ask you this question, had you any idea in your mind that any portion of that 300*l.* would be spent in any bribery at the municipal election?—No, I had not.

13,725. And if it was so spent it was spent contrary to your supposition and contrary to your direction?—Yes.

13,726–7. And to your knowledge and with your approbation and sanction, has any part of your money been expended in the parliamentary election in corrupting the constituency by bribery, or supplying them with beer or in any other way?—Not to my knowledge or with my approbation or sanction has any of the money been expended in bribery, in giving beer or in any other corrupt way.

13,728. Never with your knowledge or sanction?—No, never with my knowledge or sanction.

13,729–30. Either before the election or since?—No, either before the election or since.

13,731. How did you stand on the poll?—At the bottom.

13,732–3. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I think you said just now you had paid 400*l.*?—Yes.

13,734. Do you know whether Mr. Maxwell also paid 400*l.*?—I do know that he has paid 400*l.*

13,735. There is the account of 488*l.* leaving the sum of 312*l.* unappropriated?—I really know no more about the expenses than what I have told you. I have mentioned that Mr. Leeman requested a cheque of me; he requested I would give him a cheque for 300*l.* and I did, and I know Mr. Maxwell gave him a cheque for the same sum. In January last Mr. Leeman wrote me for another cheque for 100*l.*, telling me at the same time it would, as far as he believed, cover all expenses. Their statement was not definitive. I sent a cheque for 100*l.* and then I had a letter from Mr. Leeman, junior, wherein he said the account was closed. I have the letter. There is Mr. Leeman, junior's, statement to me (*handing letter to the Commissioners*).

13,736. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How soon after the election did you hear of illegal practices having prevailed in the borough?—I think I was told within five minutes of my arrival in the town of what had occurred at the municipal election, and I was further told that what had occurred would probably destroy any chance I

might have had in the borough, and my impression was it had.

13,737. Did you hear that corrupt practices had prevailed among the Liberal party?—I think I did; I did certainly hear that some small sum of money had been spent by the Liberal party in bribery at the municipal election.

13,738–9. Did you inquire whether any money of yours had been so spent. I thought the 300*l.* was paid on the 30th of October?—So it was.

13,740–1. Did you inquire whether any portion of your money was so spent?—I own I am entirely at sea as to dates, I have no record of dates; I certainly made no such inquiry, I had no suspicion.

13,742. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I must ask you this question; have you heard that some money of yours has been used for illegal practices?—No, I have not, and I suppose it has not. I do not know whether the Commissioners will allow me to make a general statement.

13,743. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) If it affects yourself in any way.

13,744. (*The witness.*) It certainly does.

13,745. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Anything that has come out of this inquiry?

13,746. (*The witness.*) Yes, certainly.

13,747. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then we will hear you.

13,748. (*The witness.*) I have been told that certain portions of this money that was spent by the Liberal party at the municipal election was distributed by one of the persons who canvassed with me. I see here Mr. Vickers is alluded to. Mr. Vickers certainly was with me during our canvass and was very useful to us, and the reason of Mr. Vickers being employed by us was, because neither Mr. Crosskill or Mr. Boyes who attended us in our canvass were aware of the residences of the very numerous persons who had been added to the constituency. Mr. Vickers showed us the houses of the people, and more than that, I see by the reports of what has taken place here it has been stated he was employed by us in the municipal election, whereas he was employed by us only in the way I have stated.

The witness then withdrew.

THOMAS ELLERY TURNER sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

T. E. Turner.

13,749. What are you?—Cashier in the East Riding Bank.

13,750. That is Messrs. Bowers' bank, is it not?—Yes.

13,751. Does Mr. Richard Norfolk keep an account with you?—Yes.

13,752. Has he kept an account with you for a long time?—Yes.

13,753. Did you advance any money to him on security in the early part of the present year?—Yes.

13,754. How much?—800*l.*

13,755. When was that?—I think on the 8th of April.

13,756. What was the security on which the bank made the advance?—Shares of the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company.

13,757. Have you got those shares with you now?—No.

13,758. Have you not been asked to bring them?—I have got the deposit note before me.

13,759. Does that give the numbers so that they can be identified? (*The deposit note was here handed to the Commissioner.*) This merely states the number of shares to be 100, it does not in any way identify them?—Shall I fetch them?

13,760. I should like to have them by-and-bye, you need not go away just now. Had those shares ever been deposited with you by Mr. Norfolk previously?—I think not.

13,761. Did Mr. Norfolk say what he wanted the money for?—Not to me.

13,762. Was anybody present at the negotiation?—One of the partners of the bank, Mr. Pease.

13,763. Did he converse with him on the matter before you?—Yes.

13,764. Which Mr. Pease?—Joseph Walker Pease (subsequently corrected James Robinson Pease).

13,765. From the deposit note being in your possession I suppose none of the money has been repaid?—Yes, I think most of it has been repaid.

13,766. Some of it has been repaid, do you know how much?—It is in the general balance of the account; his account is considerable; that is put against it in the ordinary way of business.

13,767. And the balance has been reduced?—Very much indeed.

13,768. Has he reduced that by the payment of large sums?—No, in the ordinary way of account.

13,769. Not by sending large sums?—No.

13,770. Any unusually large sums?—No.

13,771. To cover further advances?—For the account generally under the circumstances of that loan.

13,772. All we want to get from you now is the means of identifying these 100 shares of the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company?—If you would like to see the shares I can get them.

13,773. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I should.

13,774. (*Witness.*) I will get them.

13,775. Not just now. How long has Norfolk banked with you?—I cannot speak to it exactly, but several years.

13,776. Does the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company also bank with you?—Yes.

13,777. They have an independent account?—Yes.

13,778. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You will be able to tell us, I dare say, what Norfolk's balance was on the 2nd of November last?—I can on reference to his account.

13,779. When you bring the shares will you let us know what his balance was on the 2nd of November 1868?—I will.

13,780. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are there any other papers accompanying the shares except the deposit note?—I think not.

13,781. If there are you will bring them with you; the question asked was whether any papers or documents accompanied the shares?—Yes.

13,782. I see 14*l.* is paid per share; did you ascertain their value in the market?—No.

13,783. You surely did not take them without some notion of their money value?—I dare say it might have been mentioned when I was not present; the partners themselves made the advance.

13,784. You were merely acting ministerially under their authority?—Yes.

13,785. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You know very well whether the shares were worth the money advanced upon them; whether they were worth that in the market?—I supposed about, but I did not know what their value was exactly.

13,786. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You only acted under their authority?—Yes.

13,787. At all events you will bring them?—Yes.

13,788. Is the partner here?—He is out.

13,789. Where?—He will be home in the course of a few days, James Robinson Pease is his name, and not Joseph Walker.

The witness withdrew.

TENTH DAY.

T. Rippon.

3 Sept. 1869.

THOMAS RIPPON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

13,790. Are you a freeman of the borough of Beverley ?—Yes.

13,791. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 33 years as near as I can tell.

13,792. Are you so by servitude, or by birth ?—By birth.

13,793. How did you vote at the last parliamentary election ?—For Trollope and Maxwell.

13,794. How did you vote at the municipal election ?—For the Liberals.

13,795. On both elections you voted for the Liberals ?—Yes, both elections.

13,796. Now we will go to the municipal, the first in point of time; what did you get, you got some money, did you not, for voting for the council choosing ?—What, this here last one ?

13,797. Yes ?—Yes.

13,798. How much ?—7*s.* 6*d.*

13,799. From whom ?—Thomas Duffill.

13,800. You had heard more was going ?—There was more going. I was offered 18*s.* by the Tory party, but I meant voting for the Liberals.

13,801. Who offered you the 18*s.* ?—A man they called Robert Bielby, he said he could get me 18*s.* The first one was Mr. Skiun, who came to me and asked me if I had voted.

13,802. You got 7*s.* 6*d.* and got nothing at the parliamentary election ?—Not a farthing.

13,803. Now I will go back a good bit. Do you recollect Towneley's election ?—Very well.

13,804. In '41 ?—Yes.

13,805. Money was going then ?—Yes, plenty of it.

13,806. On Towneley's side the most, was it not ?—I cannot say.

13,807. What did you get ?—From the Tory party I got 20*l.* and a gun.

13,808. At that election ?—I got it at the election, from the Tories.

13,809. 20*l.* and a gun ?—Yes, one that was taken from me by the Tory party.

13,810. They restored to you the gun ?—Yes, on account of my vote.

13,811. It was not taken from you for being a poacher, was it ?—It was taken on those conditions. They convicted me as a poacher. I was convicted by the magistrates.

13,812. You were convicted by the magistrates here as a poacher, and then you suppose for having voted what they thought was the right way they restored to you the gun ?—Yes, and for two elections before that.

13,813. Who restored the gun ?—Mr. James Hall gave me the gun.

13,814. Who is he ?—A great Tory; great heaps.

13,815. Where does he live ?—At Scorborough. He is the steward for Lord Hotham, at the place where my gun was taken away, and the keeper had it eight or nine years.

13,816. It was restored as an old friend ?—It was for the interest of my vote.

13,817. How much money did you get besides the gun ?—About 20*l.* I was in what they called the crimson band—the tambourine band. There was a band made up before the election, and the band-master used to get as many in the band, who were voters, as he could; and he asked me, and I applied. I was not a musician, of course, but that did not matter. I had a tambourine.

13,818. Oh, I understand; it was not necessary to be a musician ?—No; it was my vote got me in the band; if I had had a kitchen poker I could have got in and formed it into a triangle.

13,819. For whom did you vote at that election ?—I voted for Towneley. After I got my gun at this place I bade them good morning. I thought it would repay me for the three months.

13,820. Then you had three months' imprisonment ?—Yes, I had, or 5*l.*

13,821. You thought one good turn deserved another ?—I did.

13,822. And you voted after all that for Towneley ?—Yes.

13,823. There was money going on Towneley's part, was not there ?—Oh, yes.

13,824. Tell me, what did you get on the Towneley side ?—I got 12*l.*

13,825. You voted for Townley, and got 12*l.* for your vote; and you got 20*l.* for being in the band, and the value of the gun. Now, the next election, in '49; for whom did you vote; the candidates were Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid ?—I voted for Towneley.

13,826. What did you get ?—Why, I think about 2*l.*, as near as I can calculate.

13,827. In '52 there was Lawley, Wells, and Glover ?—I voted for Glover.

13,828. How much did you get ?—I got about 4*l.*, I believe.

13,829. Now, there is in '54 Gordon and Hastings ?—I voted for Gordon.

13,830. For how much ?—Nothing.

13,831. In March '57 there was Denison, Glover, and Wells. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Denison.

13,832. How much then ?—Nothing.

13,833. Did not you vote for Glover ?—Not that time. The first time he came I voted.

13,834. Now we come to '59, when we have Edwards and Wells ?—I voted for Wells.

13,835. What did you get ?—Nothing.

13,836. Now, we have in '59, Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I voted for Walters singly.

13,837–8. He had money ?—Well, I got 2*l.* then.

13,839. In 1860 there was Walker and Gridley ?—I voted for Walker.

13,840. How much ?—About 4*l.* as near as I can tell; I could not say exactly.

13,841. Now, I will only ask you about these two last. From whom did you get it for Walters ?—I got it off Fred Voase.

13,842. And in Walker's and Gridley's, from whom did you get it ?—I got it from James Baker.

13,843. Now, we will come to 1865. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were the candidates ?—5*l.* from the Conservatives.

13,844. You voted for who ?—For Sykes and Edwards.

13,845. Was that the first time, do you recollect, you voted for Edwards ?—I voted twice for Edwards.

13,846. Who paid you the 5*l.* ?—I got three off Phineas Musgrave, and two off David Nutchey.

13,847. Now, you told me you voted for Maxwell and Trollope at the last election ?—Yes.

13,848. What is Musgrave ?—He gave me 3*l.*

13,849. What is he ?—The landlord who keeps "The Valiant Soldier." He sent me to his house, and told me to wait there and I could get a glass of anything I liked, have whatever I liked; they would soon be there with some money. So I went there, and he came and gave me 3*l.*

13,850. Before the election of '41 you had been convicted of poaching, and got three months' imprisonment ?—Ay, or to pay the 5*l.*

13,851. You could not pay ?—No; and they took my gun. I could not get my gun without. I was then in my apprenticeship, but a young man, and I was out pigeon shooting, and I happened to shoot a hare; that was how it was.

13,852. Now, you have voted for the council choosing all along, and have you had votes also for the pasture masters ?—Yes.

13,853. In the council choosing votes did you generally support the Liberals ?—Sometimes; I was not particular. I went generally as the money went. When there was most money for the Conservatives I voted for them; there was generally money on that party, and very seldom for the Liberals.

13,854. Then you voted for Conservatives and money ?—Yes, nothing else.

13,855. And at the council choosing?—I voted both ways. I generally got some money from the reds, but the most I got was 7*s.*; I believe that gentleman paid me, Mr. Carrington.

13,856. For pasture masters?—For the council.

13,857. How much did you get for the pasture masters?—Sometimes a shilling or two; not much.

13,858. Are you a stocker, or do you receive the money?—I receive it as a non-stocker.

13,859. Although you have no interest in it you receive money for voting for them?—Yes.

13,860. What are you by business?—A shoemaker.

13,861. When they restored the gun to you and gave you the 20*l.*, did they apologise to you for having imprisoned you?—No; I put the question very closely to Mr. Hall, whom I asked, and they would not give me the gun; but they went and looked at the poll book, I suppose, to see how I voted; and I was to see them again.

13,862. How long before the election was it they restored you the gun?—The Saturday before.

13,863. You have no interest in Walker's gift, have you?—I once got 1*l.*

13,864. You had no claim on it?—I voted for the Tories; if I had been a Liberal and voted for the Liberals I should not have got it, and I believe there are very few do get it at the present time that vote for the Liberals; the pastures and Walker's gift, and everything is got by the Tories.

13,865. When was it you got the pound.?—Four years ago.

13,866. Who gave it you?—Isaac Monkman, through the pasture masters.

13,867. You had voted?—Yes, several times for the Conservatives.

13,868. The last election you voted for Edwards was '65; had you got anything since then?—No, the last time I voted for the Conservatives was for Sykes and Edwards.

13,869. Have you got anything from the pasture masters since?—That was the only thing I got, barring the dividends.

13,870. Tell me the date of the 1*l.*?—I made two applications before I got it.

13,871. I have not the date?—I did not know it would be required when I got the money; I did not think of keeping a memorandum about it.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

13,872. You applied to the pasture masters for this money?—Yes, we make an application to the clerk.

13,873. What did you ground your application on?—Well, I had lost a pig.

13,874. You ought to have said so, and not conveyed a false impression to our minds?—I told them I had.

13,875. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had you lost a pig, because then you were in a position to get it?—Yes, more than one.

13,876. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You ought to have told the Commissioners so when you were examined. Who paid you the 20*l.* that you got at the Towneley election?—The bandmaster, he was empowered to draw the money for the band.

13,877. Who was the bandmaster?—John Watson; he is dead now.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

13,878. What ground had you for saying it was given you because you voted for the Tories?—I will tell you. My grounds were I had rather been hardly dealt with, being a young man, and it being my first offence.

13,879. No; I am speaking about this gift. You told us that Monkman gave you this 1*l.* for Walker's gift because you voted for the Tories, you supposed; what ground have you for saying that?—Because all the rest of the money generally goes that way; no one gets it but those who do vote for the Tories.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS ELLERY TURNER recalled. *T. E. Turner.*

(*The witness submitted certain books and documents to the Commissioners.*)

13,880. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There was another thing; you promised to supply Mr. Norfolk's balance on the 2d of November?—Is that a question I ought to answer?

13,881. Yes, I think?—I think it would be better if it were got not from me, but from a partner, if you intend to have him here.

13,882. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have an objection?—Yes, I have an objection, and a very strong one.

13,883. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We could compel you, but we do not wish to do so?—Unless I am obliged to do it I would rather not answer.

13,844. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You could be obliged.—No doubt of it, but if it is not necessary I would rather not do it.

13,886–5. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You swear that that is a correct amount?—I believe it is, perfectly.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *W. Armstrong.*

13,887. What are you?—An oil miller.

13,888. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

13,889. How long have you been a freeman?—About 11 years.

13,890. For whom did you vote at the council choosing?—I voted for the Conservatives.

13,891. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d*

13,892. Who paid you?—Watson.

13,893. But who took you to Watson?—Lowther.

13,894. Is that Lowther one of the candidates, one of the men you voted for?—Yes.

13,895. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

13,896. Did you get any money then?—No.

13,897. Then for whom did you vote in the election of 1865, the one before this?—Edwards and Sykes.

13,898. Did you get any money then?—No.

13,899. Nothing?—No.

13,900. Then the one before that is 1860, Walker and Gridley, did you get any money then?—No, I voted for Walker.

13,901. You never had any money?—No.

13,902. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You never had any?—I voted for another.

13,903. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What was the other time you voted?—I voted for Edwards and Walker in 1859.

13,904. Did you get anything then?—I got a sovereign from the Liberal party, that is all the money I got.

13,905. You voted for Edwards and Walker and got a sovereign from Walters' party, how was that?—I do not know.

13,906. Where did you get it?—In Toll Gavel.

13,907. Oh, at the house in Toll Gavel?—Yes.

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13,908. You went in there and saw some one in the room?—Yes.

13,909. Who was that?—I do not know who it was.

13,910. Yes, you know one of them?—There was Mr. Boyes, but I did not get it from him.

13,911. You did not get it from Boyes, but another man, he passed you through into another room where there was another man, who gave you a sovereign?—Yes.

13,912. Did you get anything from Boyes?—I cannot say that I did.

13,913. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was that before you voted or after?—Before.

13,914. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you come to poll for Edwards and Walker?—Because I had made up my mind for to vote for them.

13,915. What did you do with this 1*l.*?—I took it back.

13,916. Then in point of fact you never got anything. Did you get anything from the other side from Edwards?—No, at no election.

13,917. Then you never got anything in fact?—No.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

13,918. How came you to vote for Edwards and Walker after getting a pound from the Liberal side?—Because I had promised to vote for Edwards and Walker.

13,919. Was any influence exercised over you by your master?—No.

13,920. Were you drunk when you got the 1*l.*?—I had a good deal in me, or else I never would have gone.

13,921. Then you never intended to go?—No.

13,922. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you ever get any money at council choosing before last time?—Yes, I got 5*s.*

13,923. When was that?—In 1865.

13,924. Who from?—David Nutchey.

13,925. Did you ever vote for the pasture masters?—Yes, I think I have.

13,926. Have you got any money then?—No.

13,927. Never?—No. I have not voted for them this last four years.

The witness withdrew.

J. Hutton.

James Hutton sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

13,928. What are you?—I can scarcely tell you. I am a nothing. I have given over working. I live by what little means I have got by my industry.

13,929. Were you formerly a member of the Conservative Working Men's Association?—I was.

13,930. Mr. Wreghitt was chairman?—Yes.

13,931. Were you a pasture master in February 1867?—Yes.

13,932. How long were you pasture master?—Only one year.

13,933. While you were pasture master you received applications for Walker's gift?—Yes.

13,934. Were they numerous?—A good many sometimes.

13,935. Now, as a matter of fact, do you know whether a great proportion of them were refused?—Yes, a good many were refused.

13,936. Do you know whether you gave most to the Tories or the Liberals?—I believe we gave most to the Conservatives. I have seen applications from the Liberal side presented and they have been thrown aside and no notice taken of them.

13,937. From your knowledge of what took place among the pasture masters, do you think the applications were thrown aside because they came from Liberals?—I do think so.

13,938. At that time were the majority of the pasture masters Liberal or Conservative?—I should suppose they were all Conservatives; they took me for one, but I was not conservative enough for them.

13,939. All Conservative except you?—Well, I was, but not conservative enough.

13,940. Not decidedly so?—No.

13,941. Can you give me any idea of how many persons received Walker's gift during your year of office?—Indeed, I cannot.

13,942. Any idea?—No, I cannot; there is a list, but I have not one, I never had one to my knowledge.

13,943. Did they sometimes give it to the Liberals? Oh yes, sometimes.

13,944. What is your reason for supposing there is any partiality?—My reason is this, that when perhaps an application came from a Conservative they would say he is a good supporter of ours.

13,945. Who said that?—Some of the pasture masters would make this remark; I could not say whom.

13,946. Some of the pasture masters would say that?—Yes, he is a good supporter of ours.

13,947. And then they granted the application?—Yes.

13,948. Did you often hear that kind of thing said?—I have heard it at different times. I could not say how many, but I have heard it. I took particular notice of it, because I made the remark, I would say, we should leave those politics aside, and distribute what there is honestly and fairly.

13,949. Who were the persons who said that?—My dear sir, I cannot say.

13,950. They were pasture masters?—Yes.

13,951. They were in a room consulting?—In a room on purpose; there was a meeting called of the pasture masters for this purpose.

13,952. That was in 1867?—'67 and '8.

13,953. It is not so very long ago, only two years ago; I shall want you to give me the names of some of those?—My dear sir, I cannot.

13,954. I must ask you to do so, and I must ask you to answer me a little more slowly, and perhaps your own discretion will show you and make another hint come into your mind as to how you ought to answer me. Consider for a moment. Who were the persons who said that?—I cannot say. I certainly can say one thing, James Findlater threw an application of James Campey's aside who had lost a cow.

13,955. He was a Liberal?—He was a Liberal and lost a cow, and he took it up and said, Oh, James Campey, pooh! and threw it aside.

13,956. You did not feel satisfied with the rejection of James Campey's application?—I did not.

13,957. And what did you say?—It was no use my saying anything; I was only one of 12.

13,958. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He had really lost a cow?—He had really lost a cow.

13,959. And was a stocker?—He is now, he is a cowkeeper.

13,960. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did Findlater say he should not have the money?—No, he did not say so; he looked at the application and said, Oh! James Campey, and threw the application aside, and his application was never entertained at all.

13,961. So far as that goes it might have been something else besides politics?—No, I do not know that it was.

13,962. You are accusing Findlater behind his back?—I do not know that; he may be here for anything I know.

13,963. You are accusing Findlater?—You asked me the question; you asked me to name a person if I could think of a name, and it was my duty to do so I think; I only answered the question.

13,964. Did any other pasture master make any other observation on that?—I cannot say that they did.

13,965. Give me some other case?—I cannot give any other case; I do not know of any. You told me

I was to answer your questions, and I will if you put any to me, as far as I can.

13,966. Do you remember the names of the pasture masters at that time?—Yes, I think I do by name, a good many of them.

13,967. Well, remembering them, can you remember any other pasture master who said or did anything of the kind?—No, I cannot; I do not know the names of the men.

13,968. You have told me that this is a common thing?—It was a common thing among the pasture masters, but I cannot think of a person's name; and another thing I can tell you, I am not quick of hearing.

13,969. You are quick at speaking at all events?—Well, perhaps I may be, I do not know.

13,970. Now can you swear that to anybody else besides Campey this thing has occurred?—No, it was only that I took particular notice of that that I remember it. I took particular notice of it because he was a distant relative of mine; I took particular notice of it for that, and for that very reason I did not interfere.

13,971. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The man who made the application?—Yes.

13,972. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Now you tell me positively that that same sort of thing happened more than once? No, I cannot say; I cannot think of those names.

13,973. Either you do not hear me or you are contradicting yourself; do you say that that same rejection, that same partiality, occurred more than once?—Very possibly it might.

13,974. You told me just now it happened often?—I cannot mention names, and you asked me for names.

13,975. Well now, you have given an instance of a man whose application was refused on account of his politics, do you know of any instance of a man whose application was granted on account of his politics?—Well, I cannot say particularly that I do; but I know another man that made an application that his cow had calved prematurely, and they decided to give him 3*l.*, and after that there was another pound to spare, and they said, Give it to him, and he was a Conservative. That is about all I can say I took particular notice of.

13,976. What was the name of the man to the best of you recollection?—I cannot tell you his name, I cannot remember it, though I know the man, but I can give you his description; he drives a miller's cart—he drives a cart of Lowson's the miller.

13,977. Was his name William Johnson?—I do not know, only I know the man by sight.

13,978. Do you know when that was?—It was at one of the meetings, I cannot tell you the date.

13,979. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In the year?—Yes, in the year; well it would be in the summer of '67 I should say.

13,980. You went out of office at the end of February 1868?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

13,981. What time did Campey make this application?—I believe it was in the winter.

13,982. How many years ago?—It would be in 1868. The winter of 1867.

13,983. Who is Campey?—He is a cowkeeper.

13,984. Does he keep many?—I do not know, but I know he is a very steady man, and has a large family, and he is a deserving man.

13,985. Has he many cows?—He stocks the pastures with them; he may have three or four, or two or three.

13,986. Is he a well-to-do man?—No; I do not know that they are well to do. They all of them find fault; all the cowkeepers say they are very poor.

13,987. Is he a rich man?—No, he has a very large family, it is not many people who keep cows and have large families who are rich.

13,988. You have been a long time a freeman?—Yes.

13,989. You do as freemen do, do you not?—I do as some do, but if you mean bribery, I do not know what bribery means.

13,990. You have never taken a bribe?—I never had one, I never offered one, and no one ever offered me one. They do not trust me with their secrets.

13,991. Is your answer you never took a bribe?—I never did.

13,992. On any occasion whatever?—On any occasion whatever.

13,993. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a member of the town council?—No, they will not have me there.

13,994. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who did you vote for last election?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

John Dales sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Dales.

13,995. Are you a freeman of the borough?—Yes.

13,996. Are you a town councillor?—No.

13,997. How long have you been a freeman?—I believe since 1823.

13,998. In 1823?—I think I was.

13,999. And I suppose by birth?—No, by servitude.

14,000. Do you fill any office in connexion with the borough?—Yes.

14,001. What are you?—I have been pasture master.

14,002. Are you a pasture master now?—No.

14,003. When did you cease to be a pasture master?—I believe at the same time that Mr. Hutton did.

14,004. On the 1st of March 1868?—Yes, I think it was.

14,005. When did you first become a pasture master?—It is a very long time indeed since I first was a pasture master.

14,006. Do you recollect when Sir Henry Edwards came to the borough?—Yes.

14,007. Were you a pasture master then?—Yes, I believe I was.

14,008. Had you been a pasture master before that?—I think once before.

14,009. That was 1856?—Yes.

14,010. And did you continue a pasture master from 1856 down to 1868?—I think I did.

14,011. That would be about 12 years?—Yes.

14,012. Where you a pasture master when Daniel Boyes was secretary or clerk?—Monkman was the clerk.

14,013. When you were pasture master?—Yes.

14,014. And the only clerk?—Yes.

14,015. When you first joined the body?—Yes.

14,016. Your duty is to distribute the pastures in the most equitable way you can amongst the freemen?—Yes.

14,017. To distribute the monies at the end of the year amongst the freemen?—Yes, there is a certain sum has to be kept in hand, but it is all distributed barring that.

14,018. To distribute Walker's charity in the most fair and honourable way that you can, that is your duty?—Yes.

14,019. I ask you, without going into particular instances, as a man who has been 12 years in that office, do you think that was done without any favour to Liberals or Conservatives by the pasture masters?—I cannot speak of that to know what the other pasture masters felt, but it was with me. I think there were rather more Conservatives paid than the Liberals sometimes, and I do think that sometimes there were more Liberals when I was in were paid.

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14,020. Did you observe any change in the mode of distribution?—I do not know any change, they generally divided nearly fair, but I believe more to the Conservatives.

14,021. There were substantially more Conservatives?—It depended in one respect whether there were more Conservatives applied than there were Liberals. Sometimes it was so.

14,022. Now, I do not at all wish you to give any evidence one way or the other; that is your evidence, that you know no one party was favoured more than the other?—No; there might be a little feeling for the Conservatives.

14,023. Did you observe that?—Perhaps a little there might be; it was rather natural for these men to support their friends more than the others.

14,024. Do you recollect, was there always a contest for the office of pasture master?—Very little; sometimes there was; once or twice there was no contest.

14,025. Except these, there were always contests. Was money going?—When there was no contest there was no money, but when there was a contest there was money going.

14,026. The clerk I suppose would know when the contest was pending?—Yes; I should think he would.

14,027. Who used to supply the money to your knowledge?—For the pasture masters?

14,028. Yes?—I believe it was got from Mr. Wreghitt.

14,029. Is he a banker or anything of the kind in the town?—No, he is a draper.

14,030. Is he head of the pasture masters?—No, he is nothing connected with the pasture masters.

14,031. Is he mayor of the town?—No.

14,032. I do not understand it; neither mayor or alderman or pasture master, and yet he used to supply the money?—He was a councillor.

14,033. Is he a councillor now?—I believe he is.

14,034. Did you ever go or send your clerk to Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes; I went with the clerk to Mr. Wreghitt.

14,035. Can you tell me the year?—I think it was in 1866 I think, or 1867; I forget, my memory is so bad.

14,036. We only want to get at the bottom of it that is all, do not be at all hurried. Was there then a sharp contest that year?—There was a contest.

14,037. How were the pasture masters constituted then with regard to politics?—The pasture masters were all Conservatives on that side.

14,038. And then you heard when the 1st of March was coming on, you heard of a contest, and then you and the clerk went to Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes.

14,039. Did anyone else go?—No, not that I know of.

14,040. Did you see Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes.

14,041. I do not want to go into the details; did he promise you any money?—He said the money would be forthcoming; he did not give us any.

14,042. How many days before the 1st of March?—It was the night before the choosing.

14,043. I do not care to 1*l.* or anything like that, but about how much money was spent?—I cannot say what was spent, I had nothing at all to do with the money, but I think that he promised that there should be 100*l.* or more.

14,044. Then all I will ask you was there money going; I do not ask for the amount?—I think money came; yes, there was money paid, I believe.

14,045. And I suppose the Conservatives were all returned?—Yes.

14,046. Were they the same men that were in before?—Yes, I think so, excepting Mr. Hutton. I do not know whether he was out that time or not.

14,047. Can you tell me who succeeded Mr. Hutton?—I do not know anything no more than that he was not chosen.

14,048. He was not among the chosen 12?—No.

14,049. On any other occasion do you recollect going with your clerk or sending your clerk to Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes, it was a custom for him to go to Mr. Wreghitt.

14,050. An annual custom?—Many times I believe he went.

14,051. Before the election?—Yes.

14,052. For what?—For the means; for the money.

14,053. And did all the pasture masters know that?—I think they would most of them know.

14,054. I suppose there was nothing in the accounts about it?—No; I do not know that there was.

14,055. And after he waited on Mr. Wreghitt, to whom would the clerk give the money, suppose he got 100*l.* or 40*l.* or 50*l.*?—I do not know that the clerk brought it always; I do not know if Mr. Wreghitt gave it to him; he gave it to some one, but I cannot say.

14,056. You told me you had been a freeman a long time?—Yes, ever since 1823.

14,057. Whenever there was a contest for pasture masters I will take it there was always money going?—Mostly, when there was no contest there would be no money.

14,058. Since 1857, can you tell me when there was a contest, whether Mr. Wreghitt supplied money from 1857 down, whenever there was a contest?—He supplied money as long as I was in, but the last two elections I had not been a pasture master. I do not know what they have done since.

14,059. I must ask you, because you are up here as a freeman; I ask you what your general impression was. Was it that freemen who voted for the pasture masters had the money divided amongst them?—Yes, those who voted for them.

14,060. And now in the council, during the greater part of the time, was there money found also?—Yes; for the most part, but I do not know who found the money; but I believe that voters were paid for the most part.

14,061. And I may take it that you say that something was generally found for the parliamentary elections?—Yes, I believe most part; that would be so.

14,062. Did that apply to the freemen alone up to the last election, or were the occupiers also paid?—I do not know whether it applied to the 10*l.* householders or not.

14,063. Before the last time did it?—I cannot exactly understand your question.

14,064. I will tell you. Up to the last time the electors were composed of 10*l.* householders and the freemen?—Yes.

14,065. Now you say that bribery prevailed generally amongst the freemen?—Yes.

14,066. In your opinion would it also prevail amongst the poorer classes, the 10*l.* householders?—Yes; I believe the 10*l.* householders received money as well as others.

14,067. That is what I mean; but I must ask you have you yourself ever received a bribe?—Yes, in my young days.

14,068. When?—I got some at Towneley's election, but that was the last time I got anything and never received anything since.

14,069. Up to that time you were in the habit of receiving some?—Not always, but that was a sum that was so large that I think most people would take it.

14,070. Do not speak of others in that way. Very well, at Towneley's you received how much?—12*l.*

14,071. And from that day you say you have received no money?—Nothing.

14,072. Money has been offered to you, I presume?—No, I do not know that it has.

14,073. Did you ever hear Mr. Wreghitt say where the money came from?—No.

14,074. Never heard it?—No.

14,075. I suppose it was generally known?—People might imagine.

14,076. What did you yourself think?—I thought it came from Sir Henry Edwards.

14,077. Were you a supporter of his?—Yes, but not the last time.

14,078. You were a supporter of his while you were a pasture master ?—Yes.

14,079. You were a supporter of his when the money was advanced to purchase the votes at which you were elected ?—Since he came there were two elections, before that we had to pay our own expenses. Two elections before Major Edwards came we paid our own expenses; we subscribed amongst us and supplied our own money.

14,080. But since he came matters were made more easy ?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

14,081. On the last occasion you voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—I did.

14,082. You were rather active for them ?—Yes, I was.

14,083. Are you a grocer living in Norwood ?—Yes.

14,084. Now what was the first year that you were a pasture master ?—I cannot state the time, I am sure. I do not know the time when it was; it is so long since I forget the date.

14,085. Do you remember what was the first year when Mr. Monkman became clerk ?—I do not know the year; I cannot say.

14,086. You were never pasture master in Daniel Boyes' time ?—Mr. Monkman was chosen the clerk the first time I was a pasture master.

14,087. At the time when you were elected were there any Liberals amongst the pasture masters ?—No.

14,088. That election you were all Conservatives ?—Yes.

14,089. The men who went out when you were elected were only of the Liberal party ?—I believe they were; I think they were about half: when I went out do you mean ?

14,090. No; when you were elected ?—When we were elected I think about half of them were Liberals.

14,091. Had you voted for pasture masters before you were elected ?—Yes, I think I have.

14,092. Have you ever received anything for voting ?—I do not remember that ever I got anything.

14,093. On which side did you vote ?—I think I voted for the Conservatives.

14,094. Generally ?—Yes.

14,095. But you took a part in the elections then ?—Sometimes I did.

14,096. Was there money paid in those days on the Liberal side ?—I think there was a little paid on the Liberal side at times, as well as the other.

14,097. And then you continued a pasture master up to the last two years ?—Yes.

14,098. May I ask you did you have any quarrel with Wreghitt ?—No, I had no quarrel.

14,099. Now, I think I will take you to the last council choosing ?—Yes.

14,100. I believe you had some money to distribute ?—Yes, I paid some money this last council choosing.

14,101. How much ?—I cannot say exactly what I paid; I do not know what I had exactly. I took some money from my house and I did not count it. I took some silver.

14,102. You paid some money ?—Yes; I do not know how much I had.

14,103. Do you mean to say you do not know within a few pounds ?—Yes, I know within 1*l.* or 2*l.*

14,104. Tell me ?—I think about 5*l.* or somewhere thereabouts.

14,105. And you will account to us now for the 5*l.* ?—Yes, I paid it amongst the voters.

14,106. Where did you get the money from ?—From my own house.

14,107. It was your own money ?—Yes.

14,108. That you swear ?—Yes.

14,109. And you received no money from anyone whatever ?—No.

14,110. Who did you pay ?—I paid from 5*s.* to 10*s.*

14,111. What, voters ?—I cannot recollect; they were brought to me to say that they had voted.

14,112. Who brought the men to you ?—Some of the Liberal party, but I could not say.

14,113. I want the names of some of the Liberal men who brought some of the Liberal party to receive money ?—I do not know their names, my memory is so bad, and so many people I saw that day, that I cannot remember.

14,114. Your memory is not at all bad, you have given us a very good account of things that occurred 20 years ago ?—Yes, but there are some things that I cannot remember.

14,115. Yes, I dare say you cannot remember who you paid this 5*l.* to in November last ?—I cannot. I can give you one that I paid; I do not know whether I did or not: a man named Mason. But I know more of the old voters than I know of the rising generation.

14,116. I suppose Mason has been a witness before us ?—I do not know that he has.

14,117. Anyone else ?—There was Carr Appleton that has been up.

14,118. What did you pay him ?—I cannot say what I paid him.

14,119. What is Mason's christian name ?—William, I think; he keeps the "Red Lion."

14,120. He keeps a public house ?—Yes.

14,121. Are these two the only men you remember as having paid ?—I think they are. There was another man they call Duffill, but I do not recollect giving him anything. He said I gave him 12*s.*, but I do not know that I paid the man anything. I do not know that I paid any man more than 10*s.*

14,122. Tell me some of the names of the men who introduced them to you ?—I cannot say, but I know they were Liberals. There were so many about me that I really cannot remember.

14,123. The men who introduced these voters to you you must have known ?—I know they were Liberals.

14,124. If you did not know the men who introduced them, you must have known the voters ?—I knew the men at the time who came, but I forget who they were. There were one or two men came to tell me that they were Liberals, but I forget who they were.

14,125. Do you mean to say that you do not remember who introduced these men to you ?—I cannot remember.

14,126. How many men introduced these voters to you ?—Perhaps three or four.

14,127. And of these three or four you cannot recollect the names ?—There were so many men about that I do not think I do.

14,128. Is your answer that you do not know the name of one ?—I do not.

14,129. And out of this 5*l.* you remember only that you paid 12*s.* ?—No, I do not think that I paid the man 12*s.*

14,130. You paid Mason 7*s.* ?—Yes.

14,131. Is that all you can tell us ?—Yes, I believe I paid him something, but I do not know what I paid him. I know I paid from 5*s.* to 10*s.* I spent all the 5*l.*

14,132. You have merely told us who you paid to the amount of 12*s.*—I do not know the other men.

14,133. And you do not mean to tell us ?—I cannot tell you; I would if I could, I am sure.

14,134. Have you been engaged in any similar way in former elections for the parliamentary election, paying voters ?—Yes; I made a mistake there in my former evidence. I said I paid money at Edwards, Walters, and Walker, but it was Gridley and Walker's that I got the money. My memory is bad, but it was one of the two elections.

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14,135. You got money at Gridley and Walker's election ?—Yes, but I stated before Judge Martin that I thought it was the other.

14,136. What money did you get ?—40*l.*

14,137. Whom did you get the money from ?—From Nathaniel Kemplay.

14,138. What did you do with it ?—I paid the voters with it.

14,139. What voters ?—The parliamentary voters ; the Conservative voters.

14,140. What were their names ?—I do not know none of them. I think there were two or three at Hull Bridge.

14,141. Where did you pay them ?—In different places ; I did not pay them all at once ; I paid them in the town, and at any place I could.

14,142. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) About what rate ?—3*l.*

14,143. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was that your common practice, 3*l.* for a vote ?—It was, as near as I can tell.

14,144. Kemplay was a Conservative ?—Yes.

14,145. And you were then bribing for the Conservatives ?—I was.

14,146. Just see if your memory is not better with regard to what you did for the Conservatives. Just think of the names of the freemen ?—There were three men, I know at Tickton and Hull Bridge. There was one they call Clark, and Raspin, and the other was Richardson. I can remember those, on account of their having to go up on the petition.

14,147. And they were examined ?—Yes.

14,148. And their evidence is in print ?—Yes, I think it is so.

14,149. So you remember it ?—I remember those three on account of the circumstance, but as to the others, I do not know I am sure.

14,150. You do not remember any others except those whose names are in print, which we have already ?—No.

14,151. Is that all the account you can give us of Gridley and Walker's election ?—Yes.

14,152. What did you give each of the men ?—3*l.*

14,153. Then out of the 40*l.*, you account to us for 9*l* ?—I paid it all away to the voters.

14,154. Yes, but you only account to us for 9*l.* ?—Yes for them three, I gave them 3*l.* each.

14,155. In any other election have you paid money away ?—No.

14,156. In 1865 who did you vote for ?—I voted for Sykes and Edwards.

14,157. Did you pay any money for them ?—No.

14,158. In Walters, Edwards and Walker did you pay any money then ?—No.

14,159. Then the election in 1857, Edwards and Wells, did you pay anything ?—No, I believe I never paid none except that time, and I wish I had not paid that.

14,160. You paid some at the council choosing ?—Yes, but at a parliamentary I do not know that I ever paid any except that election.

14,161. You make a distinction between the parliamentary and council, you said you were very sorry you paid money for that ?—For the parliamentary and the other too.

14,162. Have you been in the habit of paying money at the council choosing ?—No, I did not pay it ; the money was paid by a somebody ; I did not pay it barring the last council choosing.

14,163. Have you ever paid money except the last council choosing ?—Not that I know of.

14,164. Your memory is so bad that you cannot remember whether you did or not ?—No.

14,165. Do you know a man named James Little ?—Yes.

14,166. Did you see him on the Saturday before the last council choosing ?—I saw him before the council choosing ; I do not know whether it was on the Saturday or not.

14,167. Did you offer him a sum of money ?—I asked him if he would take it.

14,168. You did make him an offer ?—I asked him if he would take the money.

14,169. For what ?—For the council and for his bill. He said he had been badly used, they had not paid him ; Gridley had never paid him—no Keane, I believe—I forget.

14,170. Don't say that ?—It was Keane the last.

14,171. You must not say that Keane never paid him. You mean the party ?—He said he had not got paid his debt ; that the party had behaved ill to him, or something of that kind. I asked him what the sum was, he said 2*l.* odd. I said it is a pity if it is a just bill. I said, will 30*s.* settle your bill and a vote for the Liberals ? He said he would not take any less than the full amount. I said, Very well.

14,172. You offered him 30*s.* for his bill and a vote for the Liberals ?—He would not take it, he said he would have the full amount.

14,173. And you offered him the full amount and a vote for the Liberals ?—Yes, I did.

14,174. You remember that now ?—Yes.

14,175. Is that all you can tell us as to the last town council choosing ?—Yes, you have asked me I think all the questions.

14,176. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I want to ask you a question about the pasture masters ; were you a pasture master at the time that Mr. Hutton was ?—Yes ; that is, the year he was pasture master I was one.

14,177. You say that you went to Wreghitt on a certain occasion, and he offered you 100*l.* ?—Yes.

14,178. I understand that after that 100*l.* was offered the next time Hutton lost his election ?—Yes.

14,179. Then it must have been in 1868 ; I think you made a mistake to the learned Chief Commissioner as to the date ?—Very likely I have, for I cannot think of the dates. At my age I cannot think so well as I used to do.

14,180. I want you to fix the time when Wreghitt spoke to you about the 100*l.*, was it in that year that Hutton lost his election, or before ?—It was before ; I think Hutton was not chosen that time.

14,181. It was before Hutton was chosen ?—It was before Hutton was chosen ; I think Hutton was not one that time.

14,182. But he had been ?—He had been the year before.

14,183. That is just what I thought, therefore it must have been 1868.

14,184. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No, no.

14,185. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Hutton went out of office February 1868.

14,186. (*Witness.*) Perhaps the year before, I really cannot say.

14,187. You know that you were in office with Hutton ?—He was only one year in.

14,188. But the year he was in you were in ?—Yes.

14,189. Were you present with him on occasions when applications were made for money—"the non-stocking fund ?"—I was at the meeting.

14,190. Were you at the meeting when Campey made his application ?—I am sure I cannot say, I do not attend every meeting, but probably I should be there ; I do not know exactly, he might be there.

14,191. You remember Campey making an application that was rejected ?—Yes, I think it was rejected.

14,192. Do you remember Mr. Findlater giving any reason for rejecting it ?—No, I do not.

14,193. Did you understand that it was rejected on political grounds ?—I cannot say. I do not know that Mr. Hutton stated that. He threw the application aside. One did not see everything. I do not recollect having heard why it was thrown aside.

14,194. Were you there ?—I fancy I was.

14,195. Did you understand that Campey's application was rejected on political grounds ?—I do not know that it was. It was a general thing if a man lost a horse, a cow, or a pig even, he generally got it ; but sometimes when a man was very well off in circumstances they would perhaps not give it him.

14,196. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was carrying out the trust properly.

14,197. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That was all right, but during that year that Hutton was in office, do you know of any instance of an application being favoured or disfavoured on political grounds?—Well, as I stated before, they generally were more favourable to the Conservatives than to the Liberals.

14,198. Can you give any instance?—Well, I cannot in particular give any instance; there were a number of applications.

14,199. Do you know anything of that man who drives the miller's cart. Do you remember that case?—Yes; I remember Johnson.

14,200. What was it?—He had lost a cow or something, perhaps two.

14,201. Do you consider that case was settled on political grounds, or had politics anything to do with it?—I do not know that it was.

14,202. Did you understand that Mr. Monkman ever got money from Wreghitt on account of the pasture masters?—I do not know that he brought it; he might, but I do not know that he did.

14,203. Why, you mentioned his name?—Yes, he is the clerk.

14,204. I think you mentioned his name in connexion with Wreghitt?—Monkman and myself went to Wreghitt.

14,205. Mr. Findlater, who was present when Campey's application was rejected, do you know on which side he was in politics?—Yes, he is a Conservative.

14,206. In the evidence there is a Mr. Findlater mentioned on the other side in politics?—Findlater is a Conservative.

14,207. Mr. Hutton spoke of voting for a Mr. Findlater, who is a Liberal; is there any other Findlater?—No; I do not think there is a Findlater a Liberal. I think there is only one in the town.

Mr. James Botterill Lowther called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

Mr. J. B. Lowther.

14,208. What are you, Mr. Lowther?—I am a merchant.

14,209. Are you a freeman?—I am.

14,210. How long have you been a freeman?—I should take my freedom up something like when I was 21.

14,211. How should I know your age? Why cannot you tell me how long you have been a freeman?—Because I do not know how many years. I am turned 50.

14,212. You were a candidate for the town council in 1868?—Last year; yes, I was.

14,213. For the Minster Ward?—Yes.

14,214. We have heard from Mr. Norfolk that he gave you 300*l.*?—He did.

14,215. That of course was for the purpose of the election?—Yes.

14,216. We wish to know how you applied that fund?—I have got here every gentleman's name that I paid the money to, and his signature.

14,217. Perhaps you will tell us first the gross sum of money you paid away?—I paid away 326*l.* 6*s.*

14,218. On what day did you pay it away?—On the 2d of November.

14,219. Entirely on the second?—Yes.

14,220. Now then, perhaps you will tell us slowly, to whom you paid it?—Perhaps I had better tell you before that, that out of that 326*l.* I returned to Mr. Norfolk 35*l.*

14,221. When did you return that?—A day or two after the election; I do not know to a day.

14,222. Was it in the course of the week following the election?—I should think it would be, but I cannot speak to that especially. I should think it would be almost immediately after I had got done with the thing; perhaps within a day or two.

14,223. You think within a day or two?—Yes; I have no doubt about it.

14,224. We may take it it was within a day or two?—I may say within a week for certain.

14,225. Now will you go on?—What do you want next?

14,226. I want to know the names of those people to whom you paid the money?—On Monday morning I gave 10*l.* to Mr. William Cook; I gave 10*l.* to Robert Knaggs Wallis, and a few days after the election he returned me 3*l.* 4*s.*

14,227. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That came into the 35*l.*, I suppose?

14,228. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We had better go through the list first.

14,229. (*Witness.*) We had better have it straightforward.

14,230-1. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Don't speak of straightforward.—I mean as I have it here, if you understand me. I have it all down in this book.

14,232. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Proceed.—Then I gave Thomas Richmond 20*l.*; I gave Robert Park 10*l.*; William Skinn 5*l.*; and James Dales Thompson 5*l.*

14,233. Is that the man we have heard of, Barber Thompson?—Yes, the same.

14,234. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) All at that date?—All at that date, all on the 2nd of November.

14,235. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who next?—William Marwood Watson, 20*l.*

14,236. Is that the auctioneer?—Yes.

14,237. Who next?—William Catterson, jun., 15*l.* And on the 16th of April 1869, he returned 7*l.*

14,238. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He was one of the three candidates?—No, he was the son of the candidate.

14,239. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now we will go on, if you please?—James Dales Thompson, 10*l.*

14,240. Another 10*l.*?—Another 10*l.*

14,241. Well?—Thomas Richmond, 20*l.*

14,242. Another 20*l.*?—Another 20*l.*

14,243. Well?—William Marwood Watson, 10*l.*

14,244. That's the auctioneer?—That's the auctioneer.

14,245. Then?—William Skinn, 5*l.*; William Marwood Watson, 15*l.*; James Dales Thompson, 4*l.*; William Marwood Watson, 50*l.*; Thomas Harris, 4*l.*; James Dales Thompson, 10*l.*; Thomas Richmond, 10*l.*; William Marwood Watson, 20*l.*; William Marwood Watson 40*l.* There is an odd half-crown down to someone, I had not the signature to that.

14,246. Well, do you know whom you gave that to?—No, I cannot say, but I have it down.

14,247. Now, you have exhausted your list?—No, here is Thomas Richmond, 5*l.*

14,248. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is that all?—No, William Marwood Watson, 7*l.*; William Marwood Watson, 10*l.*; then there is the Minster ringers, 25*s.*

14,249. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For ringing the bells?—For ringing the bells.

14,250. In triumph?—Well, if you call it so, it was so.

14,251. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then what next?—There is five gallons of ale for the band 8*s.* 6*d.* at Burrells.

14,252. What next?—Thomas Harris 1*l.*

14,253. Who next?—35*s.* to two men that I paid myself.

14,254. What are their names?—Robert Carr, and Joe Miller, two of my own workmen.

14,255. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They were voters?—They were voters for the municipal.

14,256. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What next?—I have a lot of small sums here.

14,257. Yes, we must take the small sums?—The "Pack Horse," 10*s.*; there is three gallons of ale that I gave at the "Royal Oak."

14,258. That we have heard of; that is 6*s.*?—That is 6*s.* Then there is 1*l.* for the "Bee Hive," and

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1*l.* for the "Tiger Inn;" Coates, 1*l.*; Scarr, 1*l.* 10*s.*

14,259. What do you mean by Coates?—It is the name of the landlord, he keeps a beershop.

14,260. And who is Scarr?—He keeps a public.

14,261. Well?—Robert Park, 1*l.* 5*s.*

14,262. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who is he?—He is a bricklayer; you will see his name for 10*l.* before I have done all on that head.

14,263. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I will take that account to be correct at present.

14,264. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How much do you make all that?—I make it 326*l.* 3*s.* There is 4*s.* that I have not given an account of; that I gave in change.

14,265. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you not any money returned to you except by Richmond and Catterson?—Wallis and Catterson. No, I had not.

14,266. Now, I am going to ask you first of all, where did you pay this money?—I cannot tell you where I paid it exactly, but I gave it to the individual gentlemen except Marwood Watson, and Marwood Watson was fixed in a room in the "Golden Ball," and I supplied him as he wanted it.

14,267. Perhaps I ought to ask you first how did you get this money?—Part in gold and part in notes.

14,268. In what sums did you receive it?—I should think I got 50*l.*; then I got 100*l.*; then I got 50*l.* I do not know anything more how the other was. I kept an account of 200*l.*; and there was such a clamouring indeed when they got to know that I had got the money, I thought they would take my shirt off my back, and I could not put it down.

14,269. You got 50*l.*; on Saturday I suppose?—I got 50*l.* on Saturday.

14,270. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) From Norfolk?—From Norfolk.

14,271. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then you got 100*l.*?—Then I got 100*l.*; and then I got 50*l.*

14,272. You got 100*l.* from Norfolk on Monday?—On Monday.

14,273. Then the other 150*l.* you got in the course of Monday?—Yes, I got it all on Monday.

14,274. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You can account for another 50*l.*?—Yes, I can account for 200*l.*; but I cannot account for the other because I was so clamoured at, but I got the money, and here is an account of it.

14,275. You thought they would take your shirt off your back?—Well, it was very likely.

14,276. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You got another 100*l.* at all events, and that was on the Monday too?—Yes.

14,277. Now these people came to you at your own place of business?—Whom do you mean?

14,278. All except Watson the auctioneer to whom you paid money?—No; I should leave home about 9 o'clock in the morning, and I should be out in the street.

14,279. That is what I want to know; then you gave all these sums that you have told us of to the different people whose names you have mentioned in the street?—I did when I was in the street, it would be somewhere near at hand; I do not know exactly where I should give it to them.

14,280. For what purpose did you give it to them?—I gave it to pay for voters. It was rumoured that if we gave 10*s.* the radicals were going to give a 1*l.*, and if we gave 1*l.* they would give 1*l.* 5*s.* So we wanted to win, and we went in to win, that's the long and short of it; there was no mystery about it.

14,281. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There is no mystery about it now.

14,282. You are one of the leading political men in the borough I think during the parliamentary elections?—Well, I have assisted.

14,283. You are one of the leading men. You went round canvassing all through, did you not, with Sir Henry Edwards and Major Kennard?—No, I did not.

14,284. You went round canvassing with them?—Well, I canvassed the out towns. I canvassed the Beck side. I did not canvass at this end of the town with them.

14,285. That is what I call going out canvassing?—Well then, I did in a measure.

14,286. How many days were you out?—I cannot tell you that.

14,287. Now will you let me see that memorandum book of yours?—What portion of it do you want to see, because there are my own private memoranda in it. (*The book was handed up to the Chief Commissioner.*)

14,288. I am sure you may trust to me: was this made at the time?—That was made at the time when I gave the money on the second of November.

14,289. That is what I want to know?—Yes, and every man's signature, that I swear to.

14,290. Made at the time?—Yes, made at the time and it has not been altered since.

14,291. Now were you not canvassing a good deal with them?—Well, I canvassed the out-towns I canvassed well.

14,292. And it was no secret in the town, or to anybody in the town, that bribery on a large scale had been adopted on the morning of the 2nd of November? It was no mystery?—No mystery; there was no secret about it, not a bit of it.

14,293. There was not a man, woman, or child that did not know it?—I do not know for that.

14,294. I mean, speaking generally?—Yes.

14,295. What time did you see Sir Henry Edwards first?—The first time I saw Sir Henry Edwards, I saw him on the platform.

14,296. Saw him on the platform; but you had known him; had you not been a supporter of his all through?—Of course, I had.

14,297. Had you known that bribery had been used at the parliamentary elections on his behalf?—I have known that there has been money spent.

14,298. That is what I mean; money spent, money paid to voters?—Yes.

14,299. From 1857 down and before 1857; I do not want to go beyond 1857?—I do not know when Sir Henry Edwards came the first time, I am sure.

14,300. Have you been a supporter of his all through?—I have.

14,301. Were you a member of the town council before this last time?—Yes, I have been a member of the town council. I was one of those that was slid out by the mistake in the nomination. I was in six years before that.

14,302. So that there was no doubt, except that mistake in the nomination, that the Conservatives had an overwhelming majority of voters in both wards?—Yes, it appears so.

14,303. I mean it appeared so in 1866, when you had a large majority, although you were turned out?—Yes.

14,304. In fact you had a monopoly of the town council if I may say so?—Well, we were all of one colour.

14,305. Then by that accident, unfortunate or otherwise, six of the Liberals got in?—Yes.

14,306. You were one of those that went out by rotation?—Yes.

14,307. You were out from that time?—I was out.

14,308. You had been six years in, had you?—Yes.

14,309. Was there money spent in former years in fighting this battle for the town councilship?—Oh yes, oh yes.

14,310. Where used the supply to come from. For example, you yourself did not pay it, I am satisfied?—I wish I had never paid, I should have been a good deal more in pocket than I am.

14,311. Had you paid up to the last time?—I paid frequently, and largely too.

14,312. You paid frequentiy and largely?—Yes, I have.

14,313. When did you pay frequently and largely?—Well, I cannot tell you the exact time, but I know there was one time when Mr. Johnson was up, it cost me something like 35*l.*

14,314. When was that ?—I cannot tell you what year that was in.

14,315. How many members of the town council does your ward return ?—There are 18.

14,316. But your ward ?—There are three come out for every ward, andthere are three fresh come in.

14,317. How many does your ward return ?—Six.

14,318. The Minster Ward ?—Yes.

14,319. Does it not return more ?—No, I think there are three in and three out, but I do not take notice of these things.

14,320. I have an object in asking ; how many does the ward return ?—I think there are six.

14,321. They are all Conservatives at the Minster ?—No, they are not now.

14,322. The three Liberals still remain in ?—Yes.

14,323. Any other occasion when you spent your own money ?—Well, there was one time I subscribed 10*l.* towards another ; and there was all my own individual expenditure, which I should think would be another 10*l.*

14,324. You subscribed 10*l.* ?—Yes ; I believe that was the first time I went into the council.

14,325. Who were your fellow subscribers ?—Mr. Almack found the money.

14,326. Who was Mr. Almack ?—He was an independent gentleman in the town.

14,327. Who was he ?—He is a gentleman.

14,328. That gives me no information. Was he a candidate, or what ?—Yes, he was a candidate.

14,329. That is what I wanted to know ?—I did not understand you.

14,330. He was a candidate for parliamentary honours ?—He was a candidate for municipal honours.

14,331. And he found the money ?—He found the money.

14,332. How much money did he find ?—I believe it was said he spent 250*l.*

14,333. Was he in the same ward with you ?—No, he was in St. Mary's Ward.

14,334. I am speaking of your ward. I am confining myself to your ward now ?—That money did for both the wards, I believe.

14,335. You made a common purse ?—It was at that time.

14,336. A common scheme to carry both wards ?—Yes, he found the money.

14,337. Now, when was it first proposed to you, or when did you first arrange that you were to be a candidate this last time ?—The Working Men's Association had the candidates brought before them. I was not present, but my name was proposed, and of course it was carried by a majority of those present, and I acceded.

14,338. That is mere sham ?—It is the way it is generally done.

14,339. Do not talk about Working Men's Associations. Who works the Working Men's Association ? Who is at the back of it ?—There is a committee and a chairman.

14,340. Who works the committee and the chairman ? All these are mere machinery, you know. Who worked the committee and the chairman ?—I do not understand what you mean when you ask me who works the committee.

14,341. Who is behind the committee. What man puts them in motion ?—Mr. Wreghitt is chairman, and there is a committee chosen by the members.

14,342. Why did you not tell me that ? Wreghitt is chairman of the Working Men's Association. That is what I wanted to know. I knew I would get it. Then you were not present when your name was proposed and adopted with unanimity. Did Wreghitt preside on that occasion ?—For anything I know. I was not present.

14,343. I mean you heard that he did ?—Yes.

14,344. That is a fact new to me. Wreghitt presided. Then it was that Mr. Norfolk and all your names were proposed ?—I should say so.

14,345. Did anyone wait upon you from the association, any deputation ?—No, I cannot say that they did.

14,346. I suppose the chairman communicated with you ?—No, he did not.

14,347. Who did ?—Perhaps Mr. Norfolk, or perhaps some one else. Perhaps Mr. Cook might. Mr. Cook was present ; perhaps Mr. Cook might.

14,348. Who is Mr. Cook ?—Mr. Cook is a gentleman of independent means living in the town.

14,349. Was he at all mixed up in the municipal election ?—You will see that he received 10*l.* on the municipal election day morning.

14,350. Do not talk to me of a gentleman of independent means who received 10*l.* I thought he was a man of a different stamp. That is the man who received the 10*l.* from you ?—Yes.

14,351. You think he may have communicated with you ? How soon afterwards did you see Norfolk ?—I cannot tell you.

14,352. About ?—I cannot tell you ; I have no knowledge. I cannot speak to that.

14,353. You have had business transactions with Norfolk ?—Yes.

14,354. You are a customer of his establishment, and you sell for the establishment, therefore you have business connexions with him. Do you know the man that was mentioned, Thirsk ?—I do.

14,355. You know him ?—I know Thirsk.

14,356. He is foreman of what department ?—He is foreman of the wood department.

14,357. And you supplied timber ?—Occasionally.

14,358. Did you know that Thirsk had got some of your money to pay the voters with ?—I have heard so.

14,359. For the benefit of your election ; for the benefit of the general body. Bentley, who is Bentley ?—Bentley is foreman of the wheelwrights.

14,360. Are you aware that in Government establishments, if those men who are in the habit of having to examine goods supplied are at all engaged in transactions of this kind with the men they are dealing with they are immediately discharged ; are you aware of that ?—I am not aware of that.

14,361. Bentley is foreman of what department ?—He is foreman of the wheelwrights.

14,362. Had you to supply any articles that he would have to examine ?—I had not.

14,363. Now, we will come to Norfolk. Might I inquire, without reference at all to anything, the amount of dealings between you and that establishment during the year ?—Was it 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* ?—No, nothing of the kind. It depends entirely upon how they are fitted for work.

14,364. If they are busy with work would it be as much ?—Well, perhaps, something like I should say on an average 80*l* a month, if they are very busy.

14,365. That would come to near 1,000*l.* Well, when you were in the habit of going up to Norfolk you spoke about this matter—you were both to be candidates ?—I did not speak to him, I think, much about it.

14,366. You have read his evidence here ?—Yes, I have.

14,367. Therefore you will recollect that you had been speaking to him some few days before the election about the election ?—It is very possible,

14,368. You have read his evidence, and the whole thing now must be brought to your memory. Do not say it is very possible ?—I cannot speak to that, to speak honestly ; I cannot, indeed. I do not recollect ; I do not, indeed.

14,369. But you recollect, an evening or two before the election, that you had a conversation with him about the money part of the matter ?—Well, there was some little conversation about that—yes, I think at Burrell's, one night.

14,370. That would not be a "little conversation ;" the whole interest was concentrated upon that. When did you and he meet at Burrell's ?—Oh, one evening.

14,371. How many days before the election ?—I cannot tell you.

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14,372. Two or three days ?—It is very possible.

14,373. You met there by appointment ?—I should think so, among a lot of others.

14,374. Did you let others into the secret ?—Oh, yes, of course ; when we went to get a glass of grog and a pipe. There was no secret at all about it.

14,375. I am not speaking of that kind of conversation over a glass of grog and a pipe ; I am speaking of when you and Norfolk arranged about what money would be required ?—I never had any private interview with Mr. Norfolk, I believe.

14,376. You had an interview with him ?—Casually, never any set appointment.

14,377. I never met such a place for casual and accidental meetings. We will take it, a casual meeting. A casual meeting, where ; go on and describe it yourself ?—I cannot tell you.

14,378. At Burrell's ?—Yes, we met at Burrell's.

14,379. Burrell's is a public-house. Was it there you settled about the 350*l.* ?—There never was any settlement at all about it.

14,380. Were you here when Mr. Norfolk was examined ?—No, I was not.

14,381. Did you read his evidence in the paper ?—I did.

14,382. That there was mentioned between you and him about 350*l.* or 400*l.* the night before the election ?—Well, I have no recollection of that.

14,383. That is strange ?—No, it is not strange at all ; I had a good deal to think of without thinking about that.

14,384. Mr. Lowther ?—I am speaking candidly, honestly, and truthfully.

14,385. We are to judge of that. We do not impute anything to you at present. Do you mean to tell us that the sum of 350*l.* or 400*l.*, or some sum was not mentioned ?—It never was mentioned to my knowledge.

14,386. Did you ever discuss the necessity of having money ?—Of course we did.

14,387. How much did you say would be necessary ?—I never mentioned any sum, but after the reports that were circulated——

14,388. I am only speaking of what occurred between you and Norfolk before the election. Was not the sum of 300*l.* or 400*l.* mentioned ; that it would be necessary to have that sum ?—Yes, I said I should want a good lot.

14,389. What do you mean by a good lot ; I will take your own meaning ?—I could not tell.

14,390. How would that inform your friend Mr. Norfolk what a good lot meant ?—I could not tell. It would entirely depend upon what our opponents were going to do.

14,391. When was that—the night before the election ?—I did not see him the night before the election.

14,392. Was that at Burrell's ?—It is very likely ; it might be so.

14,393. Was Burrell present ?—I should think it is very likely he would be. There was a room full of people.

14,394. Do you mean to tell me, candidly and honestly, that you discussed all this before and in the hearing of a room full of people ?—Oh, it was known to all.

14,395. Do you mean to tell me that you discussed the amount of money that would be necessary to be laid out in bribing in the presence of a room full of people ?—No, I do not mean to tell you so.

14,396. Why, then, do you bring a room full of people before us ?—Because they all knew what we were going to do.

14,397. That you were going to bribe ?—Yes, of course they would.

14,398. They all knew you were going to bribe. When was it discussed between you and Mr. Norfolk that he was to wait upon Mr. Wreghitt ?—I cannot tell you that.

14,399. Was it the night at Burrell's, or the night before ?—No, it was not.

14,400. Was it the night after, or the night before ?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

14,401. About ; tell me about ?—I cannot tell you, indeed.

14,402. I will give you Friday, Saturday ?—I cannot tell you, if you were to mention every day in the week.

14,403. How long before ?—I cannot tell you, indeed.

14,404. I will judge of the candour of your answer by the trial you make upon your memory. Cannot you tell me ?—I cannot, indeed.

14,405. Was it in the week preceding the election ?—I do not know, I am sure.

14,406. I ask you, was it in the week immediately preceding the election ?—I cannot tell you.

14,407. I tell you, Mr. Lowther, we may have to cease to examine you ?—I cannot help that.

14,408. We may have to cease to examine you, and if we do the consequences might be very serious to you ?—Well, I cannot help that ; I cannot come here to tell what I do not know.

14,409. I do not impute anything. Cannot you tell me how long before the 2d of November was it that you spoke with Norfolk about waiting upon Mr. Wreghitt ?—No, I cannot tell you.

14,410. You did speak to him about waiting upon Wreghitt ?—It is possible I might, but I cannot tell you as to the time.

14,411. It was arranged between you that he was to wait upon him ?—There was never [no particular arrangement at all about it.

14,412. Did you not know he was to wait upon him ?—He said he would.

14,413. He told you he would wait upon him ?—He said he would.

14,414. Did you suggest it to him, or did he say it himself ?—No, I never suggested anything of the sort.

14,415. Why do you say that ? You knew more about the town than he did ?—He had been long enough in the town to know nearly as much about it as I did,

14,416. You knew that Mr. Wreghitt used to supply money for the various purposes ?—I have heard so.

14,417. And believed it ?—I do not know about that.

14,418. And believed it ?—I do not know about that.

14,419. Do you mean to say, in the presence of your fellow-townsmen here, that you know Mr. Wreghitt used to supply money for the town council elections and for the election of pasture masters, and you do not believe it ?—I have heard that he did.

14,420. Did you believe it ?—Well, it is possible I might ; I never got any from him.

14,421. I am not saying you got any from him. I am asking you, did you believe he used to supply money that was furnished to him ?—It was said so.

14,422. Did you believe it ? In the presence of your fellow townsmen I ask you, did you believe it ?—It was said he did.

14,423. Did you believe it ?—Well, I might believe it.

14,424. Did you believe it ?—Well, I did believe it.

14,425. Now, we have a specimen of your candid and straightforward answers. When Mr. Norfolk told you that he was going to Wreghitt to obtain money, I suppose you expected he would get some ?—Well, I do not know.

14,426. Did you expect he was going for no purpose ; did you expect he was going and would not get any ?—I don't know, I am sure.

14,427. When did you hear from Norfolk that he had got the money ?—I heard from him on the Saturday afternoon.

14,428. Where ?—Norfolk came in to me at the "Green Dragon."

14,429. By accident or appointment ?—No appointment.

1,4430. By accident ?—I do not know that. I have

a room that I occupy of a market day in the "Green Dragon," and I stop there until a certain time.

14,431. You stopped there expecting him?—No, I did not expect him at all; I go there to meet my customers, and I am to be found there.

14,432. You knew that Wreghitt was engaged in an effort to raise money?—No.

14,433. I beg your pardon, I meant Norfolk, you knew that Norfolk was engaged in this scheme of raising money for the purpose of fighting and winning the election; you knew that?—He told me that he should see about it.

14,434. You had not a farthing subscribed among you then; you knew money would be wanted. Had you not then made any arrangement when he was to see you on Saturday?—I had not.

14,435. The time was pressing?—I had not made any arrangement.

14,436. Did you expect to see him?—I did not expect to see him that day.

14,437. Did you expect to see him on Monday?—Yes, of course I should.

14,438. I mean on Monday with the sinews of war?—Yes.

14,439. What time did he come to you on Saturday?—It would be between 5 and 6 o'clock.

14,440. Did you learn from him that he had been to Wreghitt?—He did not tell me and I did not ask him.

14,441. Did you learn from him that he had seen Alderman Arden?—He did not tell me and I did not ask him that.

14,442. Nothing at all passed between you as to how he got the money?—No.

14,443. Nothing at all?—Well, he gave me 50*l.*

14,444. You did not ask him where he got it from?—Yes, he said he got it from Mr. Forge at the Beverley bank.

14,445. And you did not require any further information?—No, I did not.

14,446. That was quite enough for you?—Yes.

14,447. 50*l.* You told him I suppose that was very little?—I don't know that I did.

14,448. Were you to take action in your own ward?—Yes.

14,449. That was for your own ward?—Yes.

14,450. Who were your colleagues in the ward?—Mr. Catterson, sen., and Mr. George Usher.

14,451. Mr. George Usher belonged to the company?—Yes, he was secretary to the company.

14,452. I suppose you had nothing to do with the company in any way except as a customer?—I am a small shareholder in the company.

14,453. You knew that Usher was engaged in this scheme of carrying an election by bribery?—Of course I did.

14,454. Of course you did?—Yes, I had a letter from Mr. Usher.

14,455. Have you the letter?—No, I have not, I destroyed it. But he wrote from Edinburgh to me.

14,456. I don't want to know the contents unless you have it. I would like you to have preserved it?—I wish I had.

14,457. Of course you spoke to your other colleague Mr. Catterson?—Yes, I spoke to Mr. Catterson.

14,458. Before the money was advanced?—No, I spoke to him on the Monday morning as I was coming from home.

14,459. I am only speaking of what occurred before the money was advanced?—No, I never spoke to him at all.

14,460. Then, according to your account your never had any conversation with Norfolk about money, except that he said he was going to Mr. Wreghitt to get it—was that the conversation? Was that all that occurred between you about money?—Between Norfolk and I?

14,461. Yes?—Only he came and told me that he had got some.

14,462. I do not want anything after he got the money; I am speaking now about what occurred before he got the money. Was that all the conversation that took place between you and Norfolk before he got the money?—What conversation?

14,463. What I have told you. I see very well that you see the point of the question. You gave us an account of Norfolk's conversation with you up to the time when he went to Wreghitt for the money. Tell us, did anything more occur between you?—What about?

14,464. About money?—I really do not understand what you mean.

14,465. What occurred between you and Norfolk about the money before he raised it?—Nothing at all.

14,466. Now, think well on that. I will repeat it again to you. What occurred between you and Norfolk before he came to you and told you he had got the money?—How do you mean?

14,467. What occurred between you and Norfolk before Norfolk came to you and told you he had raised the money? What occurred between you about the money?—What do you mean by "what occurred"?

14,468. What took place between you; what conversation took place between you on the subject?—Norfolk told me he would see Wreghitt about some money, and Wreghitt would not advance the money; that was it, that was the conversation we had about it.

14,469. He did not tell you that until Saturday. What I want to know is, what he told you before he went to Wreghitt, if anything took place between you and Norfolk before he went to Wreghitt? That is my question.—Well, I don't understand you.

14,470. Did anything take place? did any conversation take place between you and Norfolk as to money before he told you he was going to Wreghitt and try to raise it?—No.

14,471. Then at that time it was not arranged between you that you were to pay any portion of the expenses?—No, it was not.

14,472. There was no arrangement of that kind? Let us understand, no arrangement, no understanding, nothing said between you up to that time, as to whether you were to pay any portion of the money?—No, there was not.

14,473. And then you looked to Mr. Wreghitt to supply the money?—Mr. Norfolk said he had got the money you know.

14,474. I am speaking of what occurred before, when Norfolk came to you then, when he said he had got the money did he tell you how much?—No, he did not.

14,475. You did not ask him?—I did not.

14,476. It was a matter in fact in which you had no interest. You did not take any interest in the amount of money he had?—I was willing to pay my share if I was called upon.

14,477. Did you take any interest in the amount he had got that day?—I do not understand what you mean.

14,478. Did you care about how much he had got?—Oh yes, of course I should care.

14,479. Why did not you ask him how much he had got if you had any concern in it?—I thought Mr. Norfolk had made his own arrangements.

14,480. You did not know whether he had raised 400*l.* or 1,000*l.*?—I did not.

14,481. When did you ascertain that he had got this large sum of money, 800*l.*?—He told me when I took him the 35*l.* back again.

14,482. When was that?—Sometime during the week, I believe.

14,483. It was within the week. You were all very busy about the parliamentary election, and you took him 35*l.* back, and that was the first time you had heard that 800*l.* had been expended?—Yes, I believe it was.

14,484. Are you sure?—I am not sure about that; because it was currently reported that it cost a good deal of money.

14,485. You had yourself 300*l.* of it?—Yes.

14,486. Will you tell me the last time in that day that you paid any money away to these men of the

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300*l.* ?—I should think the last money I paid would be perhaps after 1 o'clock.

14,487. How much do you think you paid after 1 o'clock?—I think I gave Watson the 40*l.* after that time, because the stairs were crammed.

14,488. You gave him 40*l.* after 1 o'clock. I suppose you had an account every hour or half hour of the state of the poll?—There was an account sent.

14,489. You knew perfectly well you had polled far beyond half the voters at that time, and were safe?—Yes, we should be safe.

14,490. Did you know who were taking action in your ward besides yourself; taking action in bribing?—All these parties I gave the money to.

14,491. Was Burrell working in your ward?—No.

14,492. Who was working in your ward?—These parties I gave the money to.

14,493. Was not Thirsk working in your ward?—Yes.

14,494. Did you give money to Thirsk?—No.

14,495. I am asking you who was working in the ward besides these men?—I saw very little of him.

14,496. You knew he had money for working in the ward?—I did not know till afterwards.

14,497. You knew it on that day?—I believe sometime during the day I heard of it.

14,498. Did you at all think it worth your while to inquire how much he spent?—No, I did not.

14,499. Anybody else working in the ward?—There was John Bentley.

14,500. Also a worker like yourself. When did you see Bentley?—I do not know that I saw him at all.

14,501. But you knew he was working in the ward?—I expected so.

14,502. How can a man expect?—It is a large ward.

14,503. Do you know that Bentley had money?—Afterwards I did.

14,504. The same day?—Yes.

14,505. Did you think it worth your while to inquire how much Bentley had?—No.

14,506. You being a man seeking to be elected never thought it a matter of concern to yourself to inquire how much was spent. Is that the answer you give?—I never did inquire.

14,507. You did not think it a matter of concern to yourself?—I had no time to think then.

14,508. Was not it arranged between you and Norfolk that you were to pay your portion of it?—Afterwards.

14,509. That is what I say of course; when afterwards; give me the date?—I cannot give you the date.

14,510. How long after the parliamentary election?—I cannot tell you.

14,511. How long after Baron Martin was here was it?—I cannot tell you.

14,512. Will you swear it was before Baron Martin was here?—No, I won't.

14,513. On your oath was not it after Baron Martin was here that for the first time you said you would go shares in it?—I should think it would be.

14,514. Don't you know it was?—No, I do not for certain.

14,515. You told me you were a strong supporter of Sir Henry Edwards; did you take part in the parliamentary elections?—I have.

14,516. Now, take the election in which Mr. Keane was here, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; did you take a part in that election?—I did.

14,517. You supported Edwards and Sykes?—I did.

14,518. Did you know bribery was going then?—Yes.

14,519. Had you any money yourself?—I had.

14,520. How much money had you?—700*l.*

14,521. From who did you receive it?—I received it from a gentleman of the name of Matthews from Driffield.

14,522. What is he?—I believe he is a patent manure maker. Matthews, junr., understand me.

14,523. Do you know his christian name; is he there now?—He is for anything I know.

14,524. That is what I mean. How long before the election did you receive that?—On the election day.

14,525. Did you know Mr. Matthews before?—I did not.

14,526. Did he come to you as a stranger?—I never knew him before; I never saw him before.

14,527. Who introduced him to you?—I believe Mr. Barkworth.

14,528. A supporter of the candidates?—Yes.

14,529. I suppose he gave you the 700*l.* in sovereigns; that would be generally the way?—I think there were 200*l.* in bank notes.

14,530. And you went and got them changed?—I did not but somebody else did.

14,531. On whose behalf was that money to be used?—I never was told on whose behalf.

14,532. On whose behalf was it used?—It was used to win the election.

14,533. On behalf of whom; not on Keane's side?—No.

14,534. On behalf of whom?—I never told them what they were to do with it, but they were to get votes.

14,535. For whom; for Edwards and Sykes?—I should suppose so.

14,536. You distributed the money?—I did.

14,537. To whom?—I cannot tell you exactly

14,538. We do not expect as accurate an account of that as of the other?—I can give you the account of some of them. I had the account, but I burnt it.

14,539. Give it me as well as you can; I am sure you will?—William Richardson, North Bar Street.

14,540. How much did you give him?—I don't know.

14,541. You gave him some?—Yes; Mr. Whitton.

14,542. Mr. Whitton?—Marmaduke Lawson Whitton.

14,543. You gave him some?—Yes. Here is Charles Arnott.

14,544. You gave him some?—Yes. Nathaniel Kemplay.

14,545. You gave him some?—Yes.

14,546. Have you any other names?—Here is David Nutchey, Robert Oxley, Phineas Musgrave, William Skinn, William Train, John Bentley, Robert Thirsk.

14,547. Is that the John Bentley of the works?—The same.

14,548. And is Thirsk the same as we have had?—Yes, the same. William Sturdy, Benjamin Robinson and William Wallis of Weel. He is dead is that man.

14,549. I may take it you got clean off with the 700*l.* at that election?—I did, all but 6*l.*

14,550. You did not know Matthews before?—No.

14,551. Have you known him since?—I do not know that I have seen him since.

14,552. I suppose he is not in any way connected with this company here?—I am sure I do not know that.

14,553. We will have him sent for. That is in 1865?—That was at Keane's election.

14,554. Do you know any man else besides yourself who was giving out money in that way at that time?—No.

14,555. Then you do not know of course whether that was applied on Edwards' part or on Sykes'?—I do not know.

14,556. Or on their joint account?—I do not know.

14,557. Now, 1865, that brings us to 1860; were you engaged in the election in 1860; Walker and Gridley's?—Yes.

14,558. On the side of Walker I suppose?—Yes.

14,559. What money did you distribute on that occasion?—None.

14,560. I accept your answer at once. Tell me, I don't want to go through them; tell me any other election in which you were engaged in which you

distributed money ?—I unfortunately voted for Lawley and Wells when they were here, and I had some money then.

14,561. What money had you in your hands then ?—I do not know.

14,562. About ?—I think it was only 25*l.*, but I could not say.

14,563. It was a small amount ?—Yes.

14,564. Did you give it yourself to the men who voted ?—I gave it myself.

14,565. Can you tell us at all the men you gave it to ?—I cannot. I gave that paper to the gentleman that supplied me with the money. I have no recollection of it.

14,566. It has passed from your memory ?—Yes.

14,567. Who supplied you with that money ?—A man of the name of John Tiger.

14,568. Do you know him now ?—Yes.

14,569. He is here ?—Yes.

14,570. What is he ?—He is collector of the Beverley Beck dues.

14,571. Any other election ?—No.

14,572. Now I will ask you from 1857 downwards. I do not want to go beyond that ; has money in your opinion been spent on both sides in the election when there was a contest ?—I can only speak to what I have done myself.

14,573. What is your opinion ? Was there money spent on both sides ?—I don't know.

14,574. I am taking down from 1857 ?—I don't know who was elected in 1857.

14,575. I will take the first, Denison, Glover, and Wells, that was in March 1857 ?—Was Lawley and Wells before that ?

14,576. Oh yes, a good time ?—Well, then, I voted for Glover, I returned back to my first love then.

14,577. Was money going then ?—I do not know that it was.

14,578. Denison, Glover, and Wells, was any money going then ?—I do not know that.

14,579. I do not speak of your own knowledge ?—I do not know anything about it.

14,580. Then you were only engaged in Walker and Gridley's and Keane's affair ?—Yes.

14,581. Were you engaged in Walker and Gridley's ?—Yes.

14,582. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I followed your history of the conversations with Norfolk as well as I could. I want you to tell me when did Norfolk first tell you that Wreghitt had refused him money ?—I cannot tell you that.

14,583. I understood that you saw Norfolk about Friday ?—I cannot tell you that.

14,584. Do you know what day he got the money from Forge ?—No, I do not. He brought 50*l.* to me in the "Green Dragon" on the Saturday, but whether he got it that day or not I do not know.

14,585. When did you first hear that he was going to Forge, that is what I want to know ?—I do not know that I heard it at all.

14,586. Tell me, he came and told you, as I understand, I do not want to put words in your mouth, but I have taken notes as well as I could ; I understand you to say he came and told you Wreghitt refused money ?—But I cannot tell you when it was.

14,587. Did he at the same time say he should go elsewhere ?—I cannot say that.

14,588. Did he ?—I cannot say that.

14,589. But you knew he was on an errand of getting money ?—I do not know. We should want some money ; I did not know where it was to come from, and I do not know that he told me.

14,590. You do not know that he told you that he should go to the Beverley bank ?—No, I do not know that he did.

14,591. But you do not know the contrary ?—I do not know the contrary.

14,592. Did you see Mr. Arden in the course of that week ?—I do not know that I did, I could not speak to that.

14,593. Had any conversation taken place with him about getting this money ?—I don't know that ; not with me.

14,594. That you say. Only one more matter. I think you said you had been a shareholder in this company ?—I am a shareholder.

14,595. How long have you been ?—From its commencement.

14,596. Do you remember Mr. Norfolk being appointed manager ?—I understood he was appointed manager, but I do not know. I am not a large shareholder. I should not have a voice, at least I never attended any meetings but two.

14,597. Do you know who got him the appointment ?—I do not.

14,598. Have you any idea who got it for him ?—I have no idea.

14,599. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Perhaps you will tell us this ; was Norfolk appointed manager before Sir Henry Edwards was appointed chairman ?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

FRANCIS BURRELL sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

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14,600. What are you ?—An innkeeper.

14,601. Did you support Sir Henry Edwards at his election ?—I did.

14,602. Did you take an active part ?—I did.

14,603. Did you receive money from Mr. Norfolk ?—I did.

14,604. How much ?—200*l.*

14,605. When was that ?—Part of it on the Saturday, the last day in October, and a part on Monday morning, the 2d day of November.

14,606. Do you remember how much on Saturday ?—50*l.*

14,607. And 150*l.* on Monday ?—I will not be certain about the second 50*l.*, whether I received it on Saturday night, or the first thing on Monday morning.

14,608. Did he say where he got it from ?—He did not.

14,609. How late was the latest payment he made to you ?—I think about 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

14,610. He gave you nothing after 10 ?—I would not swear it was not after 10, but it would not be half-past.

14,611. Now how did you spend that ?—I disposed of it to two individuals, to Nathaniel Kemplay and David Nutchey ?

14,612. The 200*l.* went to them alone ?—Not the whole of the 200*l.* ; within 10*l.* or 12*l.*

14,613. Kemplay, how much did you give him ?—I first gave him 40*l.* and Nutchey 40*l.* on the Monday morning.

14,614. Did you give Kemplay more after that ?—I afterwards gave him the remaining 20*l.* that I had left out of the first 100*l.* ; Kemplay or Nutchey, I will not say which.

14,615. There is 100*l.* accounted for ; now the rest ?—I gave the rest to Kemplay and Nutchey, excepting perhaps 10*l.* or 15*l.*

14,616. What did you do with the 10*l.* or 15*l.* ?—I had it in my pocket.

14,617. What did you do with it ?—I returned it to Mr. Norfolk.

14,618. You returned 10*l.* or 15*l.* to Norfolk ?—I think about 15*l.*

14,619. After the election ?—After the election.

14,620. Some days after ?—Yes.

14,621. What were Kemplay and Nutchey to do with the money you had given them ?—To buy voters.

14,622. Did they give any account to you of how they applied the money ?—They did not.

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14,623. You have never applied to them for any account?—I have not.

14,624. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Can you tell us when you returned the 15*l.*?—I think it would be two or three days after the election; I cannot speak to the date.

14,625. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you remember a conversation taking place at your house one night when Mr. Lowther was there, and I think Mr. Norfolk, just before the election?—I do not.

14,626. You keep an inn?—Yes, I am an innkeeper.

14,627. The "White Horse." Mr. Lowther said that a conversation took place at your house two or three nights before the municipal election in the previous week; do you remember that?—I do not.

14,628. When did you first hear that you were to receive these sums of money?—When did I what?

14,629. You got 50*l.* at least on the Saturday from Norfolk?—Yes.

14,630. When did he first tell you that he was going to give you that money or some money?—Well it would be some time during the week before, but I am sure I cannot speak as to the time; perhaps a day or two before that; I am not certain.

14,631. Was it more than a day or two?—I do not think it would be.

14,632. Not later than the Thursday?—I cannot speak with certainty, I am sure.

14,633. Now just tell me, what did he tell you; supposing it was the Thursday, what did he tell you about the money?—I am sure I cannot remember the conversation. I know we had some conversation about his being a candidate for town councillor, and that no doubt bribery would have to be resorted to, and he wished me to undertake the management of St. Mary's Ward on his behalf and on behalf of the other candidates.

14,634. That is to distribute money?—He entrusted me with the money.

14,635. He did not till the Saturday. I want to know about this conversation in which he told you he was going to give you the money, which took place not less than two days before?—I cannot tell you what that conversation was.

14,636. Not later than Thursday?—I think it would be.

14,637. He gave you two days notice?—I think he would.

14,638. That there would be money coming to him from whom for this purpose?—It was a general conversation about the election of councillors, and this was amongst them, that most likely money would be made use of, and if so would I undertake the management of that money; but I cannot speak as to the exact time at which that conversation was.

14,639. Did he say how and where he was going to get that money?—He did not.

14,640. Did he give you any idea of how much he should entrust to you?—He did not.

14,641. Do you remember what time on the Saturday he gave you the first 50*l.*?—I think it would be just after dinner.

14,642. About 1 o'clock?—Some time then.

14,643. Have you been employed in a similar capacity at former elections?—Not at elections for town council.

14,644. At borough elections?—No.

14,645. The last election for the borough, 1865, when Mr. Keane was here, did you distribute any money then?—I did not.

14,646. Not any?—Not any, excepting some of my own. I should spend some of my own.

14,647. What was that?—Going about during election time, giving a glass of grog here and there; I suppose I should do that. But I never gave any to any voters.

14,648. Did you pay any voters for their votes; I do not like to call it bribery?—I have not paid any voters at any general election for their votes.

14,649. Have you ever, except on this occasion, paid money for municipal votes?—I think I have.

14,650. When have you done that?—I cannot say.

14,651. Recently, within the last few years?—It may have been within three or four years; but I cannot speak as to the time, I am sure.

14,652. Who gave you that money?—I cannot say.

14,653. Oh, come come?—I cannot tell you.

14,654. If you have distributed other people's money you must know who those other people are?—When bribery has been going on, I have generally been engaged assisting in securing the election for the Conservatives, and if I have paid any person, I have got it; the amount any person has been paid, I have got it from other people.

14,655. Who are the "other people" who gave you the money?—I cannot tell you.

14,656. Cannot you tell me of any person who has entrusted you with money for that purpose?—I cannot.

14,657. How much money have you had at a time in that way?—I have had 200*l.* I have told you of.

14,658. These other occasions?—Small amounts; whatever has been agreed upon.

14,659. How much money have you had at a time?—Perhaps 10*s.*, or 12*s.*, or 15*s.*

14,660. In the bulk, in the total, have you ever had a sum of say 20*l.* entrusted to you for such a purpose?—Never but at the time I have told you of, not for municipal elections.

14,661. Have you ever had a sum of 10*l.* entrusted to you?—Never.

14,662. You cannot remember who gave you the money. You say you had some money given you; who gave it you?—I cannot tell you; I don't remember.

14,663. How long ago? You have told us it was only a few years ago; you must surely remember who gave it you for such a purpose?—Indeed I cannot.

14,664. It is not such a common transaction, even in Beverley, but you must remember something of the circumstances of it?—I do not remember.

14,665. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think you had better brush up your memory a little; it would be better for yourself.

14,666. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The answer you give me you can hardly suppose I can believe. If you have received this money within the last three or four years, you must remember some person who has given it you?—Indeed I do not.

14,667. Have you received it from more than one person?—I should think I have.

14,668. From several?—I believe I have. When a voter has been paid to vote for municipal purposes, I have gone to the persons who have had the money and got the money to pay them, in a few instances.

14,669. Who was supposed to be the paymaster on the part of the party?—Kemplay and Nutchey were, on the last occasion, and they have been before, I believe.

14,670. On the last occasion you gave money to Nutchey and Kemplay?—But they disposed of it.

14,671. This last time?—Yes.

14,672. But I am now asking you on former occasions who gave you the money to distribute?—Perhaps they did.

14,673. Perhaps Nutchey and Kemplay?—I never was entrusted with a large sum before this election.

14,674. On the former occasions your position was reversed?—It was.

14,675. They gave to you instead of you giving to them?—It was so.

14,676. Kemplay and Nutchey?—I think it would be them.

14,677. Did you ever get any from Mr. Wreghitt?—Not for municipal purposes.

14,678. For what purposes?—I have got money from him for the election of pasture masters.

14,679. When was that?—I do not know. I got it

twice, either in 1863 and 1864 or 1864 and 1865. I would not be certain which of those years.

14,680. The first time how much did you get from him?—At one time I got 100*l.*, at the other time I got 50*l.*; but which was the year I got the most I cannot say.

14,681. What did you do with the 100*l.*?—It was given to different persons employed to secure votes for the Conservative party.

14,682. That would be about 1863 or 1864?—Either 1863 and 1864 or 1864 and 1865, I would not be certain which of the two years. I think it was those two years.

14,683. And at other times you got how much from him?—Only those sums.

14,684. 150*l.*?—50*l.* on one occasion and 100*l.* on another.

14,685. Are you a freeman of the borough?—I am.

14,686. How long have you been a freeman?—About 27 or 28 years.

14,687. Have you ever been a pasture master?—I am one now.

14,688. Is there any inclination among the pasture masters to apply Walker's Gift for political purposes when people apply to them who are voters?—I believe the pasture masters, in distributing that charity, are as impartial as possible; and to prove my assertion, I have made an analysis of last year's gifts, of which you have a copy amongst your papers, with which our clerk furnished you.

14,689. What was your analysis?—There have been 48 recipients of this charity during the years 1868 and 1869, and how they voted at the last general election, and who those parties are. The pasture masters are elected the 1st of every March.

14,690. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Everything after the 1st of March 1869 is perfectly useless?—This is a distribution previous to that, and out of the 42 recipients six widows received monies who are not voters at all, neither could they be; four persons who have split votes to Liberals and Conservatives; 20 persons voted for Edwards and Kennard, nine persons voted for Maxwell and Trollope, and there are two persons who did not vote at all; and if you look at the list here are over one half of that quantity that have not voted for Edwards and Kennard. If the pasture masters had felt disposed to dispose of that fund entirely for political purposes, as it has been reported, they would not have given it to six widows, because they cannot vote at all; but they take the cases as they come and consider them, and considering that there are three applications from Conservatives to one from Radicals, they are obliged to take them as they come, and they deal with the charity as faithfully as they can.

14,691. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You have been a freeman 27 or 28 years; have you voted at many elections?—I have voted at every election since 1846 or 1847.

14,692. I am obliged to ask you, did you ever receive money for your own vote?—Never.

14,693. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In 1863 and 1864 or 1864 and 1865 you received 100*l.* and 50*l.* from Wreghitt?—I did.

14,694. Did you learn from Wreghitt where that money came from?—I did not.

14,695. You knew, I suppose?—I did not.

14,696. Do you tell me you thought Wreghitt paid that out of his own pocket?—Certainly not.

14,697. Where did you think it came from?—I thought it came from Sir Henry Edwards.

14,698. What interest could Sir Henry Edwards have in spending 100*l.* and 50*l.* in the election of pasture masters?—I do not know.

14,699. Come, what interest could he have in spending 100*l.* and 50*l.* in bribing freemen for the purpose of electing pasture masters?—I do not know.

14,700. Can you imagine what interest he would have?—I do not know.

14,701. Do not you think that it is a natural supposition arising from the fact that political partisans would have the distribution of that money that they would favour their own party if money was paid for the purpose of putting them in?—I imagine the pasture masters and council and all are constituted very much the same as the House of Commons, they will favour their friends.

14,702. And don't you think a suspicion of that kind—I am not going to accuse these gentlemen that they always did it, far from it, I do not think they did; but don't you think a suspicion of that kind is most injurious, a suspicion that men who are entrusted with distributing the benevolence of deceased men should use it for political purposes?—I don't think they have.

14,703. Don't you think the suspicion of that is very injurious?—I believe the distribution of this charity is beyond suspicion.

14,704. Don't you think the suspicion arising from the fact that you were placed there at the expense of Sir Henry Edwards is very injurious?—I cannot say that it is.

14,705. Why, all the men who are refused would at once say, "I have been refused because I did not vote "for Sir Henry Edwards"?—The misfortune is because bribery goes on on the other side.

14,706. You have had 12 Conservatives seven or eight years?—At one time they were all Radicals.

14,707. I don't care about that; don't you think that state of things, the being placed in a position of trust to distribute the funds of a benevolent man to the deserving and the poor, don't you think a suspicion that you are actuated by political motives is most injurious?—I do not think that suspicion would attach itself to the present pasture masters.

14,708. We know it has, whether justly or not?—I am of a different opinion.

14,709. Don't you think a suspicion of that kind, if it existed, would be very injurious?—It might be.

14,710. Well, you know it is, and don't you think the fact that Mr. Wreghitt, Sir Henry Edwards' right-hand man in Beverley, supplied the money for the contest, is calculated to generate and support that suspicion?—I cannot say.

14,711. Why, common sense would tell you?—I cannot help it.

14,712. I am not imputing anything to anyone. It is most injurious you know. Well, now, tell me, you have been engaged in other parliamentary elections?—I have.

14,713. On the part of the Conservatives?—Yes.

14,714. All through?—Ever since I was a voter in 1846 or 1847.

14,715. Do you recollect Keane's election?—I do.

14,716. Your house was open I think on that occasion?—It is always open.

14,717. I mean an open house, beer given away?—Not that I am aware of.

14,718. Do you mean beer was not given out on the part of the candidates?—I will swear it was not.

14,719. You would be aware if it was, of course. Had you any money on that occasion?—I had none but my own.

14,720. Did you take an active part in giving any money away yourself?—I did not.

14,721. Did you take part in the election of 1860?—I should think I did; I have in every election.

14,722. Had you money placed in your hands for the purpose of that election?—Not one penny.

14,723. Has any money ever been placed in your hands for the purpose of a parliamentary election?—Never.

14,724. And have you ever given money to a parliamentary voter yourself?—Never.

14,725. This was a sudden spring all at once. Was your house known to be a Conservative house?—Thoroughly so.

14,726. One open at the election?—Always open.

14,727. I do not mean open according to the ordinary meaning, but was it open for persons to come in

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and get drink as they chose?—I do not think it ever was, and I was born in it.

14,728. You know what I mean, don't you?—Exactly.

14,729. Were there any public-houses open throughout the town at the election?—Very few I think; none to my knowledge.

14,730. We know some were. You have been a pasture master some years?—About four years.

14,731. Then you were one of the men elected at the expense of the 100*l.* or the 50*l.*?—It might be that election, I am not certain.

14,732. You contributed nothing yourself?—I did not on that occasion.—I have done since.

14,733. I mean on either of the occasions when you got the 100*l.* and 50*l.*?—Not on either of those occasions.

14,734. Did you expend it all in the election?—I received the money from Wreghitt, and disposed of it to other persons engaged to take up and secure the voters, and if there was any balance I should return it to Wreghitt.

14,735. Did you return any?—I do not remember having returned any; I might.

14,736. Did he ever ask you for it?—Not to my knowledge.

14,737. You would know if he did?—I really cannot keep it in my mind so long.

14,738. How came you to go to Wreghitt?—Well, it had been talked over amongst ourselves as pasture masters when we had met.

14,739. The whole of you?—The whole of us. Oh, it was patent to us all. It is no secret.

14,740. When did it commence? When did Sir Henry Edwards take such interest in the distribution of the benevolence of the late Mr. Walker?—He never took any interest.

14,741. When did he begin to contribute money?—To secure the return of the pasture masters?

14,742. Yes?—I cannot tell you.

14,743. When did it commence to your knowledge?—It commenced with me in 1865.

14,744. Because you were a candidate then, you need not tell me that?—I know nothing previous to that.

14,745. But you said among all the pasture matters it was well known?—It was talked over amongst them.

14,746. At their meetings?—Not at their meetings at the Guild Hall here, when we have met together.

14,747. How many years before was it you heard that Sir Henry Edwards took such interest in the mode of distributing the charities of the late Mr. Walker that he supplied money for the election of the pasture masters?—I cannot tell you.

14,748. How many years before that?—I cannot tell you.

14,749. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you tell me how you came to be entrusted with the distribution of this 200*l.*?—I had been friendly with Mr. Norfolk for some time, ever since he came to Beverley, and he perhaps knew more about me than any person that might be engaged in such a way. I don't know what was in Mr. Norfolk's mind.

14,750. Because you see you were the principal person in this St. Mary's Ward. Could he find no one in St. Mary's Ward but you to give this maney to?—I should think plenty.

14,751. I can hardly ask you about his belief. Does not the fact of his giving this money to you to distribute look as if he thought you had some special knowledge of these matters?—No, I should not take that view.

14,752. Well, now you have told us three Conservatives applied to one Radical; those were your words?—I am only speaking from memory.

14,753. Can you give us any explanation how that is?—Because being Conservative pasture masters, persons who are Conservatives in Beverley think they may have a better chance of being remunerated from this charity than the Liberals. I should imagine that is the reason why there are are a greater amount of applications from Conservatives than from Radicals.

14,754-6. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then that is the mischief?—Undoubtedly; such are the applications that come before us.

W. Smelt.

WILLIAM SMELT sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

14,757. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

14,758. How long have you been a freeman?—About three years.

14,759. Are you a freeman by birth or servitude?—By birth.

14,760. Then you had not to pay much?—No.

14,761. Who paid it for you?—I got it from Mr. Wreghitt.

14,762. Did he say anything to you when he gave it you?—The first conversation I had was with Herdsman about it.

14,763. Did Wreghitt say anything?—He asked me my name, and I told it. He asked me who I was, whether the son of Richard Smelt, and I said I was. He said it was a good thing to take up my freedom. I said I wished to take it up, but I was not able to pay for myself, and he gave me the money.

14,764. Did he say anything?—No; a lady came in, and I got the money and went out.

14,765. Had Herdsman said anything to you before about getting it?—No.

14,766. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then that comes to nothing.

14,767. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you pay anything to Herdsman?—No.

14,768. Did you not give him a glass?—Yes, I gave him a glass.

The witness withdrew.

W. Dove.

WILLIAM DOVE sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

14,769. You are a freeman, I believe?—Yes.

14,770. What is your trade?—A joiner.

14,771. How long have you been a freeman?—26 years.

14,772. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

14,773. Did you get anything?—Not a penny.

14,774. For whom did you vote at the council choosing?—I did not poll at all.

14,775. You have been a freeman for 26 years?—Yes.

14,776. And I suppose have voted very frequently?—Yes.

14,777. For whom did you vote in 1865, when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were the candidates?—I polled for Edwards and Sykes.

14,778. Did you get anything?—I got 2*l.*

14,779. And the election before that, 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I polled for Walker.

14,780. What did you get then?—2*l.*

14,781. The election before that, 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—I polled for Walters and Edwards.

14,782. What did you get?—2*l.*

14,783. From whom did you get it?—From Walters.

14,784. Then the next election, going up, would be 1857, that would be Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

14,785. Did you get anything on that occasion?—Not a penny.

14,786. You did not get anything?—No.

14,787. The election before that, was not that Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

14,788. Who did you vote for then?—Denison and Wells.

14,789. Did you get anything then?—Not a penny.

14,790. Were you promised anything then?—Yes, I believe I was.

14,791. I will ask you about that when I come to it more particularly. Then the one before that, 1854, Gordon and Hastings?—I got nothing.

14,792. Who did you vote for?—I believe it was Gordon.

14,793. Then the one before that, 1852?—I polled for Glover.

14,794. Did you get anything then?—Yes.

14,795. What did you get?—I believe it was two or three pounds.

14,796. Which side?—From Mr. Glover's side. I polled for Mr. Glover, I believe.

14,797. You cannot remember whether you got 2*l.* or 3*l.*?—No. It was either two or three, but I am sure I cannot say which.

14,798. Then Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid, that was in 1847. Did you get something then?—Yes. I was working at Manchester at that time, at Bury New Road. I lived at Cheetham Hill. They had to send for me, and I was paid 3*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

14,799. And who did you vote for then?—For Mr. Towneley.

14,800. Did you vote at Towneley's former election, 1841?—No.

14,801. Where were you paid in Edwards and Sykes' election?—I was paid at the "King's Head."

14,802. Do you remember who paid you?—Mr. Morley.

14,803. Who is Mr. Morley?—Morley.

14,804. I am as wise as before?—David Morley.

14,805. Where were you paid at Walker's election?—I am sure I could not tell you. I do not wish to tell you stories.

14,806. You can tell us where you were paid?—No, I cannot.

14,807. Where were you paid in 1859, at Walters'?—I was paid at Toll Gavel. There was a kind of a shop that had been in the occupation of a man named Pool, in the Toll Gavel, which is pulled down, I think.

14,808. Was Boyes there when you were paid?—Yes.

14,809. You passed through a room?—We went through a passage and into a room.

14,810. Do you know who paid you?—Yes.

14,811. Was that Robert Taylor?—Yes.

14,812. I must ask you to let us look at that paper. (*The witness had been looking at a paper.*)

14,813. In 1857 you were promised something, were you not, for Edwards and Wells?—Yes, by Thomas Greenhough, a bricklayer.

14,814. What did he promise you?—He said he would give me something.

14,815. Did he say any specific sum?—No, he did not.

14,816. He did not say any specific sum, but only said he would give you something?—Yes, he only said he would give me something.

14,817. I believe Greenhough was very active at Walker's election?—Yes, I think he was.

14,818. How did you make this paper out; is this your handwriting?—Yes.

14,819. Have you made it out from your memory, or did you take it from the poll books?—I looked at the poll books.

14,820. That is quite right; you have saved us a good deal of trouble by doing so. You have voted at the council choosing?—Yes.

14,821. Have you generally got paid?—Yes.

14,822. How much have you got paid; how high have you got paid?—As high as a sovereign.

14,823. That is a very high sum; who paid you?—John Westerby; he came to our shop, and he gave it to Tom Burrell and several others.

14,824. He is dead?—Yes.

14,825. Can you tell us their names?—No, I cannot, for I never had a thought of coming up here on a game of this sort.

14,826. What is the highest sum you ever received from Westerby, the highest that he gave you?—This was the highest.

14,827. What was the next highest?—I have had 5*s.* and 10*s.*

14,828. You have had 10*s.* and 5*s.*?—I have got 5*s.* sometimes, and sometimes 10*s.*

14,829. Have you ever got anything for voting for pasture masters?—I should sometimes get some beer or 1*s.* 6*d.* I am sure I would not tell a story up to nought.

14,830. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Only one question. Do you know whether there was any money going at Gordon's election?—I never got a penny piece.

14,831. You did not, but you are well acquainted with election matters?—I do not think there was a penny.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN DOVE sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

14,832. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

14,833. How long have you been a freeman?—30 years.

14,834. I suppose you have voted at many of the elections?—Yes.

14,835. And I suppose you have got paid at some of them?—Yes, some of them.

14,836. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

14,837. For whom?—For Edwards and Kennard.

14,838. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

14,839. When Edwards, Sykes, and Keane put up in 1865, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

14,840. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

14,841. What?—I got 2*l.*

14,842. From whom?—From Mr. Skinn.

14,843. Where?—In the "Cross Keys."

14,844. When Walker and Gridley put up, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Walker.

14,845. Did you get anything for your vote then?—Nothing.

14,846. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover, for whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Walker.

14,847. Did you get anything for that?—No.

14,848. In 1857, Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Edwards.

14,849. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

14,850. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

14,851. The early part of 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells, did you get anything for your vote?—No, I voted for Glover, and got nothing for it.

14,852. In the election of 1854, Gordon and Hastings?—I did not vote at all.

14,853. In 1852, Lawley, Wells, and Glover?—I voted for Glover.

14,854. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, sir.

14,855. In 1847, Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid?—I voted for Goldsmid.

14,856. Did you get anything for your vote?—I got 3*l.*

14,857. Then 1841, when Towneley, Hogg, and Fox put up, how did you vote?—I voted for Hogg and Fox.

14,858. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes, I got 12*l.*

14,859. But before you got that money from Mr. Skinn are you sure you never got any money at any former election?—Yes.

14,860. Have you voted at town councils?—Yes.

14,861. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

14,862. Did you get anything then?—No, I never heard of anything being astir. I never heard any mention of money, and I never seed any at the last

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town council. I have got money before. I have got half-crowns and five shillings, but not at the last.

14,863. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You voted for the Conservatives?—Yes.

14,864. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted for pasture masters?—Yes.

14,865. Have you got anything for your vote then?—Yes.

14,866. What have you got?—Sometimes 5*s.* and sometimes nothing.

14,867. What is the highest you got?—10*s.*

14,868. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For pasture masters?—Yes.

14,869. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are you a stocker?—No; I am a non-stocker.

14,870. Have you got non-stocker's money?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

W. Railer.

WILLIAM RAILER sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

14,871. Are you a parliamentary voter for this borough?—Yes. I voted this time.

14,872. You mean this last time?—Yes.

14,873. Was that your first time of voting?—Yes.

14,874. Then you are not a freeman, I suppose?—No.

14,875. For whom did you vote?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

14,876. How did you vote at the municipal?—Conservative.

14,877. What did you get?—15*s.*

14,878. From whom?—Robert Thirsk paid it.

14,879. Where did you work?—At the new foundry.

14,880. Who are the proprietors?—Messrs. Crosskill.

14,881. Was anything said to you when you were asked about voting for the council?—No, nothing.

14,882. How many of you were paid?—There were four of us, and he took us out.

14,883. Who met you?—There was Foster, John C. Bown, and a man of the name of Clark.

14,884. At what time of the day was it?—About eleven.

14,885. Had you heard that the poll was going then?—No.

14,886. And nothing at all was said?—No.

14,887. It was the first time you had voted for town councillors?—No, it was the second time I voted for town councillors.

14,888. You voted the other time for the Liberals?—Yes.

14,889. Did you get anything?—No.

The witness withdrew.

S. Cook.

SAMUEL COOK sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

14,890. What are you?—A stonemason.

14,891. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

14,892. How long have you been a freeman?—Sixteen years.

14,893. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

14,894. Who did you vote for?—Norfolk.

14,895. The Conservatives?—Yes.

14,896. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

14,897. Who paid you?—George Robinson.

14,898. Did you vote for the parliamentary election?—Yes.

14,899. Who did you vote for?—Edwards and Maxwell.

14,900. Did you get anything then?—No.

14,901. The last election before this was 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were the candidates. Who did you vote for?—I believe I voted for Denison twice.

14,902. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) If you voted for the Liberals it would be for Keane?—I believe I voted for Edwards every time he has been here.

14,903. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For Sir Henry Edwards and Sykes. You seem to have voted for Edwards and Sykes?—I believe I voted for Sir Henry Edwards every time he has been here, but I will not swear it.

14,904. In 1865, did you get any money when you voted for Edwards and Sykes?—I cannot speak to the year, but I got money twice from that party.

14,905. What was the last time you got money from them? How much the last time?—I got 2*l.* one year and 3*l.* 10*s.* another.

14,906. Where were you paid the 2*l.*?—In the "Cross Keys" yard, in 1865.

14,907. Do you recollect who paid you?—Yes; Arnott, close by, the cabinet maker.

14,908. In 1860 was Walker and Gridley's election; who did you vote for then?—I voted for Walker; he was here twice. I do not know whether I voted twice or not.

14,909. Did you get anything for it?—I have no knowledge.

14,910. Was he with Edwards?—He was once.

14,911. Walker and Gridley?—I got nothing then.

14,912. In 1859 the candidates were Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover. Do you remember who you voted for then?—I believe I voted for Walters, but I forget. I know I voted for Sir Henry Edwards twice.

14,913. Did you get anything that time?—I do not know whether that was the time I got 3*l.* 10*s.*

14,914. Where there two up when you got 3*l.* 10*s.*?—I believe there was. I got 3*l.* 10*s.* the election before I got the 2*l.*

14,915. Where did you get the 3*l.* 10*s.*?—I was paid in front of Kitchin's Bank by Robert Oxley 3*l.* 10*s.* once.

14,916. Have you ever got any other money at any election save those two?—I have no knowledge of having received any money at any other.

14,917. I suppose if you had you would know, would you not?—Yes.

14,918. I may take it you have not got it at any other?—No, I have not.

14,919. Who paid you?—Robert Oxley.

14,920. In 1859 you voted for Walters?—Yes.

14,921. Did you get anything then?—No, I have no knowledge of it.

14,922. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You did not know anything of Walters, who was a stranger here?—No, he was not a stranger; I told you I voted for Walters once.

14,923. Did you not get anything?—I have no knowledge of it.

14,924. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You did not get anything?—I did not.

14,925. Will you swear that?—I have no knowledge of it, if I did I do not know where I got it.

14,926. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you promised by them?—No.

14,927. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted for the council?—Yes.

14,928. You got something for that I suppose?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.* this last time.

14,929. But except that?—I think I have had little sums before.

14,930. What is the largest sum you ever got?—I was once promised 15*s.*, but I never got it.

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14,931. What was the most you ever got?—Why, I think I once got 7*s.* 6*d.*

14,932. Did you ever vote for the pasture masters?—Yes.

14,933. Did you get anything?—I do not know for the pasture masters.

14,934. Did you ever get anything?—No, I think not for the pasture masters.

14,935. Are you sure?—Why, I think I once got summit and spent it.

14,936. You must tell us?—Why, it was some 2*s.* 6*d.*, but it is a long while back.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES HUTTON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner COX.

J. Hutton.

14,937. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

14,938. How long have you been a freeman?—Seven or six and twenty years.

14,939. Have you voted at the elections or most of them?—Which elections do you mean?

14,940. The parliamentary?—Yes, I voted at every one.

14,941. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

14,942. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

14,943. For whom did you vote?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

14,944. The previous election of 1865 at which Keane was, did you vote then?—Yes.

14,945. For whom did you vote?—Keane.

14,946. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

14,947. How much?—2*l.*

14,948. Who gave it you?—I cannot say.

14,949. Where did you get it?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

14,950. The election before that was the election in 1860, for whom did you vote then when Walker and Gridley put up?—Gridley.

14,951. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

14,952. In 1859, when Walters, Edwards, and Walker put up, did you vote then?—Yes.

14,953. For whom?—Walters.

14,954. Did you get anything?—Yes.

14,955. How much?—2*l.*

14,956. From whom was that?—From Robert Taylor.

14,957. When Edwards and Wells put up in '57, for whom did you vote?—Wells.

14,958. Did you get anything?—No.

14,959. In 1857, when Denison, Glover, and Wells put up?—Denison and Wells.

14,960. Did you get anything?—No.

14,961. In '54, when Gordon and Hastings put up?—Gordon.

14,962. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

14,963. Have you got anything for your vote on former occasions?—Walters was the first time.

14,964. At none of the earlier elections?—None of the earlier elections.

14,965. Did you vote for town council last time?—Yes.

14,966. Did you get anything for your vote then?—Yes, I did.

14,967. How much?—I got 5*s*,

14,968. From whom?—Thomas Green. I voted for the Liberals; I should not vote for anyone else.

14,969. Did you ever get anything for your vote for town council before?—I have not voted always, I have been at work out of town, three or four miles out, and I would not stop away the day to vote.

14,970. Did you vote for pasture masters?—Yes.

14,971. Did you get anything?—I never got a penny from the pasture masters.

14,972. Not for your vote?—No, I have only voted of late years.

14,973. Have you had the benefit of it?—I have been a non-stocker.

14,974. And you have had the benefit of the non-stocking money?—Yes.

14,975. Have you ever applied for Walker's gift?—No, I knew it was no use.

14,976. Why do you think it was no use?—Because it was the current opinion in Beverley that it was no use for anybody applying who was not a Tory, and I was not a Tory, I was a Liberal; however, I did not want it for I lost no cattle.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM RIPPON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. Rippon.

14,977. How long have you been a freeman?—46 years.

14,978. Have you been a stocker?—I have been a stocker.

14,979. Of late years?—Not within the last 20 years.

14,980. I will take you through, have you generally voted at the parliamentary elections?—Yes.

14,981. Which side have you been voting generally?—Generally for the crimson party.

14,982. And have you been voting for the town council?—Yes, I have voted for the town council.

14,983. And for which party have you generally voted?—Generally for the Conservatives.

14,984. Generally for the crimson. Have you been voting for the pasture masters?—Yes, but not very frequently.

14,985. When you did vote, for which side have you voted?—I have voted for the Conservatives the last time and the time before, and the time before that, three consecutive times.

14,986. You voted at the last election, I suppose, for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes, for Edwards and Kennard in the general election.

14,987. I need hardly ask you, did you get any money for that?—No, not a farthing.

14,988. Did you vote at the municipal election for the council?—Yes, I did.

14,989. A fortnight before, what did you get for that?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

14,990. From whom?—Watson, the auctioneer, at the "Golden Ball."

14,991. Who took you to Watson, at the "Golden Ball"?—I was never asked by anyone. After I got my breakfast I came direct away to the place where they were filling the papers up, and then I came here and voted. I was told by many of them that at the "Golden Ball" they were paying voters for voting, so I went there and received the money for me and two others in gold. We were to have 17*s.* 6*d.* each. I would not be sure whether there were three or four in it or not, but at the public-house they were very busy at the time, and I said to those who were to share with me, "I can get you the change," and I went to the "Millers" and got the change there and divided it, and that is true.

14,992. Now tell me, did you vote in '65 when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

14,993. What did you get?—2*l.*

14,994. From whom did you get it, or where?—From Arnott the cabinet maker, in Toll Gavel.

14,995. Where did he pay you?—On the old waste.

14,996. Were there many other persons about him there when he was paying you?—There was no other man but our two selves.

14,997. Now, tell me about the next time in 1860, when I think Walker and Gridley put up, did you vote on that occasion?—(*The witness referred to a paper in his hand*). Yes, for Walker.

14,998. How much did you get?—I got nothing by that.

14,999. Did you make out that bit of paper yourself?—I put it down out of the poll book.

15,000. You made it out yourself?—Yes.

15,001. Now go on to the next election in '59?—Gordon; in '54 it was Gordon.

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15,002. Yes, but in '59 Walters, Edwards, and Walker ; you voted for Edwards I suppose ?—Yes.

15,003. How much ?—2*l.*

15,004. Who paid you ?—Arnott, the same person, in the Green Dragon Yard.

15,005. Now, go to the '57 election, Edwards and Wells, you voted for Edwards ?—I voted for Edwards. I have always voted for Edwards throughout his parliamentary career.

15,006. How much did you get ?—2*l.*

15,007. Who paid you on that occasion ?—The same man on that occasion, Arnott, he always paid me.

15,008. Now, the early part of '57, Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—I do not know whether I voted at Denison's election or not, I am not sure.

15,009. If you did vote ?—If I had voted it would be for Denison ; I am not sure whether I voted or not.

15,010. I suppose if you did vote you got 2*l.* ?—Well, but I did not vote at all, I believe not.

15,011. Now, "Gordon and Hastings," did you vote on that occasion, it was in '54 ?—For Gordon.

15,012. He was a stranger here, was not he ; had you any money ?—No, not that time, I voted for nothing.

15,013. Nothing was going ?—I did not get anything at that time I am sure.

15,014. Now a little further back, Lawley, Wells, and Glover in '52, what did you get on that occasion ?—I voted for Lawley and Wells.

15,015. How much ?—I got nothing that time.

15,016. Nothing ?—No, I did not I am sure.

15,017. Now we will go back to Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid, did you vote then ?—I voted for Towneley.

15,018. How much, a good round sum ?—I had a promise of 2*l.*, and I got part of it.

15,019. Who promised you, do you recollect ?—It came from the orange committee ; I could not say who brought it, but it was brought to the house.

15,020. Now, the first time, Towneley, Hogg, and Fox ?—John Towneley.

15,021. How much ?—Oh, we were very amply paid in those days, I played in the band, and Mr. Kemplay was the band-master.

15,022. You were no musician, were you ?—Yes, I was at that time. I think we got over 20*l.* at that time.

15,023. What instrument did they put you to play upon ?—A fife.

15,024. Besides being paid for the music you produced from that queer instrument, did you get anything for your vote besides the 20*l.* ?—They paid for a half vote in Towneley's election.

15,025. Besides that ?—Yes, exclusive of music, and we had 2*s.* day tickets.

15,026. How much did they pay you for the half vote ?—I think it was 30*s.*, I think that was it, I will not be sure.

15,027. How many of you were in the band ?—I should say not less than 30, there were about 30 I should say.

15,028. That was very dear music. Now about this council choosing, the electing town council, what about that ? You were paid 17*s.* 6*d.* the last time ?—Yes, I received 17*s.* 6*d.*

15,029. Was that the largest sum you received ?—Yes, I have had as high as 7*s.* 6*d.*, and I have had it as low as 2*s.* 6*d.*

15,030. But 7*s.* 6*d.* up to that time was the highest you ever got ?—Yes, before this last time.

15,031. When did you get the 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Some time back.

15,032. Did you ever vote for the town council without getting something ?—I cannot say that I ever did ; when I have voted I have generally had something, but I have not always come up to vote ; I generally had a little, a something.

15,033. Now what about the pasture masters ?—I once got 5*s.* for voting for those.

15,034. That was the highest you ever got for pasture masters ?—Yes.

15,035. Did you ever vote for pasture masters without getting something ?—I have voted frequently for them for nothing.

15,036. On the last occasion when did you vote ?—I think three or four years back.

15,037. Now when you got the 17*s.* 6*d.* for voting for the town council, that was a large figure ?—It was a good end. I thought it was a very ample payment, I was quite satisfied.

15,038. But besides being satisfied you knew the other election was coming on ; I know you will be candid with me ?—There was nothing said about the other election to me.

15,039. I know you will be as candid with me about this as you have been about the other matters. You knew that there was also coming on the parliamentary election ?—Well, if they had given me ever so much I should not have altered my opinion.

15,040. You voted all along for your opinion and for money. You knew the parliamentary election was coming on ?—Of course you would not believe me if I said I was not aware of that.

15,041. And expected some money, did you expect something ?—I never asked for any.

15,042. No, but you expected some, did not you ?—I could say that I really did not. We intended to have a good pure election, and I believe we had one.

15,043. You expected money, did not you ?—Well, I always had it when it was about.

15,044. But you expected the money would be about for that one, as usual at that time ?—I did not know whether they would or not, I am sure I had no expectation at all.

15,045. I think you had ?—No, I had not indeed.

15,046. Did not you think when they were so free with their 17*s.* 6*d.* for the council that that was a good omen for the parliamentary ?—Well, I am sure I could not say what they meant by that, it was very ample payment, and I was well satisfied with it. If they had given me 2*l.* after I should have been ready to take it, no doubt.

15,047. But you knew there was plenty of money going then ?—In the council.

15,048. Yes ?—Oh, yes.

15,049. For which ward did you vote for the council ?—The Minster Ward.

15,050. Did you know the gentlemen at all that were candidates ?—Yes, there was Lowther and Catterson and Brigham, I believe ; well, I would not be sure about him. However, I have told you two of them.

15,051. When you found so much money going, I suppose these men are very wealthy men ?—Yes, I know Brigham is a bone merchant and seed crusher.

15,052. A bone merchant ?—Yes, he deals among bones and seeds.

15,053. And the other gentleman ?—He dealt in coals.

15,054. Mr. Lowther was one ?—Yes.

15,055. Who was the other ; we have a bone merchant. Who was the other. You don't seem to have known them well ?—Mr. Catterson is a fellmonger and farmer.

15,056. Was he one of the candidates ; I do not think you know them well ?—Yes, for whom I voted.

15,057. Did you know him at all ?—Mr. Lowther ?

15,058. No, Catterson ?—I know Mr. Catterson.

15,059. What is he ?—A farmer I think. I do not know whether he mixes up with his father or not, I do not know anything about them.

15,060. Now then you got for voting for these three men 17*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

15,061. Now when you got that, where could you think all this money came from ?—I do not know, it was not my business to ask them. I was well satisfied, and I thought it was very handsome payment.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN COOLING sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *J. Cooling.* 3 Sept. 1869.

15,062. What are you?—I am a labourer. I generally work in the garden.

15,063. Who did you vote for at the council choosing?—I voted for the Conservatives at the council choosing.

15,064. What did you get at the council choosing?—I got 10*s.*

15,065. Who paid you?—Nathaniel Kemplay.

15,066. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

15,067. Did you get anything then?—No.

15,068. Did you inquire for anything?—No.

15,069. Did you ever vote for the town council choosing before?—Yes.

15,070. What did you get?—Once I got 10*s.* before.

15,071. Who paid you that?—John Westerby paid me that.

15,072. How long ago was that?—It is a good many years; I think 12 or 14 years; it is some time since.

15,073. What was the most you ever got excepting the 10*s.*?—I never got any more than 10*s.*

15,074. Once you got 10*s.*, what is the next highest?—Why I once got 7*s.* 6*d.*

15,075. And what have you generally got?—Besides that I have got 5*s.* and I have got half-a-crown.

The witness withdrew.

GEORGE FOSTER sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *G. Foster.*

15,076. Are you a freeman?—No.

15,077. Have you a vote?—Yes.

15,078. For the parliamentary election?—Yes.

15,079. Which way did you vote last time?—I did not vote at all for the parliamentary.

15,080. But you have a vote?—Yes.

15,081. How long have you had a vote?—This last time.

15,082. Have you a vote for the town council?—Yes.

15,083. Did you vote last time?—Yes.

15,084. Have you voted often?—Not before.

15,085. Did you get anything for your vote last time?—Yes.

15,086. What?—15*s.*

15,087. From whom?—David Nutchey.

15,088. Did Nutchey say anything about the parliamentary election?—No, not a word.

15,089. How is it you did not vote at the parliamentary?—I was not here.

15,090. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You had left the town?—I was not far away, I was out hunting at the time.

15,091. Did anyone ask you to vote at the last election?—No.

15,092. No one canvassed you?—Not one.

15,093. Nobody asked you to stay away?—No.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN KNOWLAND sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *J. Knowland.*

15,094. Are you a freeman?—No.

15,095. Are you a parliamentary voter?—Yes.

15,096. When did you become a parliamentary voter?—This last time.

15,097. Have you been voting for the town council for long?—Yes.

15,098. How long?—I have been a voter this 12 or 13 years, and more than that.

15,099. Are you living in Beverley?—Yes.

15,100. Do you carry on any business here?—Yes.

15,101. What?—A labourer.

15,102. I mean besides that. For whom did you vote at the last election, at the parliamentary?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

15,103. Did you get anything for it?—Nothing; and I did not expect it either.

15,104. For whom did you vote at the council choosing?—I voted for the crimson party. I generally poll for them, the most of my polling.

15,105. What did you get?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

15,106. The last time?—Yes.

15,107. Who paid you?—There is a man called Chadwick. He paid me in the street.

15,108. Do you know where he got the money?—He asked me in a room in the "Golden Ball," but he did not say where he got it, but he got the money from this man in the room, and he paid me in the street.

15,109. Who told you beforehand that you would get money for your vote?—I promised my vote a day or two before.

15,110. To whom did you promise it?—To Mr. Lowther himself.

15,111. Mr. Lowther himself asked you to vote?—He sent me a letter.

15,112. Had you known Mr. Lowther before?—A long while.

15,113. Had you been in his employ?—No, I never was in my life.

15,114. How much did you get before for voting for the crimson party?—The highest was 10*s.*, and sometimes 7*s.* 6*d.*; the lowest 2*s.* 6*d.*, and I missed three years before this last time.

15,115. 17*s.* 6*d.* was a big sum to get for voting for the town council. Do you not think it was rather a large amount?—I think so. I think it would be useful.

15,116. Did you not think it was a large sum to get for voting for the town council?—I do not understand.

15,117. Do you not think it was a good deal of money to get for voting for the town council?—I chanced the money.

15,118. You knew the parliamentary election was coming on?—Yes.

15,119. And that there would be a sharp contest and money going; you expected there would be money going?—I do not know whether there was money given that day.

15,120. I ask you on your oath, do you not think the money was given to you with a view to influence your vote at the parliamentary election?—They did not mention that to me.

15,121. I am not asking you to pass any positive opinion upon it. You are a shrewd man; do you not think it had, or was meant to have, some influence on your own mind at the coming election. I know you will answer me truly, you are on your oath; do you not think it had some reference to the parliamentary election. I ask you now as an honest, conscientious man, do you not think it had; what do you say?—I did not do wrong.

15,122. I do not say that, and do not imagine that I say that. Did you not think when you got the 17*s.* 6*d.*, the persons who gave it you had some notion of the coming parliamentary election for securing your vote: what do you think?—They ought to know best.

15,123. What did you think?—I do not know, sir.

15,124. Did anyone speak to you about supporting Edwards and Kennard?—I think there were one or two asked me if I should vote for them.

15,125. Who were they?—I do not know; they asked me in the street; they asked me if I was going to vote.

15,126. And did they not say if you had voted for the Conservatives at the council you ought to vote for the Conservatives at the parliamentary?—They axed

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me would I vote for Edwards and Kennard, and I told them I should not if they gave me 20*l.* I would not change my mind.

15,127. I can well understand that; but who asked you?—I could not tell, because there were men in the street who were asking me.

15,128. What time did you vote for Maxwell and Trollope?—About 10 o'clock.

The witness withdrew.

P. Parker.

PETER PARKER sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

15,129. What are you?—A labourer.

15,130. For whom did you vote at the council choosing?—For the Conservatives.

15,131. And at the parliamentary election for whom did you vote?—Conservatives.

15,132. Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

15,133. Well, now, what did you get for voting at the council choosing?—12*s.* 6*d.*

15,134. Who paid you?—William Browsho.

15,135. Did you get anything at the parliamentary election?—No.

15,136. You have never voted at the parliamentary election before?—No.

15,137. Have you ever voted for council choosing before?—Yes.

15,138. How often?—Several times.

15,139. What did you get generally?—I have got 10*s.* and 5*s.*, and I have got 7*s.* 6*d.* and two 2*s.* 6*d.*

15,140. You were generally paid?—No, I have polled as often without money as I have for money.

The witness withdrew.

T. Green.

THOMAS GREEN recalled.

15,141. (*The witness.*) There are four other names that I remember I gave money to—Mr. Goldwell, Hutton, Flynn, and Johnson.

15,142. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What Johnson is that?—He lives in Walker Gate.

15,143. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What Goldwell is that?—He is the senior Goldwell; I could not swear to it, but I believe so.

15,144. What is his christian name?—I think Jeremiah.

15,145. Where does he live?—There are two of them; I think it was the old one; I would not swear positively whether it was the father or the son that I gave the money to.

15,146. What did you give him?—5*s.* I think; it would be between 5*s.* and 10*s.*, but I will not swear to the amount; I think it would be nearer 10*s.*

15,147. Now, Hutton?—I will not swear as to what I gave him.

15,148. Flynn, who is he?—He was engaged as one of the check clerks on the municipal day.

15,149. What is he?—He is a man who used to be in the East Yorkshire militia.

15,150. Where does he reside?—In North Bar Street.

15,151. What did you give him?—5*s.*; I remember the circumstance because he was engaged by me for that purpose.

15,152. Johnson, what did you give him?—I would not swear the amount; I kept no account of the amounts that I gave them on the day.

15,153. Are those the only names you can give us?—Those are the only names I remember.

15,154. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We have had Goldwell and Hutton?—I do not think you have had Goldwell.

15,155. Yes, we have.

15,156. You said you paid a little short of 10*l.*, and you have given us nine names for sums not exceeding 10*s.*, or only one exceeding 10*s.*?—I think there would be more than that.

15,157. You paid Stafford 15*s.*?—Yes; I believe there are three of them that said they got 15*s.* each, and one 1*l.*

15,158. Who got the 1*l.*?—Wright. There has been a mistake in my evidence as I read it in the papers. They say it was from 3*s.* 6*d.*; I meant to say it was from 3*s.* to 6*s.*, but I will not swear.

The witness withdrew.

R. Adamson.

ROBERT ADAMSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

15,159. What are you?—I keep a shoe shop.

15,160. Are you a freeman?—No.

15,161. How long have you had a vote for the parliamentary election?—The last election was the first.

15,162. For whom did you vote?—Maxwell and Trollope.

15,163. Have you got a vote for town councillors?—Yes.

15,164. And did you vote at the last town council?—Yes.

15,165. Which side?—The Liberals.

15,166. Were you paid anything for your vote?—Yes.

15,167. How much?—10*s.*

15,168. Have you ever voted for town councillors before?—This last 20 years.

15,169. What did you get for your vote before?—I do not know that ever I got above 1*s.* 6*d.* before in my life.

15,170. Who paid you the 10*s.*?—Mr. Wallis, shoemaker.

15,171. Thomas Wallis?—Yes.

15,172. Had you voted?—He paid me after I had voted.

15,173. You had made up your mind to vote for the Liberals at the parliamentary?—I never voted any other side in my life.

15,174. Did Wallis know that?—Yes, I believe he would.

15,175. You think that was partly his reason for giving you the 10*s.*?—I do not know.

15,176. What do you think?—I did not need no bribing.

15,177. What do you think was his motive in giving you the 10*s.*?—I cannot say.

15,178. What did you think at the time when you took the money?—I did not know what to think; I went and voted, and after I came away he gave me the 10*s.* and I accepted of it.

15,179. Did you not think that was with reference to the parliamentary election?—No, because I never voted for a Tory in my life, and I never shall, that is another thing.

15,180. What time did you vote at the municipal?—It would be about nearly 10.

15,181. 10 o'clock in the morning?—Yes.

15,182. Why were you not here when you were called?—I was at Scarborough; I have been there 10 days, and I had no idea that I should be called, and as soon as the notice was given to me I came this morning the first thing.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

ELEVENTH DAY.

Saturday, 4th September 1869.

JOHN ROBINSON BENTLEY sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

15,183. Are you foreman in the iron foundry establishment?—I am.

15,184. Of which Mr. Norfolk is the managing director?—Yes.

15,185. How long have you been foreman there?—Oh, about 18 years. I have been there since 1841; I went there in 1841.

15,186. Then you have been there when it was the property of Mr. Crosskill?—Yes, under Mr. Crosskill.

15,187. And you continue there?—Yes.

15,188. Are you a freeman?—I am.

15,189. How long have you been a voter for the borough?—Since 1841.

15,190. And have you voted municipally?—I have always voted with the exception of one; I think I was away once; I cannot recollect which it was.

15,191. Do you remember Towneley's election;—Yes, but I was not a freeman then; I wanted three months of being out of my apprenticeship.

15,192. You recollect Towneley's second election?—I do.

15,193. You voted then, did not you?—No, I have not voted for Towneley at all.

15,194. What I mean is, did you vote at Towneley's election at all?—No.

15,195. The first time you voted, I suppose, would be in 1852, in Lawley, Glover, and Wells' election?—Yes, I believe it was, at least if I can remember right.

15,196. For whom did you vote then?—No; my first election was for Fox; it would be in 1847 I believe.

15,197. That would be Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid?—Yes; I voted for Fox singly.

15,198. You were a young man then?—I was a young man then.

15,199. Did you receive anything, and how much?—Not a farthing.

15,200. Did you vote when Lawley, Wells, and Glover were up in 1852?—Yes; I voted for Lawley and Wells.

15,201. Did you receive anything then?—I do not remember that I received a farthing.

15,202. You would remember?—At least I did not receive anything.

15,203. I will accept that. I will take you this way, did you ever receive yourself any money for your vote?—Not for those elections, I never did.

15,204. Not any election?—Oh! the late elections.

15,205. The late elections you have?—Yes.

15,206. I knew you would tell me perfectly well. I will begin the other way; I will take you up. Now, you voted in 1868; for whom did you vote the last election?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

15,207. You received nothing at that election I presume?—I received no money, only from Mr. Norfolk.

15,208. You received no other money except that sum?—No.

15,209. Now in 1865 you voted for Edwards and Sykes I suppose?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

15,210. How much did you receive at that election?—I received nothing; but I think I got something through Lowther; I had a little money then.

15,211. You got something from Lowther, how much did you get?—I got 20*l.*

15,212. To distribute?—Yes.

15,213. How much of that did you distribute, do you think?—I distributed all.

15,214. Amongst the men you knew?—Amongst the men I knew.

15,215. In fact amongst the voters on the establishment, the factory?—Not only that but in fact anybody, any voter I could get hold of.

15,216. Did not you distribute it to men in the factory; I do not say it all went that way, but did not you give men working in the factory some of the money?—I do not remember giving it to any particular man in the factory.

15,217. Did not you give to some of the men. I shall have to ask the men?—Very likely I did.

15,218. May I take it that you did give to some amongst others?—No doubt they would be among the lot.

15,219. What time of the day did you get the money from Lowther?—The early part of the morning.

15,220. Did he come to you or did you go to him for it?—I met him in the town against the cross.

15,221. The usual way, by accident of course?—Not by appointment, I met him by accident.

15,222. Were not you told by some person to go to Lowther and he would give you money to distribute?—No.

15,223. Now just recollect yourself?—I can tell you that I never met him by appointment.

15,224. I do not say that, but did anyone suggest to you to see Lowther, did anyone tell you it would be as well for you to see Lowther that morning, or you ought to see him that morning?—No, they never did.

15,225. You met him you say not by appointment. Did you know you were to receive money that morning for the purposes of the election?—No, I never did, not while I met him, and he told me of course. I met him when I and Thirsk were together, we were in the street, and of course amongst others I took the money.

15,226. There is no matter of course in it at all; you and Thirsk went together and you met Lowther?—Yes, both of us.

15,227. And Lowther gave you some money?—Yes.

15,228. And he gave Thirsk some money?—Yes.

15,229. Did he tell you who had given it to him?—No, I am sure he did not.

15,230. How long before that was it you had seen Mr. Sykes?—I do not remember seeing him at all.

15,231. You had promised to vote for Sykes?—I suppose I should do.

15,232. When had you seen Sir Henry, had Sir Henry Edwards canvassed you?—I do not remember whether he had or not at that time, if he had of course I should promise him no doubt.

15,233. We understand he came round to the men under you. You say you distributed all the 20*l.*, in what sums?—Well, I think in 2*l.* sums, 2*l.* I think was about the regular price if I remember right.

15,234. Did not you get anything for yourself?—Of course, no doubt I should have a little.

15,235. How much?—Well, I might keep a couple of pounds for myself.

15,236. Then you filled the double capacity of being a briber and a bribee, being a man bribed and a briber?—Yes.

15,237. Now the former election in 1860, when Walker and Gridley were up?—Yes, I voted for Walker.

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J. R. Bentley.

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15,238. How much did you receive?—I did not receive a farthing.

15,239. Did you distribute any money at that time?—Nothing.

15,240. When Walters, Edwards, and Walker were up, how much did you get that time?—Nothing.

15,241. Have you got any money at any other period?—I do not know, no nothing at any other period.

15,242. From anybody else?—No.

15,243. Now you are certain of that, that you never received any other money, or ever distributed any other money at any other election?—I do not remember receiving a farthing from anybody else.

15,244. When Sir Henry first came, in '57, you did not know much about him then; "Edwards and Wells," did you vote at that election?—I voted singly, "Wells," I believe.

15,245. You got nothing I suppose?—No.

15,246. Then your political principles were Liberal at that time, you voted Liberal at that time?—Yes, I was with Mr. Crosskill at that time; he had the works at that time.

15,247. And had you voted Liberal up to that time?—No.

15,248. At the last municipal election what money did you receive from Norfolk?—I received 100*l.*

15,249. You were not a candidate in any way, you had no interest in the election, had you?—None beyond helping them to win the election.

15,250. You had no personal interest in the election?—No, not at all.

15,251. Did Norfolk tell you what to do with it?—I was to do the best I could with it, and win the election if possible.

15,252. And I suppose you gave a number of men in your employ money?—I gave no money on the works, not a farthing; what money I gave was in Mrs. Dickinson's shop.

15,253. That makes no difference, that is a mere farce; did you give it to men working on the establishment?—A part.

15,254. That is what I mean, the place does not matter. You went through the farce of going to Mrs. Dickinson's shop to pay the men who were working on your establishment, that is it, is it not? I want to know, as a respectable man, do you think that a right thing to do, you, the foreman in an establishment?—No, I cannot say it is, after reflection of course I cannot say that.

15,255. It was very wrong, in fact?—Yes, there is no doubt about it.

15,256. Did not you know from Norfolk that Sir Henry Edwards was coming over the day after the municipal election day?—No.

15,257. I know you will answer me candidly; did not you know from him Sir Henry was expected a day after?—I never was acquainted with the fact at all.

15,258. You knew the parliamentary election was coming on?—I did.

15,259. Did not Norfolk tell you that it would be of the greatest importance for the purpose of the parliamentary election that you should win by a large majority, or words to that effect?—No, it was not put in that way to me.

15,260. Tell me in what way it was put to you?—He told me we were to go in and win, and get as good a majority as we could.

15,261. Five for that purpose would be as good as 500; did not he say that would have a good effect (or words to that effect) on the parliamentary election?—No, he never said words of the kind.

15,262. You knew it would?—I had no doubt of that.

15,263. And you had no doubt it was partly for the purpose of having that effect, that you knew and believed. You are a respectable man, and from being so long in the foundry evidently a man of good conduct. Did not you believe that it would have a good effect on the parliamentary election?—No doubt it would.

15,264. And did not you believe the money was spent partly for that purpose?—No.

15,265. Did he tell you from whom he got it?—No.

15,266. You did not know?—No.

15,267. He did not give you any intimation at all from whom he got it?—No.

15,268. Did you know how it was raised; till Baron Martin came here did you know how he had got it?—No.

15,269. Of course you knew it was not his own money?—I did not know anything at all about it; I never asked him.

15,270. You did not think it was his own money. Did he tell you how much money he had given to Thirsk?—No, he did not tell me.

15,271. You knew Thirsk had money also given to him?—Yes, I knew that he was one of the party.

15,272. Now tell me, about how much a head did you give?—Well, 15*s.* was about the average price, from 15*s.* to 17*s.* 6*d.*

15,273. And sometimes a pound?—Sometimes a pound.

15,274. Did you pay the money out of your own hand to the different men?—I paid very little: I was in Dickinson's shop.

15,275. Who paid?—Several; amongst the rest Anthony Levett.

15,276. You handed to Levett the money?—I handed to Levett the money; I gave him part.

15,277. What is Levett?—He is a foreman in the smiths' shop.

15,278. And he was associated with you in the bribery?—He was associated with me.

15,279. Had he a book?—No.

15,280. Had you a book with you?—No, no book at all.

15,281. No book at all? No memoranda?—No, I had nothing but the register; I had the register at the time.

15,282. Have you that register? I should like to see it?—I have not it.

15,283. Where is it?—I burnt it; I had nothing further to do with it.

15,284. Why should you burn that register? That register had the names of the men, I venture to say, who had votes for the borough as well as the municipal, had not it?—Yes. Well, I do not know, it might; well, it perhaps would have; I think it had.

15,285. I think it would; was it the freemen's list you had?—No, it was the register for the municipal.

15,286. I should like above all things to see that. It had the names of the parliamentary voters, too, had it not?—It would in part, too. That is it; like that. (*The witness referred to the municipal register in the hands of Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*)

15,287. Why did you burn it? It would enable us to get at all the names. You ticked them off, did not you?—Yes.

15,288. Some use was made of that before it was burnt. I know these things so well?—No doubt you would.

15,289. To whom did you show that?—I showed it to nobody; I had no further need of it.

15,290. What good was it to tick them off if you showed it to nobody?—The voters came up so quick, and were paid so rapidly.

15,291. You burnt it, I suppose, after the parliamentary election?—Yes.

15,292. Do you see the full force of the question? You burnt it after the parliamentary election; is that so?—Yes. Well, I had no need for it.

15,293. It was after the parliamentary election that you burnt it?—Oh, no, no.

15,294. Now I have put it three times to you. Was it not after the parliamentary election you burnt it?—No, it was before.

15,295. Well, you may have misunderstood me. Now, I call your attention again; you have said it twice; just attend; I know you will answer me honourably and honestly. Was it not after the parliamentary election?—No, it was not.

15,296. When was it you burnt it?—I believe it was the day after the election; because I had nothing further——

15,297. The day after what?—After the election for the council.

15,298. Who had it in their possession?—Nobody had it but myself.

15,299. Where did you burn it?—At home.

15,300. In your private house?—Yes.

15,301. Did you burn it before you spoke to Norfolk?—Yes.

15,302. You did?—Yes.

15,303. Did Norfolk ever ask you for an account of the moneys you had from him?—No, he never asked me for an account.

15,304. Did he ask you what you did with it?—Yes.

15,305. Did you canvass for Sir Henry Edwards?—No, I never was round at all with him.

15,306. You did not canvass the men?—I never canvassed anybody.

15,307?—About how many men did you bribe?—Oh! I should think going on for a hundred.

15,308. About a hundred?—Yes, at least, or thereabout, as near as I can tell.

15,309. Did Levett give you any account of the money he had spent?—No.

15,310. Had Levett a book before him?—No.

15,311. Then there was nothing else but the book that you had?—No.

15,312. About how many men of your own did you pay, men working under you?—Well, my money was chiefly paid through the men at the outside, of course; parties bringing up the voters.

15,313. About how many men of your own, about 10, or 15, or 20?—Perhaps it might be 20.

15,314. But you did not pay them on the works?—No.

15,315. Why did not you pay them on the works, it would have been easier?—Well, of course we were stationed near the Town Hall; we were near here.

15,316. Who told you to go there?—I went myself.

15,317. You were not stationed there, then?—I went there.

15,318. You selected that place. Now, you are a freeman; have you voted often for town councillors?—Yes, I have voted.

15,319. Have you often voted?—Yes.

15,320. Have you ever been paid?—No; I do not know that ever I was.

15,321. Just recollect yourself. Will you swear you have not received money for your vote at the council choosing?—No, I have not; I have never been in the habit of taking——

15,322. On any occasion. Will you swear upon any occasion of council choosing you have not received some money for your vote?—Well, I would not swear that.

15,323. How much might it be if you did, 5*s.* or 6*s.*?—It might be that, or it might be half-a-crown.

15,324. Did you ever upon any occasion before know as much as 17*s.* 6*d.* given, or 1*l.*, for a municipal vote?—No, I cannot say that I did, myself; only by report.

15,325. You are not a pasture master, are you?—Yes, I am.

15,326. When were you elected a pasture master?—About eight years ago.

15,327. That would bring us down to '61, and have you been acting as pasture master for eight years?—Yes.

15,328. Was there a contest when you were elected?—Yes, I believe there was.

15,329. Who supplied the money for that contest?—I do not remember.

15,330. Oh, yes! you do indeed. I will put it to you. Do not you remember that Wreghitt supplied the money for the contest; it might as well come out?—Well, I believe; yes, I think he was asked for the money.

15,331. Yes, and supplied it?—Yes.

15,332. He was asked for the money. Were not you one of the persons who waited upon him for the money?—No, I was not.

15,333. Do you know who did?—No, I cannot recollect who did.

15,334. But you know persons waited upon him?—I know he was waited upon.

15,335. And you know he supplied the money?—Yes.

15,336. How much; do you recollect?—I do not recollect.

15,337. And you were elected as pasture master, I do not say entirely, but by means of the money supplied by Wreghitt. Now I will put a case to you. Assuming it should happen that a Liberal applied who had strong claims upon Walker's Charity, and that he was refused, and that a Conservative applied who had claims but not such strong claims as the Liberal, and he got it—do you understand?—Yes, I understand.

15,338. Now I want to know what would you think of the transaction?—I never considered——

15,339. No, I am not saying that it ever occurred, I am assuming it. Assuming that did occur, what would you think of the transaction?—Well, I considered myself the money was always distributed fairly.

15,340. What would you think of that transaction? A Liberal with strong claims applies and is refused, then a Conservative who has claims, but less strong, applies and gets it. I want to know what you as a pasture master would think of the transaction?—I should not consider the politics at all.

15,341. What would you think of the transaction?—I should think myself we had a right to give to the man who had the greatest claim.

15,342. You know perfectly well what I mean. Suppose such a case occurred, a Liberal applying with strong claims and being refused, a Conservative applying with less strong claims and getting it; what would you think of that transaction?—I scarcely understand you.

15,343. You perfectly understand me?—If you allow me, sir, I do not.

15,344. What would you think of the transaction; supposing such a thing occurred, what would you think of it?—Of course I should consider that we had a right to give to the man that had the greatest claim to it.

15,345. I am supposing such a thing occurred, that you refused him and that you granted it to a man who had less claims; what would you think of the transaction?—I should consider that it was not right if we did that; I should consider that it would not be fair.

15,346. Would not you consider that it was perverting the sacred fund of charity to the vile purpose of electoral corruption? Is not that the way you would view it? You know this is a charity; if you deal with a charity for any purposes of an election is not that the way you would view it?—In fact I never studied it.

15,347. I am very glad we have you here. What did you think Wreghitt, who was Sir Henry Edwards' right-hand man here, supplied that money for?—Well, to win the election of course.

15,348. To win what! the pasture masters' election?—Yes.

15,349. With what view? Is not it with a view that the pasture masters should favour, or be supposed to favour, Sir Henry Edwards' interests in the borough? Is not that the view? Now, you are a sensible man, can you give me any other explanation?—No, I do not know that I can.

15,350. Of course it is. And do not you think that had the effect of a public announcement to the borough, to all the freemen, that if they vote one way they will have a chance of getting a benefit; do not you think that? You are not dealing with your own money now, you know?—Yes.

15,351. Nor Sir Henry Edwards was not dealing with his own money. I cannot trust myself to say more after that.

ELEVENTH DAY.

J. R. Bentley.

4 Sept. 1869.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

15,352. I will only ask you a few questions. You have not given us the names of the men who you paid in Sykes' election?—Well, I am sure I cannot remember that time back.

15,353. It really is not so long back, it is very little over four years back, and you paid away 20*l.* all but 2*l.*; you paid away 18*l.*, and 2*l.*, in the common phrase, you stuck to?—I do not remember the names.

15,354. Do not you remember any of the names?—I cannot say that I do.

15,355. In what sums did you pay the money?—Sums of 2*l.*

15,356. Then that would represent nine persons paid?—Yes.

15,357. Now of those nine persons paid a little over four years ago do not you remember one?—I do not remember one of them.

15,358. Are you serious in giving us that answer?—Yes.

15,359. Were any of them your own men?—Well, I should think they would be.

15,360. Now I will take it another way. You have told us where you got the money, where did you pay it away?—Oh, in the street, or anywhere where I could meet with voters.

15,361. Where did you pay any money away excepting the streets?—Well, I do not remember any particular place.

15,362. You neither remember who you paid nor where you paid the money?—No, I cannot say that I do.

15,363. Now upon your oath did you pay away any of that money?—Yes.

15,364. You see the suspicion you are open to by giving us no explanation?—Yes, it may appear so, but I am sure I paid the money away.

15,365. It is really only a little over four years ago?—Yes.

15,366. You must have paid nine men according to your own account, and you do not give us a single name?—Well, I cannot remember any of the names.

15,367. How did you know that the men you paid were voters?—Well, I should know the men most likely.

15,368. You knew the men at that time?—Most likely I should.

15,369. Then they were not strangers to you at that time?—No, there are not many who are strangers to me.

15,370. Those men you paid were not strangers to you at that time?—I do not suppose they would be.

15,371. How did you come to pay the particular men you paid?—A good number I should meet by accident.

15,372. Then had you to pay anyone you might meet by accident?—Yes, but not men of course that had never voted.

15,373. But when Lowther gave you the money did he give it you to pay particular men?—No.

15,374. To pay anybody?—Yes, anybody.

15,375. Now you have told us though you knew the men at the time you cannot remember their names now?—No, I do not remember them.

15,376. Just tell me how did you know whether they had voted before or not, before you paid them of course I mean?—(*No answer.*)

15,377. Did you account to anyone for the money you paid after the election?—No.

15,378. Did you keep any record of the money you had paid?—No, I did not.

15,379. Did you tick off the names in a book?—No, I had no book at the time.

15,380. Did you keep any list of those that you paid?—No, I had no list at all.

15,381. Now then with respect to the 100*l.* that you received from Norfolk, did you give any account of that to any person whatever?—I rendered no account.

15,382. You have no list of the names or any record of how you expended it?—No, I have no list at all.

15,383. It would be of very great assistance to us and save us a great deal of trouble if you had such a list?—I have not one.

15,384. Could you make out such a list from memory?—I could make out a great many I paid to; there is George Robinson.

15,385. We have the names of a great number paid in Dickinson's shop. You could not make out a complete list?—No, I do not know that I could make out a complete list.

15,386. What use was this book you said you had in which you ticked the names?—To see that the parties were voters, for they came up so rapid, and of course I had no chance of using it.

15,387. Do you mean that they came up so rapidly that you could not turn over the page and put a mark so to the name?—Yes.

15,388. Well, they must have come rapidly then?—Well, they did come rapidly.

15,389. Is that your answer?—That is my answer.

15,390. Were you one of those who repaid a portion of this money to Norfolk?—Yes, I paid, if I remember right, about 12*l.* or 14*l.*

15,391. When was that?—It would be the following day.

15,392. Then you must have kept some account?—No, in fact I had no particular account.

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15,393. Just let me ask you a question. You say that you ticked off the names in the register?—Yes, I started to do so.

15,394. What did you tick the names off for?—To know they were the parties, in fact to keep an account.

15,395. In order that you might keep an account?—Yes.

15,396. Now was it by means of that ticking off that you ascertained the balance that was to be returned was 12*l.* or 14*l.*?—No.

15,397. How did you find out that 12*l.* or 14*l.* was the right sum to return?—That was very easy to do, because I had paid the money to parties.

15,398. Well, what was the ticking for; how did you find out that 12*l.* or 14*l.* was the right sum to return to Norfolk?—Well, it was the money I had left.

15,399. The ticking, as I understand, was intended by you to ascertain how much you paid away?—No.

15,400. If it was not that what was the ticking for; why did you tick these names?—In fact I ticked very few.

15,401. Why did you tick any names?—Well, I thought I would try to keep an account if I could.

15,402. Now you told us that you paid away from 15*s.* to 17*s.* 6*d.* apiece?—Yes.

15,403. You knew very well that that was a much larger sum than usual; you yourself told us so; I think you said you had got 5*s.* for your vote on similar occasions?—Yes, about that.

15,404. What influenced you to give so large a sum as 15*s.* or 17*s.* 6*d.*?—That was the sum that was stated in the town, at least——

15,405. Go on?—For the voters.

15,406. Who stated that?—I am sure I cannot tell.

15,407. That answer will not do?—I cannot say.

15,408. Who authorized you; you had trust money given to you. Here was 100*l.* given to you on a certain trust, an immoral trust, but still a trust; who authorized you to give so unusual a sum as 15*s.* or 17*s.* 6*d.*; answer me that question?—I scarcely could.

15,409. You must, positively you must answer me that question?—I could not say.

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15,410. Did not Norfolk authorize you?—No, I never seed him.

15,411. Never what?—At least he never appeared; I do not remember seeing him up there.

15,412. Norfolk gave you the 100*l.*?—Yes.

15,413. Was not there any understanding between you what sums were to be given away; how far you were to go?—I was to pay the price that was going.

15,414. When did you begin to pay that morning; how soon in the morning?—Betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock.

15,415. Well, you know there could be no current market price as soon as that; the poll opened at 9, there could have been no established price then. Who fixed the standard at 17*s.* 6*d.*? Rumour did not do it; there was not time for rumour. Do you say on your oath that Norfolk did not sanction your giving 17*s.* 6*d.* or 15*s.*?—No, I do not remember that.

15,416. You went to Norfolk more than once that day?—Yes. Well, I think I only went to him once.

15,417. But you did not get the 100*l.* all in one sum?—No, I got it in two.

15,418. You must have had an understanding with Norfolk that you were to give these unusually large sums; that is common sense, is not it?—Whatever the price was; if the parties should say they could get 15*s.* or 17*s.* 6*d.*, whatever sum was going of course I had to give.

15,419. Was that the understanding on which you took the money from Norfolk?—That I was to use that the best way I could, and to get as many voters as I could.

15,420. But as to the amount you were to give, was not there an understanding with you that you were to pay those large amounts?—No, it was not named by Norfolk to me.

15,421. What was your understanding with him?—The understanding was I was to do the best I could, and get as many voters as I possibly could.

15,422. Now, you paid these sums away at Dickinson's shop?—Yes.

15,423. Had you hired the shop for that purpose? The place was hired, I believe, specially for the job; it is a committe room generally for the party.

15,424. Now I want to take you back for a moment to the election of Edwards and Sykes. You have told us that you gave away as far as you could remember 2*l.* a head to about nine persons?—Yes.

15,425. Can you, by refreshing your memory, tell us the names of any of those persons?—Well, I am sure I cannot; I cannot indeed.

15,426. Was there any process of ticking off names then; did you tick off any names then?—No.

15,427. You see yourself you have charged yourself with 20*l.*, and you do nothing to discharge yourself. Do not you see what a grave imputation you leave against yourself?—Yes.

15,428. It is for your own credit to tell us how you spent the money?—Yes, I am quite aware of it. Of course if I had the names I would give them you.

15,429. Can you, by reflecting over this matter, supply the names, or any of them?—I cannot remember them, or else I would have given them you in a moment.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien* observed that it would not be necessary for the witness to attend again, but he could send the list to the secretary.)

15,430. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We shall have to inquire about the mode in which this 20*l.* was spent; so I think it is for your own credit to give us the names?—I have no doubt it is; and of course I would do it if I could.

15,431. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Some of these nine men were men in your own employ?—I cannot remember more than one.

15,432. More than one?—I should think there would be; no doubt there would.

15,433. Surely you can remember the men in your own employ?—I do not remember the names of any of the parties.

ROBERT THIRSK sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

R. Thirsk.

15,434. What are you?—I am foreman at the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company over the wood department.

15,435. Are you a freeman?—No.

15,436. Are you a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

15,437. How long have you been a 10*l.* householder?—From 1865, I think.

15,438. Did you vote in 1865?—Yes.

15,439. Is that the only election at which you voted previous to 1868?—Yes.

15,440. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Oh, I want to ask Mr. Bentley a question. What were your wages? that is all we want.

(*Mr. Bentley.*) 35*s.* a week.

15,441. (*Mr. Barstow, to Mr. Thirsk.*) We are informed you received a sum of money from Mr. Norfolk for the purposes of the last municipal election?—Yes.

15,442. How much?—50*l.*

15,443. When did you receive the 50*l.*?—I received it twice, I believe. I got 25*l.* on the Saturday, and 25*l.* on the Monday.

15,444. At what time?—I am sure I cannot tell you to an hour or two.

15,445. Did you receive it after working hours?—No; it was on the works, about 11 o'clock, as near as I can think.

15,446. And the rest on Monday morning?—And the rest on Monday morning at about 10 o'clock; betwixt 9 and 10; I cannot tell exactly.

15,447. What did you do with the money that you got on Saturday?—I kept it in my pocket till Monday.

15,448. What directions did you receive from Norfolk at the time he gave you the money?—It was to do the best I could to win the election for the Conservative party.

15,449. Was that all he said?—That was all he said.

15,450–1. Did he give you no more specific directions than that?—No, not any more.

15,452. What do you remember you were to do in order to win the election for the Conservatives?—To get voters up and pay them, and bribe them as well as I could.

15,453. Were you directed to pay any particular class of voters?—No.

15,454. To voters generally?—Yes.

15,455. Were you directed to look after any particular ward?—Mr. Norfolk told me not to do anything wrong with my own workmen.

15,456. In what ward were you employed?—In the Minster Ward.

15,457. Do you vote in the Minster Ward?—Yes, St. Martin's Ward.

15,458. Will you tell us how you disposed of the money?—I cannot tell you all the names, but I can tell you a few.

15,459. Where did you pay it away?—In different places; sometimes in the "Golden Ball."

15,460. Did you give it to anyone else in a large sum, or did you pay the voters yourself?—I paid the voters myself. I paid it away in sums from 10*s.* to 1*l.*

15,461. You have been summoned for some time, I suppose?—Yes.

15,462. And you have known generally what you would be asked; is that so? You knew generally before you were here what you were going to be asked?—No, I cannot say.

15,463. You knew very well that you were going to be examined as to the municipal election?—Yes.

15,464. Have you thought over the subject with a view to giving us information to-day?—Yes, I have

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thought it over to-day, and I can give you it on a bit of paper, the few that I recollect I have paid, but I can assure you that at the time of the election, when it was going on, I was very active, and I could not think of every name. (*The witness here handed a list of names to the Commissioner.*)

15,465. Well, that is certainly a beggarly account out of 50*l.*?—I paid a great many more than that.

15,466. There are only two names that we have not had before. About how many did you pay?—I really cannot say, I paid the whole of the money.

15,467. About how many men did you pay?—I paid about 40.

15,468. Forty men at this rate would be not quite 30*l.*—well about 30*l.*?—I paid from 10*s.* to 1*l.*

15,469. You paid about 40 men, and where did you pay them?—I paid them in different places, some in Dickinson's shop, some in the "Golden Ball" yard.

15,470. You had a balance over?—Yes.

15,471. How much?—14*l.*, and I paid it back to Mr. Norfolk the next morning.

15,472. When did you repay him?—I believe the next day about 10 o'clock in the morning.

15,473. Did you pay any money for drink?—I believe I did, I believe I gave 1*l.* to James Steel.

15,474. Who is he?—He keeps a public-house in Norwood. I believe I gave him 1*l.*

15,475. Any other money in drink?—I cannot remember that I paid any other money for drink, I am sure.

15,476. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What is his name?—James Steel.

15,477. He keeps a beershop, I suppose?—Yes.

15,478. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you any list of the men you paid?—No, I never set anything down. I was always knocking about, and I never had time to set it down.

15,479. As far as you were concerned there was no record of what you did with the money ever kept?—No, I paid it all but 14*l.*, and I repaid that back.

15,480. Did you canvass for the Conservatives at the parliamentary election?—Yes, I did.

15,481. At the parliamentary election?—Yes.

15,482. Did you go about with the candidates?—Yes.

15,483. Did you canvass any men belonging to your works?—No, I do not think I did. I told all my men to do as they liked, I did not wish them to go against their own politics.

15,484. Did you go with the candidates to any men you had paid at the municipal election?—No, I do not think I did.

15,485. Will you swear you did not?—I cannot swear that, perhaps I might have gone, I do not remember. I went with them one or two nights, I believe, but I never canvassed my own men, I always kept outside.

15,486. You paid a great many men who were not your own men?—Yes, I only paid about 30, I believe.

15,487. Is that all you can tell us about the municipal election?—Yes, I believe it is.

15,488. I will ask you again, did Norfolk give you any directions beyond that general direction to go in and win?—No, he told me to make the best I could of it.

15,489. You have voted for municipal elections?—Yes. I have voted this last 18 years.

15,490. Have you ever been paid before?—I never was paid.

15,491. You have known sums of money paid?—Yes.

15,492. Did you ever know prices run so high?—I have known 1*l.* paid.

15,493. Yes, an individual instance, but did you ever know a general run of prices so high?—No, I do not think so high.

15,494. Or anything like so high?—Sometimes there has been 10*s.* or 15*s.* I have never received it, but I have heard some talk about it. There was as high as 1*l.* given 11 years ago.

15,495. Can you tell us why so much money was given as that 11 years ago?—No, I never interfered with elections in them days.

15,496. I will ask you about the parliamentary elections, did you get any money at Edwards and Sykes' election in 1865?—Yes, I did get some money, I got 20*l.* from Mr. Lowther.

15,497. What did you do with the money?—I paid it away to voters. I did the best I could with it.

15,498. That is a very meagre account of the transaction, paying it away?—I paid it all away, every shilling.

15,499. I want to know the names?—I cannot tell you them all.

15,500. I should not expect you to tell them all, but what sums did you pay away?—Nothing higher than 2*l.*

15,501. Did you take anything for yourself?—No, not anything.

15,502. I am very glad to hear it. That would represent 10 voters paid?—I think I paid from 30*s.* up to 2*l.*; 2*l.* is the highest.

15,503. Can you give us any names?—There were two of the name of Scarr, of Beckside, I paid them in the "Cross Keys" yard, I believe.

15,504. What are the Scarrs' Christian names, do you know?—I cannot tell you the names.

15,505. Did you pay anyone else?—Yes, I did.

15,506. Do you remember anyone who you paid?—I really cannot remember just now.

15,507. Can you think of anyone else who you paid. Two out of 10 is really a very small number?—It is, indeed, but I really cannot think of the others.

15,508. That is the only parliamentary election at which you paid money away, I suppose?—Yes.

15,509. That leaves eight men whom we have no account of?—I really do not know the men. I seed them poll and paid them. I am pretty well known in Beverley.

15,510. You did not know the men at the time?—Yes, I took them to poll and seed they did poll, and then they got the money.

15,511. Is that all the information we are likely to get from you about the election of 1865?—Yes, I think it is.

15,512. Do you think if you went home and thought the matter over you would be able to tell us some more?—No, I do not think I should; if you require it I will do so. Perhaps I may get to know.

15,513. Of course we shall have to make inquiries elsewhere as to how this money was spent from the voters themselves. It will save us a great deal of trouble if you can give us the names, and I may add, the borough a great deal of expense?—If you will leave it till Monday I will try to get a few of the names. I really do not know them at present.

15,514. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Please to send the list to the secretary.

15,515. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I will ask you the same question as I asked Mr. Bentley, what are your wages?—120*l.* a year.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

15,516. Were you ever employed to distribute money at any of the municipal elections before the last?—No, I did not.

15,517. Nor at any election for pasture masters?—I am not a freeman, I have nothing to do with the pasture masters.

15,518. You have not been employed to give money away except at the last municipal election and the election of 1865, those were the only two occasions on which you have been so employed?—Yes, I only gave money away in 1865, and the last municipal election.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

15,519. You told my friend you were two days engaged in canvassing with Sir Henry Edwards?—No, I did not say so, I merely went out at night after business.

15,520. I did not refer to any loss of time, but about how often were you canvassing with them, half a dozen times in the evening?—No, only twice with Kennard and Edwards.

15,521. Did Mr. Norfolk introduce you as a canvasser?—I think not, I volunteered.

15,522. Did Sir Henry Edwards ask you to go with him as a canvasser?—Yes, he went with me and Mr. Kennard too.

15,523. Did he ask you?—No, I do not believe he did.

15,524. Did not Major Edwards or Mr. Kennard?—I believe Mr. Lowther or Mr. Cook asked me if I would go round with them.

15,525. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say Mr. Lowther or Mr. Cook?—I believe it was.

15,526. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I know you would not intrude on them unless somebody asked you?—No.

15,527. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I do not know whether I asked you if you canvassed any of your own men with them?—I believe I did; but of course I did not canvass them myself, I allowed them to go in, and I stood outside; I did not want to influence my men, as I told you before. I told all my men to vote which way they liked.

15,528. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I will make one observation which I should not have made if you had not said that. You were one of the men who were engaged in corrupting the men. Now you can make any other observation you please?—My men did as they liked.

15,529. Of course they did, but you were corrupting them by giving them money.

The witness withdrew.

ANTHONY LEVITT sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *A. Levitt.*

15,530. What are you?—A foreman of the iron department.

15,531. Of the Waggon Company?—Yes.

15,532. Are you a voter for the borough?—No.

15,533. Did you take an active part in the last election?—In the municipal I did.

15,534. Did you get money from Mr. Norfolk?—No, I got it from Mr. Bentley.

15,535. What did you get from Mr. Bentley?—As near as I can tell I think it was about 6*l.*

15,536. What did you do with it?—I spent it amongst the voters to the best advantage I could.

15,537. How much did you give them apiece?—How much for their votes?

15,538. Yes?—From 10*s.* to 15*s.*, and 1*l.*, and 17*s.* 6*d.*

15,539. You spent all the 6*l.* in that way?—Yes.

15,540. Then you must have paid some 10 or 12 men?—Well, not so many as that, I think.

15,541. Not far short of it. Well, tell me the names of some?—There was John Chambers I gave 1*l.*, Daniel Plant 1*l.*

15,542. Yes?—William Peck 17*s.* 6*d.*, and another man I gave 15*s.* to, but I am sure I do not know his name.

15,543. That is 3*l.* 12*s.* you have accounted for. Who else?—There was another man I gave 5*s.* to.

15,544. Who was that?—They call him John Plant.

15,545. Who else?—And 10*s.* I gave at the "Queen's Head" for drink.

15,546. What else?—I do not remember any more; there were one or two more that I paid, but I do not know the names, they were strangers to me.

15,547. But you know they were voters?—I knew they were voters, and I see them vote.

15,548. You saw them vote?—Yes.

15,549. Who keeps the "Queen's Head?"—John Turnbull.

15,550. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What is he?—He is a smith.

15,551. Does he work under you?—Yes.

15,552. And he spent this money in treating?—Yes.

15,553. I suppose he is a parliamentary voter?—I am sure I cannot tell you anything about that.

15,554. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you say that you had a parliamentary vote?—No, I have not a vote; I am not a freeman.

15,555. Never had?—No.

The witness withdrew.

DAVID NUTCHEY sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *D. Nutchey.*

15,556. Are you a freeman?—I am.

15,557. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1848.

15,558. I suppose as a freeman you have voted at elections?—Many times.

15,559. The first election you would vote at would be in 1852; it was when Lawley, Wells, and Glover were up?—Yes.

15,560. Did you take any active part besides voting yourself?—No, I was ill at the time.

15,561. Did you vote?—Yes.

15,562. You did not take an active part at that election?—No.

15,563. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Glover, I believe.

15,564. How much did you receive?—Not a farthing.

15,565. Did you know Mr. Glover before?—No.

15,566. You knew money was going?—I did not know at all; I did not mix in the election.

15,567. You did not receive any on either side?—No.

15,568. You voted in 1854; that was Gordon and Hastings?—I did.

15,569. I believe there was no money going then?—Not that I am aware of.

15,570. You did not get any?—No.

15,571. In the March of 1857, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up, you took an active part in that election?—I did.

15,572. You canvassed, I think, some of the men?—I did not canvass one.

15,573. You took an active part?—On the day of election I did.

15,574. What did you receive for that?—Not a farthing.

15,575. For whom did you vote?—For Glover and Denison.

15,576. Money was going then?—There was a little going then, but very little, I believe.

15,577. You took an active part. Did you give any money of your own or of the candidates' money on that occasion?—I did.

15,578. Some of your own money?—I gave some of my own.

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15,579. How much of your own money did you spend ?—About 3*l.* 10*s.*

15,580. On behalf of Denison and Glover ?—On behalf of Mr. Glover, I believe on his part.

15,581. Tell me how much money did you spend of the candidates' that you received from somebody on behalf of the candidates ?—About as much more, but not on behalf of the candidates.

15,582. Who did you receive it from ?—Mr. Champney, a solicitor in Beverley.

15,583. He gave you how much ?—3*l.* 10*s.*

15,584. Is Mr. Champney here ?—He was here just now.

15,585. I mean in Beverley ?—He was in Beverley a few minutes ago.

15,586. What did Mr. Champney tell you to do with it ?—He did not know what I had done with it.

15,587. When did he give you the money ?—After the election was over.

15,588. What had Mr. Champney to do with the election ?—I cannot tell you.

15,589. You did not go to anybody in the street ?—We were talking ; I think we met about half-past twelve or one o'clock, and I said, "I think 5*l.* or 6*l.* will get Glover in." We stood talking.

15,590. It was an accidental meeting ?—It was.

15,591. Everything in Beverley is done by accident ?—You want me to tell the truth ?

15,592. Yes ?—Well, it was an accidental meeting, and I said I thought 5*l.* or 6*l.* will get Glover in, and he said, "If you do spend it I will pay half."

15,593. It was after the election was over, of course, that he gave you the money ?—Yes.

15,594. How many persons did you bribe ?—I should think perhaps 30.

15,595. You bribed 30 persons ?—Yes.

15,596. I suppose in reality you spent it in drink ?—I believe that is it.

15,597. Where did you spend it in drink ?—The "Green Dragon."

15,598. I suppose you have been paid the 3*l.* 10*s.* that you spent ?—I never got a farthing except the 3*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Champney.

15,599. That ought to have cured you of politics ; it does not seem to have done so. What became of your favourite candidate, Mr. Glover, on that occasion ?—He was disqualified, I believe.

15,600. In 1857 we come to the critical time ?—Yes.

15,601. In 1857 for whom did you vote at Edwards and Wells' election ?—I voted for Major Edwards.

15,602. Did you take an active part in that election ?—I believe I did.

15,603. You said you did. I do not quarrel with the word "believe." You were active on Major Edwards' part ?—Yes.

15,604. Did any money pass through your hands then ?—It did.

15,605. How much ?—About 15*l.*

15,606. From whom did you receive it ?—Nathaniel Kemplay.

15,607. Did you learn from him from whom he had received it ?—No.

15,608. How long before the election did Kemplay hand it to you ?—On the election day.

15,609. On the morning ?—No, during the time of the voting ; it was after 11.

15,610. When the voting was getting slack ?—Yes.

15,611. Did you lay out any of your own money on that occasion ?—I did not.

15,612. What did you do with the 15*l.* ?—I believe I paid five persons.

15,613. Give us the names ?—There were three Wallis's from Hull ; they live in some street in Hull.

15,614. Now ?—I think there are some of them dead since.

15,615. Any other name ? Give us the name of any living man ?—I cannot remember. Those are the chief persons, and they voted against the Minster.

15,616. Do you think you could remember ?—I do not know ; I cannot remember.

15,617. You voted on that occasion ?—I did.

15,618. You got no money ?—Not a farthing.

15,619. I am obliged to ask you ?—Yes.

15,620. You say you paid it all away ?—I did, every farthing.

15,621. Now we go to 1859, that was Walters, Edwards, and Glover and Walker ?—Yes.

15,622. Walters and Edwards were returned ?—I voted for Walker and Edwards.

15,623. What money passed through your hands then ?—1*l.*

15,624. What did you do with it ?—I paid it to a man they call Charles Stamford.

15,625. For his vote ?—No, his expenses. He said he came from a place near Malton. I gave him 1*l.* out of my own pocket. Mr. Robert Oxley gave me the 1*l.* afterwards.

15,626. Oxley the butcher ?—Yes.

15,627. What made you go to him ?—Because he said he would give it.

15,628. Did you know he was the paymaster on that occasion ?—I do not think there was any money spent on the Conservative side ; at least I had to go to London about the affair.

15,629. Walters was unseated ?—He was.

15,630. Now we will go to 1860, Walker and Gridley ?—Yes.

15,631. How much money passed through your hands ?—50*l.* I got.

15,632. Through Mr. Walker ?—I got it from Jacolina Wilkin.

15,633. On behalf, I believe, of Mr. Walker ?—Yes.

15,634. Where is he ?—He is dead.

15,635. Was he a man well known at that time ?—He was.

15,636. On behalf of Mr. Walker ?—Yes.

15,637. Where is Mr. Walker now ?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

15,638. I mean where does he live ?—I do not know. I saw him here at the agricultural show.

15,639. How did you distribute that ?—Amongst the voters, to about 25.

15,640. Will you give us the names ?—I cannot ; I gave the names to them at the time.

15,641. To whom ?—To Wilkin.

15,642. That is no use ?—Well, I cannot help it.

15,643. Did you give the names to anybody else ?—No, I have given a written paper to him of the money I had paid.

16,544. Did you keep a copy of it ?—No.

15,645. It occurs often to me, I find, if I write anything down, it is a great assistance, and I remember it afterwards better, though I may perhaps never look at the paper again. Does that not occur to you ?—I cannot say ; I had no idea of keeping such a thing as that.

15,646. Do you not remember writing it down ? Do you not remember the names of your townsmen ?—No.

15,647. Now referring to dead men is nothing. Look at the position you are in ; you had 50*l.* in your hands to distribute amongst your own townsmen, and you will not give me the names of anyone. Suppose I were to believe that you never paid a farthing of that. Referring me to a dead man is useless ?—You have asked me to speak the truth.

15,648. Certainly, and I am only telling you for your own credit. Cannot you give me the names of any one of these 25 townsmen of yours ?—If I had the poll book before me I perhaps might.

15,649. Then the poll book shall be before you. The poll book shall be put into your hands by-and-by.

You cannot remember the names of anyone?—I cannot.

15,650. Now that is the last election till we get to 1865. Now we are getting on fresh ground. In 1865 you took an active part in the election?—On the election day.

15,651. What money passed through your hands then?—Perhaps 60*l.* or 70*l.*; I could not tell.

15,652. From 60*l.* to 70*l.*? Do you think nothing of money here? I think a good deal of 10*l.* myself?—So I do, if it is my own.

15,653. Well, we will take it at 70*l.*; from whom?—I received 40*l.* from Mr. Robert Oxley in the morning, and afterwards I received 30*l.* from Mr. Lowther during the day.

15,654. Did you know from Oxley where he got the money?—I did not.

15,655. Did you know from Lowther?—No.

15,656. Did they come down to your shop? What are you?—I keep a flower shop.

15,657. Did they come down to your shop?—No. I live close handy to Mr. Oxley, and I went into his room.

15,658. Knowing that he was a man that was likely to have money on that morning?—Yes.

15,659. You had heard that he had had money?—No.

15,660. Well, but he paid you 40*l.*?—He gave me 40*l.*

15,661. And where did you meet Mr. Lowther?—In the market place.

15,662. Accidentally, of course?—Accidentally.

15,663. And he handed you over 30*l.*?—Perhaps you will allow me to qualify that; Mr. Oxley told me if I wanted any more money I was to go to Mr. Lowther.

15,664. Now what was the rate that you paid at?—2*l.* a man.

15,665. That would give you 35. Now will you tell us the names? How many of these names do you remember?—I gave the account to Mr. Lowther.

15,666. Then Mr. Lowther must produce it?—I gave it to him the day after the election.

15,667. Then Mr. Lowther must have another summons?—In Mr. Oxley's room I gave it to him.

15,668. You had written it out?—I had.

15,669. Apart from that, will you give us the names?—I cannot remember many; there are a few.

15,670. I do not really suppose you would recollect them all?—There are several names that you have had before you, and they have spoken the truth.

15,671. Do you remember any other names?—A person of the name of John Hall and two or three Griffins.

15,672. These men have not been up before us?—Not that I am aware of. Charles Griffin and Thomas Griffin I recollect them very well, and men of that class; and Foster, you have had him up before you, and Rippon.

15,673. In Mr. Oxley's room you gave the account to Mr. Lowther?—I did.

15,674. A detailed account of all?—A detailed account of the money I spent, and who I gave it to.

15,675. Did Mr. Lowther ask for the account?—He did.

15,676. Did Mr. Lowther say to you that he would have to show the persons who he paid the money to?—He did not make that remark. I gave it to him to satisfy myself, to show them that I had paid the money.

15,677. You canvassed yourself, I suppose?—Never in my life.

15,678. To ask men for their vote is no harm?—I never did.

15,679. Where is Mr. Oxley?—He is dead; Robert Oxley is dead.

15,680. Who was the conducting agent of the party at the election of Sykes and Edwards?—Mr. Bainton was the solicitor.

15,681. Now we will come down to 1868; you took an active part in that election?—I voted at it.

15,682. You voted for Edwards and Kennard?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

15,683. And took an active part?—No; took no active part beyond voting on the day of election.

15,684. And supporting the candidates in every way?—I never canvassed with them at all; I was never with them; I supported them all I could.

15,685. Spoke in their behalf?—No, not spoke in their behalf.

15,686. I do not mean in public you know. No money passed through your hands at that election?—Not a farthing.

15,687. Not a farthing after the 2d of November. Do not say not a farthing; some money passed through your hand on the 2d of November?—You mean on the council choosing.

15,688. Never mind about council choosing; some money passed through your hand on the 2d of November?—Not on the election.

15,689. On the 2d of November?—I do not know what you are alluding to.

15,690. Do you recollect the 2d of November?—I do.

15,691. Did money pass through your hands on that day?—It did.

15,692. How much?—100*l.*

15,693. Heavy?—Rather.

15,694. From whom did you get the 100*l.*—Francis Burrell.

15,695. Burrell shared with you?—I do not know whether he shared with me, but he gave me 100*l.*

15,696. Where were you to take action with the 100*l.*?—At Mr. Paget's shop.

15,697. I think you had a book with you?—I had.

15,698. I should like very much to see that book? I will show it you (*handing up the same*); that is the only book I had.

15,699. What is plus; there is a sign of a cross, what does that mean?—Those that have been bribed, but not by me; where you find a straight mark, there you find I paid the money.

15,700. Where it is ticked off with a straight mark you paid the money?—Yes.

15,701. I suppose we shall find them all ticked off?—Yes.

15,702. What was the average?—From 1*l.* to 10*s.*

15,703. Did you ever account to Burrell for that 100*l.*; did you show Burrell that book?—I did not; he has not seen it.

15,704. Why you had to account for the 100*l.*; to whom did you show that book?—None but myself.

15,705. Did not anyone call you to account for that 100*l.*?—They asked me if I could account for the money; I said, yes, any day they liked; I have never been called to account yet.

15,706. You told Norfolk that?—I never told him anything.

15,707. Do not be astonished at my asking you; did you tell Wreghitt?—Wreghitt?

15,708. Do not be indignant; you know now where the money came from?—I am sure I do not know; I know through this court that Burrell got it from Norfolk; I know now.

15,709. To whom did you say you were ready to account any day?—To Burrell.

15,710. And Burrell never called upon you for an account?—He did not.

15,711. What time did you cease paying on that day?—Perhaps half-past two.

15,712. You knew, I suppose, at one o'clock that the game was up with the Liberals?—Yes.

15,713. But you were determined to show them that it was no use their entering into any contest in Beverley?—My instruction from Burrell was to pay on.

ELEVENTH DAY.

D. Nutchey.

4 Sept. 1869.

15,714. To pay on after one o'clock ?—Yes.

15,715. He gave you that instruction to pay on after one o'clock ?—Yes.

15,716. I suppose you told him, as a prudent man, why there is no necessity to pay any more, we have won now ?—I did.

15,717. And Burrell said, "Pay on" ?—He did.

15,718. Did not that strike you as very strange, you having effected the object you had the money for, that he should say to you, "Pay on ?"—Well, it did.

15,719. Now you are giving your evidence very creditably. Did it not strike you that that had reference to the coming election ?—It did not at the time, but I believe it has since.

15,720. Eh ?—I believe it had an influence upon the election. You will perhaps allow me to say a word.

15,721. Certainly. I have no other question to ask you.

15,722. (*Witness.*) You have had a person by the name of Browsho before you. I believe you will find him in that book of mine, that he was paid through me.

15,723. Everything that he had ?—Yes, you will find him there.

15,724. I understand, all that passed through Browsho is in this book ?—Yes. I believe Browsho spoke the truth. What money Browsho got he got through me, and I believe you will find it all in that book.

15,725. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am glad you have made that explanation. Browsho need not remain.

15,726. (*Browsho.*) Mr. Nutchey told me this morning of these crosses. I paid them, and he made the straight marks.

15,727. It is quite sufficient ?—I could not remember.

15,728. It is quite sufficient. You are released, Mr. Browsho.

Mr. W. M. Watson.

Mr. William Marwood Watson called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

15,729. You are an auctioneer ?—Yes.

15,730. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

15,731. How long have you been a freeman ?—I think from the year 1858.

15,732. I take you now to the last municipal election ; what money did you receive for the purpose of the municipal election of 1868 ?—I believe 270*l.*

15,733. From whom did you receive it ?—From Mr. Lowther.

15,734. All from Mr. Lowther ? — Yes, every farthing.

15,735. You received it in the several payments that Mr. Lowther has mentioned to us ?—Yes.

15,736. Then I will not ask you further about them. Do you remember the period at which you received the first payment from him ?—I believe it would be about half-past nine.

15,737. And the last, at what time ?—Perhaps one o'clock.

15,738. Now we know generally the way you disposed of it ; you sat in a room at the "Golden Ball" ?—Yes, I did.

15,739. Were you out of that room any part of the day ?—No.

15,740. Just explain to us, first of all, the means you adopted to pay away this money ? — That I adopted ?

15,741. Yes ?—I had a book of my own in my pocket.

15,742. Not in your pocket, I presume ?—Of course it was on the table at the time, and I put down the names of voters as they came, as the runners brought them to me.

15,743. You put down the names of voters as the runners brought them ?—Yes, as the runners brought them.

15,744. Have you got that book ?—No.

15,745. What have you done with it ?—I was not called before Baron Martin, and considering that the matter was then at an end I gave it to Mr. Burrell, who asked for it.

15,746. You had that book at the time of Baron Martin's inquiry here ?—Yes, I had.

15,747. Did you read Baron Martin's report ?—Baron Martin's report was afterwards, I believe.

15,748. But I suppose it was printed at the time in the local newspapers ?—I do not think I ever read it.

15,749. Do you know that Baron Martin said that he should make a report to the House of Commons that corrupt practices had extensively prevailed, and that in fact he should recommend that a commission should issue ?—No, I do not remember.

15,750. Well, now, were you ever asked by any person to show that book ?—Only by Mr. Burrell.

15,751. Except by Mr. Burrell ?—No, not at any time, except by Mr. Burrell.

15,752. In other words, were you ever asked to account for the money spent ?—No, not by anyone.

15,753. Did not you account to Mr. Lowther ?—No, I did not.

15,754. Could you tell us now how many persons you paid ?—I should think 200.

15,755. I should suppose more ?—Well, to the best of my knowledge.

15,756. About what sums did you pay ?—Commencing at 15*s.*, and then 17*s.* 6*d.*, and then I think it came down to 10*s.*, perhaps.

15,757. Then, later in the day, you only paid 10*s.* ? —Yes.

15,758. But that would not account for 270*l.* ?—It might in some cases be 1*l.* given.

15,759. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you give 1*l.* ? —Yes, I did, in some cases.

15,760. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That still leaves a very great deficiency ?—That I cannot account for. There must have been more men, that is all.

15,761. But you had a book in which these things were entered ?—Yes, I had.

15,762. As Serjeant O'Brien just said, writing in a book assists the memory. Although you do not use the book, cannot you remember the number ?—There would be a very large number. If it had been 20 or 30 I should remember.

15,763. We take it that the sums you paid away, 10*s.*, 15*s.*, 17*s.* 6*d.*, and 1*l.*, exhausted the sum of 270*l.* ?—Yes, it did.

15,764. Then we may form our own judgment as to the number of persons paid ?—Yes.

15,765. I fear it would be hopeless to ask you for their names ?—Well, I am sure I cannot remember them now.

15,766. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you all down in Burrell's book ?—Yes. No, they were not all down, because the rush was so extreme at one time that I could not get on with them.

15,767. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who authorized you to pay these sums ?—Mr. Lowther.

15,768. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Which ward ?—The Minster Ward.

15,769. Mr. Lowther was candidate there ?—Yes, he was.

15,770. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did Mr. Lowther direct you to take the course you did ?—I was at the "White Horse" on Saturday night, and he asked me if I would assist him on the election day. I expected, in fact I was promised that I was to be poll clerk.

15,771. It was promised you then that you should be poll clerk ?—Yes.

15,772. Was the subject of the election spoken of then, at this meeting at the "White Horse"?—It was not a meeting ; it was the general company.

15,773. The general company in what room in the "White Horse"?—It was not the ordinary bar. It being the market day the bar was full. Anyone could walk into the room.

15,774. The general company being in a private room ; is that so?—Well, it is a market room, a dining room.

15,775. In the dining room the general company was talking over the ensuing municipal election?—Yes.

15,776. Was anything said of the detail of the election ?—No.

15,777. Well, something must have been said, because there must have been some conversation about your being poll clerk ?—Yes. Mr. Lowther came from his side to me, and asked me, and I said yes, I had no objection. He afterwards came, and he said, "If our friends commence their old game we must "do the same."

15,778. I leave this election, and I will go to the previous ones. Did you vote in 1868 ?—Yes, I believe I did in 1868. Oh, yes, I did.

15,779. You voted, I suppose, for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes, I did.

15,780. I take that for granted ?—No, I did not ; with submission I beg to say that I did not.

15,781. For whom did you vote?—Not at all.

15,782. May I ask your reasons for not voting ?—Because I was engaged at the election.

15,783. In 1865 you voted for Edwards and Sykes? —Yes, I did.

15,784. Did any money pass through your hands at that election ?—Not a farthing.

15,785. I ask you generally, have you ever spent any money in previous elections ?—Not a penny.

15,786. Have you ever received money in any previous election ?—Never, except for my engagement as poll clerk.

15,787. You have generally acted as poll clerk?— —Yes.

15,788. Now then, in council-choosing elections, have you been engaged in those ?—Never at all ; being in the town clerk's office I have abstained from it altogether. I was in Mr. Crust's office up to a year or two ago.

15,789. Then this was the first municipal election in which you were engaged?—Yes, the only election.

15,790. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Being in the town clerk's office, you very properly abstained while you were there ?—Yes.

15,791. I suppose, in reality, when you were spoken to at first, you did not expect to be made a tool of to pass money ; you did not expect to be employed in any way ?—My first impression was that I was to be a poll clerk to take the poll. I wanted the engagement; being a young man commencing business I wanted the engagement.

15,792. What is the last time you paid?—Well, I sent a runner out about two o'clock. All my money was gone, and I said, "Tell me the state of the poll." He came back with a card with the numbers upon it, and I said, "It is no use to pay any more," and I lit a cigar to get rid of the perfume.

15,793. You were then almost three to one ?—Well, we were a great majority.

15,794. How much of the money remained in your hands ?—A threepenny piece and some copper.

15,795. That was all?—Yes.

15,796. It was time for you to stop then?—Yes.

15,797. Very well. I hope we shall be able to have that book ?—I may mention that Mr. Burrell told me afterwards that he burnt it a day or two afterwards; but I fully expected when the inquiry before Baron Martin was concluded that I had done with the thing altogether.

15,798. Burrell told you he had burnt the book ?— Yes.

15,799. That is ugly. You are a man of some experience, and must know that a man spending 270*l.* upon one occasion——?—I am totally inexperienced in election matters. I lived in the town of Hull until a short time ago, and I had nothing to do with them.

15,800. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were to be poll clerk in an official capacity, and not for either of the candidates ?—That is what I expected.

15,801. Do you mean for either of the candidates, or in an official capacity ?—For taking the poll.

15,802. Not a check clerk for a candidate ?—Yes.

15,803. For one of the candidates?—Yes.

15,804. For which of the candidates were you to be employed?—At the municipal for the three.

15,805. Do you mean a poll clerk at the parliamentary election ?—At the municipal, sir.

15,806. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And you did act as poll clerk at the parliamentary ?—As booth agent.

15,807. And then very properly you did not vote under the direction of the last Act of Parliament?— And I did not vote at the county either on the same grounds.

15,808. If a poll book was put in your hands of the burgesses of that ward do you think you could run your eye over some of them and mark them out ? We will give you till Monday. Will you try and do it, because we have every reliance in you?—It is almost an impossibility, as the people were rushing up in such a crowd.

15,809. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) If you had a printed list could not you do it ?—I remember putting in one case, "Turner, for four," so much, in my book, and it was all we could do to keep them from breaking the door.

(*The witness withdrew, and shortly afterwards returned and said*) May I be allowed to correct a statement I made in my evidence ; it was 170*l.* that I had, not 270*l.*

Adjourned to Monday at 12 o'clock.

TWELFTH DAY.

6th September 1869.

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Mr. J. Hind.

6 Sept. 1869.

Mr. JOSEPH HIND sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner,

15,810. You will have to appear again before us. We are only going to inquire on the present occasion as to the part you took on the last election, municipal or otherwise. What are you ?—I am deputy registrar of deeds for the East Riding.

15,811. Are you a solicitor ?—No, I am not a solicitor.

15,812. How long have you filled the office ?—I have been in the office since 1831. I have been deputy registrar since 1845.

15,813. I believe you took considerable interest and part in some elections that took place for this borough ?—I have at different times.

15,814. At what period did you commence taking an active part in the elections ?—I may say from the passing of the Municipal Act.

15,815. That will be in 1838 ?—1837 or 1838.

15,816. Have you been a town councillor yourself ? I was elected a town councillor in 1846, and four times after that re-elected.

15,817. How long did you continue in the office of town councillor ?—I remained in the office till 1862.

15,818. Then do I understand you were town councillor from 1846 till 1862 ?—Yes, saving one year.

15,819. During that time were there close contests. Was the office closely contested ?—Sometimes, prior to 1857. There were three or four times that there were close contests.

15,820. I am merely now confining myself to the municipal. Was money spent on both sides for the purchase of votes up to 1857 ?—Only on two or three occasions. I may explain the first time that I was elected there was no contest at all.

15,821. Up to 1857 there were three or four sharp contests, and at those contests money was paid ?—Small sums of money.

15,822. We have heard in the course of this inquiry there were several witnesses paid at one particular election ; they received sums of 10*s.*, and some 15*s.*, and I believe one said as far as 1*l.* Do you remember that ?—Do you mean prior to 1857 ?

15,823. No, about 10 or 11 years ago ?—I think that was 1857. That was the first time that ever I heard of 10*s.* being given.

15,824. That was the first time you heard so large a sum given, about 1857 ?—Yes.

15,825. Now I will bring you down from that to the present time. Have there been many contests for the office of town councillor ?—In 1858 I think there was a contest. In 1859 I was a candidate on that occasion, and we did not spend one farthing, not on the Liberal side.

15,826. What I want are elections where money was spent ?—Then in 1860 I think there would be money spent on both sides, and from that time down to 1867 I am not aware of any expenditure myself.

15,827. You were out of the town council in 1862 ?—I went out in 1862.

15,828. Did you yourself from the time you ceased to be a town councillor take any interest in the election of town councillors ?—When there was a contest I always looked on, I took an interest in it.

15,829. Were you at all the paymaster on any of these occasions ?—Never except as you will hear by-and-by on the last occasion.

15,830. In 1866 we know the Conservatives were returned by a large majority, but in consequence of some discrepancy in the nomination they were supplanted ?—It was so.

15,831. Now I will bring you down to the election of 1868, was that a severe contest ?—At that election I do not consider that it was a severe contest at all on the part of the Liberals. They really did not enter into it, not in the way of a contest. There had been several meetings held in the Mechanics' Hall, at which resolutions were passed and resolutions made in which the Liberal party said they would not resort to any corrupt practices at the municipal or parliamentary election, and the last meeting was held on Saturday evening. It was a matter of notoriety.

15,832. You were not a candidate ?—I had been nominated previously.

15,833. Will you tell me for what ward ?—St. Mary's Ward.

15,834. Who were your colleagues on the Liberal side ?—Mr. Westerby and Dr. Brereton.

15,835. And who were your colleagues, if I may say so, for the Liberal side in the Minster Ward ?—Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Whitton, and Mr. Pottage.

15,836. Had anybody else any meeting before the Monday morning before you commenced ?—No meeting whatever.

15,837. Who is the leading Liberal here ?—I suppose Mr. Boyes would be considered one and I should be considered the other, at least our Conservative friends say so.

15,838. I suppose you saw Mr. Boyes previous to the election ?—I saw Mr. Boyes on Saturday evening.

15,839. And then I think there was some arrangement about money ?—There was no arrangement, I did not want it.

15,840. Did Mr. Boyes propose any money ?—No.

15,841. Was there no subscription raised among the Liberal party, or anything said about money ?—No, not that I am aware of.

15,842. Can you tell me ; we have it from several that there were sums of money subscribed in St. Mary's, and large sums of money ?—I can explain how it occurred in St. Mary's Ward.

15,843. Well do you know anything about the other ward ?—No.

15,844. Were you the paymaster ?—I am not aware of anyone else advancing any money in St. Mary's ward except myself.

15,845. Where did you get the money you commenced with ?—It was my own money.

15,846. Had you no communication with anybody about spending money on Monday morning ?—None whatever ; I will explain how we came to advance money.

15,847. I will offer you a means of explanation. Had you any letters from York on Monday morning ?—No.

15,848. Are you sure ?—Certain.

15,849. When did young Mr. Leeman come down here. He had been down before the municipal election ?—I think not, I am not sure, but I think not.

15,850. He was here after the municipal election. The candidates were here then ?—The candidates came to speak on the Friday. There was nothing done.

15,851. They had a meeting ?—Yes.

15,852. Was not young Mr. Leeman there then ?—I am not aware that he was.

15,853. Do you know that the solicitors of the candidates were in York ?—I know that Mr. Trollope and Mr. Maxwell had arranged with Mr. Leeman, of York, to be their private solicitor.

15,854. No, they were the solicitors for the purpose

of conducting the election?—No; my son was the agent for the purpose of conducting the election, and did all the business connected with the parliamentary election.

15,855. But did it under their instructions?—No, they sent him a cheque some time afterwards at the time that he required it for the purpose of paying the expenses, nothing else; there is a mistake about that on the part of Mr. Trollope.

15,856. Do not let us get into mistakes again?—That is the reason why I want to put you right.

15,857. Not me right?—No, Mr. Trollope.

15,858. He stated that he and Lord Herries had an interview with Mr. Leeman, at York, which, as a matter of course, they told him that nothing but the most legitimate course would be pursued, and then he sent a cheque. You heard that?—I heard Mr. Trollope say that.

15,859. Is that so?—I was not aware exactly at that time that he paid the money till I heard Mr. Trollope state so myself.

15,860. If your son got any money he must have got it from Mr. Leeman?—He got it from Mr. Leeman.

15,861. Do you know as a matter of fact when he got any money, your son?—Yes, I know about the time he got the money perfectly well. It was at the time after he got the election bills in; he sent him a cheque to pay them, it was the 9th or 10th of December, the first sum that he received.

15,862. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Of December?—I think it was, I cannot say to a day, but I merely speak as to the time the accounts were sent in.

15,863. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was it arranged that Mr. Hind, jun., upon that Friday when they were here, Friday, the 30th of October, I like to be particular—had you seen the candidates yourself?—I merely saw them in the room they were speaking in; I had no private conversation with them.

15,864. Besides merely seeing them?—Yes, the same as anyone else.

15,865. Had you known at that time that your son was to be the local conducting agent under Mr. Leeman?—Yes, that was arranged at the quarter sessions before that period.

15,866. That would be——?—In October, the 17th or 18th.

15,867. Who was at the quarter sessions?—Mr. Leeman.

15,868. Is he clerk of the peace?—Yes.

15,869. Was he here himself?—Yes, he was here himself.

15,870. And then it was arranged that your son was to conduct the election as local agent under Mr. Leeman?—Yes.

15,871. Can you tell me what monies you paid out that morning?—On the morning of the municipal Mr. Vickers called on me at 7 o'clock.

15,872. First tell me the amount?—It was 20*l.* I paid, and 5*l.* afterwards.

15,873. 25*l.* You paid sums as high as 1*l.*?—I knew nothing about that till after what sums had been paid.

15,874. To whom did you pay the 25*l.*?—Mr. Vickers called upon me, and he said that he had heard that the other party intended to begin with 1*l.* a man. I said, Well we had no funds for the purpose of paying them at all, it was not our intention to pay voters.

15,875. Never mind that, I do not care about intentions at all?—Well, I said, if you will come in and see me about 9 o'clock I will consider the matter over in the meantime, and I said, I think I see in this proceeding the groundwork for a petition. He called on me at 9 o'clock, accompanied by Thomas Green, and I gave him 10*l.*

15,876. You had known that Mr. Vickers had been formerly engaged by the Conservative party?—I knew that perfectly well.

15,877. How long had he been engaged for the Conservative party; it may be an invidious question to ask him?—I am not aware myself, but he was not engaged after the election of 1862 or 1863, I think. He was not engaged in 1865.

15,878. Then you gave him money?—I gave Green 10*l.*, and I gave Vickers 10*l.*

15,879. We have heard of Mr. Green. He was not a candidate?—He was not a candidate.

15,880. You say that you thought the expenditure would enable you to pursue a petition. If you had that in your mind, will you explain to me how you reconcile it with the fact that you gave these men 10*l.* each?—I reconcile it in this way, I knew very well that it was not possible that we could carry on a contest with money; but I thought if they should begin with 1*l.* a man, if they got started they would be compelled to go through with it, but if they stopped any period of the day the result of it would have been that they would have lost their votes, and the Liberals would be returned, and then, on the other hand, if they continued paying, we could not see how it could be disconnected with the parliamentary.

15,881. Then as I understand it was a blind. I only wish to understand that?—It was a blind entirely.

15,882. Your son being a solicitor, and you not being a professional man, you consulted your son on the subject, did you?—No.

15,883. Did you not consider it necessary to consult your son on the matter?—No, I did not indeed.

15,884. You saw your son that evening?—On the Monday evening, yes, I saw him on Monday at noon.

15,885. And you told him, I apprehend?—I told him on Monday to look after the voting slips.

15,886. You told him that you had expended 20*l.*?—No, I did not.

15,887. Just recollect yourself?—I am quite certain of that. I am certain I never said one word to him about any money, and further than that I am certain he did not know till after.

15,888. When did you pay the other 5*l.*?—Some few days after Mr. Vickers was with me, and I said, How much did you spend altogether, and he said, Well, I think 5*l.* will do all.

15,889. In addition to the 10*l.*?—In addition to the 10*l.*

15,890. That would make 25*l.*?—Yes.

15,891. You did not get the names of any of the men?—No, I did not inquire at all, it was not my object.

15,892. Maxwell and Trollope had been in the town on the Friday, and did they come in on the Saturday?—They were in the town on the Friday, and they left on the Saturday morning. I think Mr. Maxwell went to Everingham, and Mr. Trollope went to London, and they stayed away till the Tuesday evening following.

15,893. But it was known in the town very early that the Liberals were bribing?—It would be known because there were certain parties running about and taking up voters. It would be understood that some little was going on, but very little.

15,894. We heard from Mr. Trollope that he heard that irregularities were going on?—He would hear that on Tuesday, he would hear it at a public meeting when it was brought forth.

15,895. It was known by all the candidates?—I think there cannot be the least doubt about it. I think merely from that circumstance it would be obliged to be. I do not know that anybody would be in Beverley and not know it. It was called out at a public meeting, it was too notorious.

15,896. Were you examined before Mr. Baron Martin?—No.

15,897. That is a considerable sum, how do you expect to be repaid? You have not been, I suppose?—No.

15,898. Have you sent an account to anybody?—No.

15,899. I suppose Mr. Trollope and Mr. Maxwell are aware that you gave the 25*l.*?—No, they could not be aware till just now. In fact I never named it

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to a soul except Mr. Green and Mr. Vickers; I do not know that anybody else did know, in fact I am quite certain they did not.

15,900. Can you give us any additional names to those that have been mentioned as being bribed?—I do not know any myself. I told Mr. Green and Mr. Vickers to make out as full a list as they can, which they have promised me to make out. There cannot be very many, because I do not think there are more than 50 that could be bribed.

15,901. Did you give them any directions?—Not the least, I left it with Mr. Vickers, he understanding what my object was.

15,902. I do not want to hear that. You do not know the paymaster in the Minster Ward?—No.

15,903. You heard money was expended there?—Yes, on the part of the Liberals there had been given small sums.

15,904. Where was the Liberal committee room?—Properly speaking there was no committee room.

15,905. The head quarters?—The candidates, one stayed at the Holderness, and the other at Mr. Boyes', the "Angel" inn. All the business was done at my son's office.

15,906. What time do you say the Liberals had given up?—I went into the square about half-past 10, prior to that I had been looking at the slips to see how the poll stood, and then I found a great disparity, and I said, Now, gentlemen, it is no use going on with this, it is impossible to do anything in any way, consequently the best way is to retire, and then all the candidates left the place. On the Saturday night at the meeting it was agreed that a number of men should assist in canvassing. As soon as that determination was come to they all left the square.

15,907. How was it that you did not announce it, did not publish a placard of the fact?—In municipal elections you cannot close a poll while individuals will go up to vote. It did not strike me at the time at all, but I wish I had done so.

15,908. Were you a pasture master?—No, but I can give you some information about all those elections.

15,909. I know you can, and we will have it, but I think not now. We must ask you to be here again?—Certainly.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

15,910. In 1857 large sums were given in the municipal elections?—Yes.

15,911. On both sides?—On our side we did not give more than 5*s.*, that I am quite certain.

15,912. You have heard several witnesses say one was John Westerby?—I think it was a year or two before, and there was a close contest in St. Mary's Ward, and I remember John Westerby told me of three men, all of them Conservatives, he paid them 1*l.* apiece, but I never heard, excepting this instance, such a sum was ever known.

15,913. What year do you think that was?—I think 1856 or 1855 1856; I think there was rather a close contest in St. Mary's Ward. If I had known I was going to be called I would have had my papers with me. I think it was on that occasion that the 1*l.* was paid, I remember his stating that.

15,914. Do you know practically anything of that election further than what you heard from Westerby?—Not at all.

15,915. Can you not tell us of the sum?—I have a general knowledge. I should think up to that time they would not be spending more than 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.* or 2*s.* 6*d.* a man at the most.

15,916. What was the gross sum in 1856?—Since that election I do not think large sums were spent on both sides, excepting the exceptional cases which have been named.

15,917. My question was, can you tell us what was spent?—I can only speak of the Liberal party. I never heard of the Liberal party spending more than 50*l.*, and I should think in the St. Mary's Ward not 20*l.* It was very rare indeed that we succeeded in St. Mary's Ward after a certain period.

15,918. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is St. Mary's Ward Conservative?—We have always considered that was more Conservative; the other was considered the Liberal ward.

15,919. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There was a contest, I believe, in St. Mary's Ward in 1867?—Yes, there was.

15,920. Was that a close one?—That ran very close, but there was little or no money spent on either side; that is my answer to St. Mary's Ward in 1867. That was the time when Mr. Wreghitt merely won his election by seven.

15,921. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is Mr. Wreghitt a town councillor?—Yes.

15,922. He is now?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

15,923. I understood you to say that the 25*l.* was given by you as a blind?—Yes.

15,924. In the idea that the Conservatives would continue to pay sums of money for municipal voters with a view to influence the parliamentary election?—Yes, that was my impression at the time.

15,925. Have you ever known, as far as your knowledge goes, of a similar device having been practised by either party on former occasions of money being spent at municipal elections to influence the parliamentary?—No; when they found that the contest was hopeless they generally ceased paying money. The party that was safe obviously would not spend money, and the other party used to retire, and so give up paying money. They might have treated a little, but they would not give money after the election was won. Such a thing was never known before, never.

The witness withdrew.

W. Pottage

William Pottage sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

15,926. What are you?—A chemist.

15,927. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

15,928. How long have you been a freeman?—I have been a freeman for 26 years.

15,929. Have you ever been a member of the town council?—No.

15,930. I think you were a candidate at two elections of the Minster Ward?—Yes, I was.

15,931. What money had you for the purposes of those elections?—I had no money but my own.

15,932. How much of your own money did you spend?—10*s.* as near as I can tell.

15,933. Do you mean you received no money at all for the purposes of the election?—No.

15,934. Was no one bribed in your shop?—No.

15,935. What did you do with the 10*s.* you spent then?—I gave the 10*s.* to Edward Hepworth. He came to me in the shop; he said he came from Pocklington, had been obliged to stay, and wanted 10*s.* for his expenses.

15,936. You gave it him?—Yes, for his expenses.

15,937. And he was a voter in your interest?—Yes.

15,938. Is that the only money that was spent by you, or that you know of on your side, at the last municipal election?—I gave Robson, a man who works for me, 1*s.*; it was after 8 o'clock at night, and it was not given to him for municipal purposes at all.

15,939. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Then you need not mention

it.—It has been said, I believe, by Robson that I gave 10*s.*, but I never saw him on the day he stated; it has been said——

15,940. You paid Stephenson ?—I did.

15,941. Is that 10*s.* the only money you ever spent on your side for the purpose of this election ?—Yes, as far as I have been concerned.

15,942. The only money you knew paid on your side for the purposes of the municipal election ?—It is, as far as I have been concerned.

15,943. The only money paid on your side for the purpose of the municipal election ?—Yes, by me. I do not know of any more money being spent; I was only there for an hour and a half. My duty was to get men to look up the lists; I was to get them to take up the lists.

15,944. Did you see anyone paid ?—No, I did not; not personally.

15,945. Do you know personally, or otherwise, of any money being paid on your side at the last municipal election ?—No. I know it is reported they were paid.

15,946. Do you know of any money received by any person on your side for the purpose of the last municipal election ?—No, I do not. I tell you I never aspired to be a town councillor at all, and it was with the greatest reluctance I became——

15,947. Never mind that; but you did put up for a town councillor, you became a candidate ?—Yes. The first election I voted at was, I think, Lawley and Wells.

15,948. Was money going at that election ?—I should say it was, but I do not know myself. I never took any considerable part in parliamentary or municipal elections, and I was only engaged about an hour and a half at the last municipal election.

15,949. You voted for Lawley and Wells in 1852 ?—Yes.

15,950. Did you make any payments then ?—No.

15,951. I think you have generally voted on the Liberal side ?—I have. I have voted at every parliamentary election except that of Gordon and Hastings, and I did not vote then.

15,952. Did you ever receive any money ?—No.

15,953. Or give any ?—No, nor took any, or taken any active part in it.

15,954. I cannot refer to my note at this moment, but I think there were three names referred as having received money from you—Robson, Stephenson, and Hepworth ?—Yes; Hepworth came to me and stated he had come from Pocklington on the Saturday, that he stayed Sunday, and he had to go back, and I gave him 10*s.* That is the only one I ever did pay. I have thought of and studied this matter over, and I know I never did pay but that 10*s.* I have been very careful. As to the 10*s.*, it was my own money. Of course I should not ask anybody for 10*s.*

15,955. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who acted for the Minster Ward ?—Mr. Elwell. I am not certain whether he was acting for any other ward or the other ward. I only went out that morning about half-past 8, and was away about an hour and a half. My duty was to seek men to get up the lists.

15,956. Mr. Elwell was in the road ?—No, I was busy walking about to meet with people who would take up the lists, and they were difficult to find; they were very lax in taking them. It was about 20 minutes past 10. I got home, I should think, at 11 that morning, and I never was out of my place that afternoon; I was not out after that.

15,957. Was Bird out active that morning ?—I should see him, no doubt, but I should not have anything to do with him.

15,958. My question was, was he active ?—I saw him that day I think in the square.

15,959. You saw him acting ?—I saw him looking about; I saw the man looking about.

15,960. Looking about for voters ?—Of course he was, but it was not by me or anybody else I knew.

15,961. You knew Wallis ?—Yes.

15,962. Did you see him ?—I did not see him, but heard he had been there.

15,963. Supposing they had money, do you know where it would come from ?—It is impossible to say or know where they got the money. I was newly dragged into it, though, I can assure you, I had plenty of grounds to mind my own shop. I only spent an hour and a half assisting them. I did not want to mix myself up with it. I was summoned to lots of meetings.

15,964. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I see you supported Mr. Keane when he was here ?—Yes, I did; I am a Liberal, and I am proud to say so.

15,965. Were you on his committee ?—I was on the committee the last election.

15,966. On Mr. Keane's ?—No.

15,967. I am asking about Mr. Keane's election ?—I had nothing to do with Mr. Keane. I went up and voted, and came straight home.

15,968. You knew money was going then; it was notorious ?—Yes, certainly; it was currently reported such was the fact. I did not see it. I was not a party who looked after the money, and, of course, I did not see.

15,969. You were one of the committee on the Liberal side at the last election ?—Yes.

15,970. When was your name put on the committee ?—I cannot tell. I only attended one meeting; it was the one held on the Friday before the municipal. I was on the committee for electioneering purposes.

15,971. And I daresay you told this man who received this money for his expenses he would have to come in again and vote for the Liberals ?—What man is that ?

15,972. The man you gave the 10*s.* to ?—I never saw the man but the day I have mentioned; I never saw him but one day since.

15,973. When you were paying him for his loss of time it naturally would occur to you he would be wanted for the parliamentary ?—Nothing of the kind; I had nothing to do with the parliamentary.

15,974. You were on the committee for the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

15,975. Did you not speak to him on the subject of the parliamentary ?—No, I never did speak to him.

15,976. And you never told him or expected him to come up for the parliamentary ?—Never; I never had such an idea.

15,977. You meet him as a friend to the cause and you pay him 10*s.* for his expenses; you would naturally look after his vote ?—There is no doubt I should not have given the 10*s.* if he had not been a voter.

15,978–9. It was only a net ?—Well, I never spoke to Hepworth at all about the parliamentary election, and I never did till I heard it now that votes were bought at the municipal election for members. I know I never had anything to do with it before or since.

The witness withdrew.

The Hon. Marmaduke Constable Maxwell sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

Hon. M. C. Maxwell.

15,980. You were a candidate at the last parliamentary election for this borough ?—Yes, I was.

15,981. When did you come down first to the borough ?—We had a meeting here on the Friday previous to the municipal election. I think that was the first time.

15,982. But first of all I will ask you who were your agents for conducting the election ?—Young Mr. Hind.

15,983. Mr. Hind was your agent here ?—Yes.

15,984. Mr. Leeman was the agent at York ?—Yes.

15,985. Mr. Trollope told us of certain arrange-

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ments for the payment of the expenses of the election; what money did you pay?—My father paid the money.

15,986. What sum was it that he paid?—My father paid 300*l.*

15,987. When?—He told me this morning it was paid on the 3rd of November. Messrs. Coutts paid it to Mr. Leeman's account on the 3rd of November.

15,988. What other payments were there?—I think about the end of March he paid 200*l.* more.

15,989. 500*l.* altogether?—500*l.* altogether, but that included some expenses incident to the election afterwards; there was the money for the defence of Mr. Boyes at his trial.

15,990. That was after Baron Martin came?—No, I think just previous. I forget whether it was after or before. I know it was some time in March. Mr. Wilkinson is here, and he has the receipts. It was some time in March, but I do not know the dates. I did not pay anything myself.

15,991. But these sums were paid with your knowledge?—Yes.

15,992. (*Mr. Wilkinson*, solicitor.) The 7th of March they were paid.

15,993. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you the cheques?

15,994. (*Mr. Wilkinson.*) No; but I have here a letter from Lord Herries.

15,995. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You came here on the Friday before the municipal election?—Yes, it was the Friday before the municipal election.

15,996. And you immediately began canvassing?—No, I left the same evening for home.

15,997. Did you not canvass that day?—I do not think I canvassed anybody. I was invited to the Working Men's Association; I spoke there and left Beverley immediately after the meeting.

15,998. When you came here on the Friday the town was occupied with the coming municipal election on Monday?—Yes.

15,999. It may be, too, that your advisers and agents here referred to the coming municipal election, did they not?—Oh yes, they mentioned the subject. I do not know that the agents did, but some of the crowd.

16,000. Did not some of your advisers tell you the municipal election would have great influence on the parliamentary?—They told me the municipal election would have a great deal of influence on the parliamentary election.

16,001. Do you remember anyone in particular who said that?—No; I remember it was the subject of conversation that the municipal election on the following Monday would have an influence on the parliamentary election.

16,002. Knowing that, you took an interest in the municipal election, and was anxious it should be successful to your party?—No doubt.

16,003. Now tell me, did you take any steps to promote the municipal election?—No, I did not.

16,004. You did not take any steps to promote the municipal election, to promote its success of the Liberal candidates, that you swear?—No, I did not; I never took any step whatever.

16,005. You knew it was rumoured money was being spent?—Yes.

16,006. It is matter of notoriety now that money was spent in bribery; how soon after the election were you aware of those practices?—When I came back to Beverley on the Tuesday evening, or the Wednesday morning, I was told the election had been lost by the large sums of money spent by the Conservatives.

16,007. Were you aware at this time that any money had been spent by the Liberals?—I was told in the course of my canvass a little money was spent by the Liberals. I am not sure when I was told it or where.

16,008. Did you make inquiries whether some of it would come out of your pocket?—I am sure not, because I said no money was to be spent in bribery.

16,009. Oh yes, you said so, that is very common?—But I had confidence in Mr. Leeman.

16,010. Yes, but as to the fact; you say, as far as your own knowledge goes no money of yours, no part of your money, was spent at the municipal election?—No.

16,011. Nor has been since?—Nor has been since.

16,012. That you say?—Yes.

16,013. Were you aware of any of your money being spent in illegal practices at the parliamentary election?—No.

16,014. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I do not think you were present at the interview with Mr. Leeman, Lord Herries, and Mr. Trollope; were you present?—Yes, I was present.

16,015. Oh, you were present; he did not mention it in his evidence?—No, I saw he did not mention it in his evidence.

16,016. Was it arranged what sum should be paid Mr. Leeman by the candidates?—I do not think it was arranged there, but Mr. Trollope said he would pay Mr. Leeman whatever my father did.

16,017. It was arranged you should pay equally?—Yes, it was arranged we should pay equally.

16,018. Was the sum mentioned?—I do not think the sum was mentioned; but on returning home my father immediately sent an order for 300*l.*

16,019. And Mr. Trollope sent his cheque for 300*l.*?—Yes.

16,020. That was paid direct to Mr. Leeman; he sent 300*l.* he said?—Yes.

16,021. Have you the letter or banking book?—No.

16,022. You have it not here?—No; but Mr. Wilkinson is here.

16,023. (*Mr. Wilkinson.*) I have my bank book, which shows two sums were paid the 31st of October into our bank at York.

16,024. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That would be on the Saturday?

16,025. (*Mr. Wilkinson.*) Yes. Coutts the 3rd of November. It would go to Coutts to be cashed, and would be cashed about the 3rd of November.

16,026. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Most likely you would pay it into your bankers, and it would go up.

16,027. Tell me, was any account required by you when 200*l.* more was paid in? You know 300*l.* was paid in October, and 200*l.* in March?—Mr. Wilkinson has the accounts.

16,028. You heard here that improper practices were going on, or had been going on?—I understood the 200*l.* was paid in to cover certain expenses of counsel's fees for defending Mr. Boyes on his trial.

16,029. Did you require a detailed account?—Never.

16,030. You paid the 200*l.* and did not require a detailed account?—No.

16,031. I suppose you are aware that paying money which has been improperly spent, though you did not know of it, is equally within the Bribery Act?—Yes.

16,032. You did not examine the accounts?—No, I did not; Leeman and Wilkinson took the entire responsibility.

16,033. They could not relieve you as a candidate from responsibility?

16,034. They did not give you a detailed account?—No.

16,035. And you did not call for it?—No.

16,036. That places you in a very great difficulty if we should discover anything wrong, if anything wrong should come out.

16,037. You paid 200*l.* on the 7th of March?—

There were certain expenses I understood on the petition.

16,038. You have not a detailed account?—I think Mr. Wilkinson has what you want.

16,039. (*Mr. Wilkinson.*) We are prepared to hand in a formal account.

16,041–0. What we want to know, Mr. Maxwell, is this, Was any account given to you or Lord Herries as to how the 200*l.* was paid?—No, not that I know of.

16,042. That is what I wanted. Is Mr. Leeman your private solicitor?—No, Mr. Crust of Beverley.

16,043. Did you apply to him and instruct him to apply to Messrs. Leemans for a detailed account of the expenditure of that 200*l.*?—No.

16,044. How came you to pay a sum of 200*l.* without having an account of its expenditure?—I do not know; I do not remember my father paying it.

16,045. We will take it he did?—I know he did.

16,046. Two five hundreds, that is a thousand pounds?

16,047. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Mr. Trollope said he paid 400*l.*

16,048. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am taking for granted they were equal.

16,049. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The arrangement was you paid equally?—With regard to the election; but there were other expenses. Mr. Trollope paid 400*l.*, and my father 500*l.*

16,050. How do you account for the discrepancy?—There was something extra, something on the petition which Mr. Trollope did not pay.

16,051. (*Mr. Barstow.*) 100*l.* goes a very little way towards the expenses of a petition. Are you aware any portion of the 200*l.* went towards the petition?—I have no account about it.

16,052. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No personal knowledge?—Personally, I always understood it was paid towards the expenses.

16,053. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What induced you to go to Mr. Leeman's at all, your solicitor living at Beverley?—Beverley has not a very good reputation, and we were very anxious to keep as clear as we could from bribery.

16,054. That is the reason you went to Mr. Leeman?—Yes; we thought he had much greater experience, my father and I did.

The witness withdrew.

JOSEPH WILKINSON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Wilkinson.

16,055. You are town clerk of York, and I believe partner with Mr. Leeman?—I am.

16,056. Of the firm of Leeman, Wilkinson, and Leeman?—Yes.

16,057. Had you yourself any communication with Mr. Trollope personally, or Lord Herries or Mr. Maxwell?—I saw Lord Herries at York before the election, but I think I did not see Mr. Trollope until I met him at Beverley.

16,058. Then you had yourself no interview with him on the occasion that Mr. Trollope spoke of, when Mr. Trollope, Lord Herries, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Leeman met; you were not present at that interview?—I think not.

16,059. Can you tell me from your books what day that interview was held?—The interview I think took place at the quarter sessions here; I think Mr. Leeman was attending here.

16,060. Was Mr. Trollope down here then?—Or it may have been in London. I was not present here then.

16,061. I understood it was at York?—I cannot say; I was not present.

16,062. Could not you tell me from your day-book the day?—I have no entry of any meeting.

16,063. You have not looked at your day-book to find it?—I have no entry of that in my day-book.

16,064. Have you looked in your day-book with that view?—No, I have not, for I know there is no entry.

16,065. May I take it, that you have looked and there is no entry of it?—I have not looked, because I know there is no entry of it.

16,066. You know there is no entry of the kind in your book?—Yes.

16,067. On any day that week?—I have no entry whatever of any meeting between Mr. Leeman, Mr. Trollope, Mr. Maxwell, and Lord Herries.

16,068. When did you receive instructions from Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Trollope?—I had an interview at York with Lord Herries, when he said——

16,069. I do not want that. Did you receive your instructions from Mr. Trollope?—Personally I did not.

16,070. Or from Mr. Maxwell?—From Mr. Maxwell and Lord Herries I had personal instructions to attend and watch over their interests.

16,071. Was not young Mr. Leeman down here a good deal?—He was down here attending to the canvass of the two candidates several days.

16,072. He would be down here during the municipal election?—I do not know when first he came; it might be perhaps a day or two before the municipal election.

16,073. What time did you come down?—I think the first time I was here was at a meeting held at the Mechanics' Hall, and then by adjournment at the market place, where the candidates spoke.

16,074. What day?—That would be after the municipal election I think.

16,075. Can you tell me the day?—No; it was the day on which the first meeting was held, in which the candidates made their public appearance.

16,076. That would be on the Friday you were down before the muncipal election?—I was down at that meeting.

16,077. Had you seen Mr. Hind when you were here?—I saw several persons.

16,078. I do not mean as I should see you without speaking?—I know what you mean. I should speak with Mr. Hind and Mr. Crosskill, and many other members of our party.

16,079. In reference to what was coming on?—In reference to the parliamentary election.

16,080. Did you speak to them with reference to the municipal?—Something would be said that there would be money going on the other side at the municipal, but I disclaimed any intention whatever on Mr. Trollope's or Mr. Maxwell's part to spend a single sixpence.

16,081. Did you understand by saying that something was said, that was an intimation to you to advance money for the purposes of the municipal election?—I considered it was a suggestion to me that money would be useful for that purpose. I was not asked.

16,082. I understand of course you never are asked?—Well, I understood the hint, but I did not take it.

16,083. The hint was pointed enough for you to understand it, to call for that answer?—Certainly.

16,084. From whom did that hint come?—I do not know who it came from.

16,085. Who were there?—It were no formal meeting at which this was discussed.

16,086. I want to know who were there when that was said?—I would not undertake to say who were present; it was mentioned by some one, but I stamped it out, and it was never repeated again.

16,087. Was Mr. Hind there?—Very likely.

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16,088. And Mr. Boyes ?—Very likely.

16,089. And Mr. Green ?—I do not know him.

16,090. Were you here on the Monday ?—I think I was only here twice or thrice during the whole of the canvass.

16,091. When did you come down seriously to conduct the business of the election ?—Joseph Leeman was here much more often than I was; we came down in turns to see how things were going on.

16,092. Mr. Leeman, jun. ?—Yes.

16,093. He was more often here than you ?—Yes.

16,094. You came down I suppose the day before the polling ?—I think I was here the day before the polling.

16,095. Mr. Hind, the son of Mr. Hind here, was your legal agent ?—He was the agent appointed in the terms of the Act of Parliament.

16,096. It was necessary for them to appoint an agent; he was the agent appointed in the terms of the Act of Parliament, but you were the conducting agent ?—We were requested to exercise a supervision on the part of Lord Herries and Mr. Trollope.

16,097. Then the accounts here are the accounts sent in by him in the words and within the meaning of the Act of Parliament ?—Yes.

16,098. Of course they were published ?—Yes. Mr. Hind was the agent, and we were simply requested on the part of Lord Herries and Mr. Trollope to superintend.

16,099. You were down on the day of the election; we have looked at the bills here of 481*l.* Have you yourself audited these bills ?—I have been through the bills with Mr. Hind.

16,100. Look at these bills; I think those are the bills. It is 481*l.* something. (*The papers were handed to the witness.*)—These are the bills I went through; it is 488*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*

16,101. Now these are bound to be sent in ?—Yes.

16,102. And they are supposed to include all the expenses of the election, but I see they have not included all the expenses of the election by a good deal ?—So far as I know they do include all the expenses of the election.

16,103. We have heard now of 900*l.* being paid ?—I can explain the expenditure.

16,104. That is exactly what we want.—I will do so with pleasure. I have got in my hand an account of the money I received, and the money I paid.

16,105. For example, you received another 100*l.* from Mr. Trollope ?—The first payment I received was a cheque for 300*l.* on Mr. Maxwell's account, on the 31st October '68; then a further cheque for 200*l.* on the 8th of March '69, the same account. To Mr. Trollope's account the 31st October '68, 300*l.*, and the 28th January '69, 100*l.*

16,106. Now, before you received the two last cheques did you submit, for example, to Mr. Trollope a detailed account of the expenditure ? Did you write to him in terms telling him there was 100*l.* more for the expenses of the election ?—No. Perhaps I had better explain it in my own way, and leave you to ask me any questions as to how the money was disposed of. I gave Mr. Hind a cheque for 300*l.* on the 9th of December '68; that was the first money I paid on account of the election. On the 24th December to Mr. Hind 90*l.*; on the 27th January '69, 20*l.*; that makes 410*l.*

16,107. You had still a sum in hand ?—Yes. I will account for every farthing.

16,108. At that time you had monies of Mr. Trollope's in your hands ?—Yes. Then I paid the hotel bills of the two candidates, which I considered private, and not election expenses, amounting to 67*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; the hotel bills during their stay here.

16,109. I have seen it both ways, but I do not know there is any objection to that. How long had they been here ?—I suppose 10 days before that. Then I paid to Mr. Hind for his agency fee 105*l.*, which is included in his 488*l.* I suppose.

16,110. For agency, that is the payment to him alone ?—Yes.

16,111. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When was the 105*l.* paid to Mr. Hind ?—I do not know exactly when that was paid.

16,112. Was it in '68 or '69 ?—It would be in '68 I should think.

16,113. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now the hotel bills you have given us, is that the gross amount, 67*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

16,114. For both ?—Yes.

16,115. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I have got 515*l.* for Mr. Hind ?—I have not done yet.

16,116. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I beg your pardon, Mr. Wilkinson, but you have not given us the date of the payment of 105*l.* ?—Probably he would take it out of the 300*l.* that I paid on the 9th of December. Well, about the 5th of February I think it would be; no, I have got it here; the 25th of January 1869.

16,117. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was paid by cheque I suppose ?—Yes.

16,118. That makes, as far as Mr. Hind is concerned, 515*l.* ?—Yes. Then for the prosecution of Daniel Boyes and others for an assault, and which had a political aspect, without any instruction of Lord Herries or Mr. Trollope, I ventured to pay counsel's fees for the defence on that occasion.

16,119. There is only 488*l.* due to Mr. Hind, and you have now paid him 515*l.* ?—I will explain how that went at that time; the accounts were not all in, and it was partly paid on an estimate.

16,120. If I add to the 488*l.* the 27*l.* paid by Mr. Hind in bribery that would come to the figure. I wish to put the question to you as plain as possible ?—All I can say is, I can have no idea whatever of any money paid being applied to any purposes of the kind.

16,121. How do you account for paying him 515*l.* when the detailed bills came to 484*l.* or 488*l.* ?—At the time I paid the 515*l.* I probably had not the whole of these details before me, but I paid it on an estimate. I had not the most remote idea that any money paid was applied for influencing the municipal election. I utterly repudiated that being done by me from the beginning of the candidature; I utterly discountenanced it.

16,122. We have this money, the 27*l.*, to account for. When you got the detailed accounts in, did you call upon Mr. Hind to refund the 27*l.* ?—No; the monies which remained were applied in connexion with the petition proceedings.

16,123. Oh, no; there is 28*l.* for his own services in Mr. Hind's own hands ?—No; the cash account that I kept had reference to the expenditure on account of the parliamentary election, which was sanctioned by me, and the petition; it arose out of that, and the cash account I had shows my expenditure on account of the parliamentary election.

16,124. I am only calling your attention to that; we must have that explained in some way or other. Now, first, the 67*l.* was for the candidature expenses ?—Yes.

16,125. Give me the next item to 67*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* ?—That was Mr. Hind's fee.

16,126. No, I keep that separate ?—There is Mr. Crosskill; and the next is 100*l.* on account of the petition expenses.

16,127. What date ?—On the 5th of February, I think, that is; there were further sums of 30*l.*, 75*l.*, and 100*l.* advanced to Mr. Hind for the purposes of the petition.

16,128. When was the 30*l.* ?—Soon after the hotel bill I mentioned. I do not remember the date. Oh, the 30*l.* was on the 8th of February, and the 20*l.* was on the 9th of January.

16,129. That is going back; what was the 20*l.* on the 9th of January for ?—On account of the petition; the proceedings would then be taken, and evidence would be inquired into. Then there is 100*l.* on the 8th of March; the 100*l.* was for counsels' fees,

and payments to witnesses in the defence of Boyes and others; they thought fit to retain Mr. Digby Seymour at a very large expense.

16,130. When was it tried?—It was appointed to take place at quarter sessions here, but it was removed to the assizes at York, at the instance of the bench, who thought it was a local case and not fit to be tried after the excitement of the election here.

16,131. Then it was tried in March assizes?—Yes.

16,132. In March assizes of this year?—Yes; it would be adjourned from the quarter sessions here to the assizes at York in March.

16,133. I make that out to give me 287*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—Then, at the assizes it was intimated by the court that it was a case for compensation, and a sum of 20*l.* was paid. I paid the money out of the monies in my hands.

16,134. Out of whose monies?—I am accounting now for the 900*l.* which I received.

16,135. Whose money was it, Lord Herries' money, or Mr. Trollope's, or whose?—The account was one; I kept no separate account. I paid cheques and received from them into our own account.

16,136. Did you consult them about it; what were they to know about the prosecution of Boyes?—I mentioned it to the gentlemen.

16,137. To whom did you mention it?—To Lord Herries and Mr. Maxwell. I do not know whether I mentioned it personally to Mr. Trollope. The impression on their minds was it was a political charge, and they believed it to be made for political purposes, and that it would only be a generous act on their part to bear the expense.

16,138. That would clear you as to them; you did not mention it to Mr. Trollope?—I do not think I did personally, but I think I wrote.

16,139. Then either by his silence or his letter you had his sanction?—I had no dissent.

16,140. Was the petition over then?—I have a notion it would be about the same time.

16,141. Then there was 20*l.* for a compromise?—It was suggested by the bench it was more a matter for civil compensation. Then there is advanced a further sum of 100*l.* for the payment of witnesses, &c. for the petition on the 26th of June. Then I paid counsels' fees in connexion with the petition, and travelling expenses in connexion with the petition.

16,142. I think that would exhaust it?—Yes, it is more than exhausted. I want more than 200*l.* odd now.

16,143. We will take it if you like to give it; how much do you put it?—My payments altogether amount to 1,120*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*; it is made up of smaller sums paid for counsel, counsels' fees, travelling expenses, telegrams, and incidental matters in connexion with the petition.

16,144. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were going to say what sum you paid for counsels' fees and travelling expenses in connexion with the petition?—It is not cast up. I had exhausted it; it is 64*l.* I think.

16,145. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Would you allow me to see that account?—Yes. (*The document was handed to the Chief Commissioner.*)

16,146. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr. Trollope showed us a letter from you to himself, which ends with this: "We consider that the account with you is closed."—I do not remember the letter.

16,147. I am certain he showed it to me, and I saw your signature to it?—I do not remember the letter. I am prepared to bring my letter book and show anything that can be of assistance.

16,148. He gave us to understand that 400*l.* was absolutely all he had to pay?—In the last remittance of Lord Herries he expressly said in his letter to me, that it was towards the expenses of the petition as well as the election.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

16,149. They are in your debt for some balance at the present time?—I can hardly say that, because the taxed costs to be paid by the other side will recoup us the balance, and I should say we shall have to account to Lord Herries and Mr. Trollope for the balance that will remain.

16,150. Taxed costs in the election petition?—Yes.

16,151. Are you to receive taxed costs from them?—Yes.

16,152. Then giving you the taxed costs will more than recoup you?—The costs to be paid by the candidates who were unseated will include these which I now charge, and when I receive those costs I shall consider that I have to account to Lord Herries and Mr. Trollope for any balance I hold in my hands.

16,153. Irrespective of any payment from the other side, how much are they indebted to you at present?—On the cash account, 220*l.*

16,154. For that they are jointly indebted to you?—I consider the matter was left so much in our discretion that we had authority to use what cash was in our hands towards promoting the petition and the defence of Mr. Boyes and others.

16,155. Do you consider them jointly and equally indebted?—I do so.

16,156. Mr. Trollope and Mr. Maxwell?—Yes.

16,157. Giving one credit for 500*l.* and the other for 400*l.*?—Yes.

16,158. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have not taken credit here for paying the expenses of the petition?—Not the expenses of the petition, but I have advanced money from time to time to Mr. Hind to pay the witnesses. The counsels' fees on the briefs were paid by our agents in London.

16,159. They are not here at all?—No, they were paid in London. It is only an account of our own disbursements and receipts.

16,160. I still cannot make it out. I see by your account, very properly confined to Mr. Hind, that January 27th is the last payment to Mr. Hind, and then Crosskill comes in as referring to the petition. Look at it yourself and see it; that is the close of the election. If you look at this, Mr. Wilkinson, and look at the fee of 5*l.*; that is the close of the election expenses I think?—Yes.

16,161. And from that you see Mr. Hind received 515*l.*?—Yes, 27*l.* more.

16,162. I cannot make out that?—Well, when we get the costs of the petition and the whole matter settled, I should consider Mr. Hind liable to pay to me any cash balance that may remain in his hands after these advances. I should certainly not allow him to charge one halfpenny for any expenses incurred at the municipal election.

16,163. I have no doubt you would not now.—Nor would I at any time.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien remarked that there was a sum of 27*l.* to which attention was never called, and they had Mr. Hind, sen., paying away 25*l.*

16,164. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were the accounts sent to the election auditor?—The copy which I have appears to have been deposited on the 16th January 1869.

16,165. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Can you give any explanation? I will call your attention to it again.—I cannot, except this: Mr. Hind wrote to me from time to time to say money was required for the purpose of paying election accounts, and told me how much he thought he would require. I sent him sums without any account. The 300*l.* I paid at first with a statement of account, but the smaller sums I did not.

16,166. That is unfortunate, for you have a detailed account of every shilling expended as to 284*l.*, and after that bill has been given in you send him 105*l.* and 20*l.*?—I gave him the cheque for 300*l.* on the 9th of December '68, on a statement showing an expenditure

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made by him, and that accounts had then been sent in amounting to 282*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*

16,167. But you have the official accounts on the 16th of January ?—Yes.

16,168. And you went over them with him before he sent them ?—I went over the accounts.

16,169. Did he come to York to you ?—He would come to York to me.

16,170. That would be early in January ?—I should think it would.

16,171. What is the date of the 20*l.* ; the 105*l.* I know ?—January 27th was the 20*l.*, and the 105*l.* was on the 25th of January.

16,172. Paying a gentleman's retaining fee, I know what that is ; that is substantially closing the account ?—So far as his professional services are concerned.

16,173. It is substantially closing the account ?—Yes, it is.

16,174. I am dealing with a gentleman of great intelligence ; it is substantially closing the account, and what other accounts were opened then would stand by themselves. Have you been concerned in other elections here ?—Not here.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

16,175. I believe Mr. Leeman is not able to attend now ?—He is very ill in Germany.

16,176. You have not been long Mr. Leeman's partner ?—About four years.

16,177. Were you articled at Mr. Leeman's office ?—No.

16,178. Do you know that Mr. Leeman is a gentleman of very great experience in election matters ?—I know that he has taken a very active part.

16,179. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I ought to ask this. Have you yourself been engaged in parliamentary elections much before this ?—I had taken a tolerably active part in our York city election and also the North Riding.

16,180. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was that in the North Riding election of '65, when Mr. Milbank, Mr. Morritt, and Mr. Duncombe were candidates ?—I was engaged in that.

16,181. Were you engaged as agents for the Liberal candidates ?—Mr. William Walker, of York, and ourselves were joint agents for Mr. Milbank.

16,182. Was that for the whole Riding ?—Yes, the whole Riding.

16,183. Could you tell me, if I were to put the places to you, the names of the places for which Mr. Leeman has been engaged ?—I have no knowledge of any engagements of Mr. Leeman.

16,184. But he has had very great experience in election matters ?—He is reputed to have had.

16,185. You have been his partner, and would know as well as anyone ?—He has had no election matters except his own at York since I have been his partner.

16,186. No other place since you have been his partner ?—No.

16,187. Except this place, Beverley, and the place you spoke of ?—He came down and made one speech ; I think that is all he did here.

16,188. I wish to call your attention to young Leeman. He was over here ; had he anything to do with the money part of the election ?—Not a farthing passed through his hands ; I never parted with a sixpence of money till the 9th of December, either to Mr. Leeman or anyone else.

16,189. You have had the management of all the accounts ?—Yes.

16,190. That item of 20*l.* has been referred to before ; that, I suppose we may take it, was carried to the account of the election expenses, not of the petition ?—I kept no separate account. The petition having arisen out of the election almost immediately after, and expenses being incurred on account of the petition almost immediately after the close of the election, and having to deal with this 900*l.* I dealt with it as a whole ; I drew on it, in fact, and dealt with it as my own account. This account is exactly how it was rendered.

16,191. You cannot ear-mark the 20*l.* ?—No, I cannot ; this is exactly as it appears in my ledger. The thing was dealt with as a whole, and I paid it to our own account, and drew cheques on our own bankers as far as it went, and I have taken upon myself the responsibility as to the remainder.

16,192. (*Mr. H Cox.*) You treated it as a running account.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is a very bad practice to treat anything occurring at an election as a running account, where the Act of Parliament demands a full and correct account of all that has been spent to be returned within a certain time under a certain penalty. Nothing could be worse than having a running account. How can anyone tell the expenses ?

16,193. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In this case it is so ; the accounts returned to the returning officer are necessarily illusory ?—Allow me to say it is subject of course to what is a moot point as to the 100*l.*, the expenses of the candidates.

16,194. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Certainly, I am with you there.—Then the expenditure in defence of Boyes and others, though a political matter, cannot be said to be an election expense.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is not.

16,195. I am not taking that into account ; what I allude to is the discrepancy of there being apparently for election expenses 515*l.*, and the amount returned to the town clerk or returning officer being 482*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* ?—I should think you would not find a nearer approximation between the actual expenses and the return to the returning officer in any borough in England.

16,196. I thought it was always essential to a return that the accounts should balance ?—I believe this is as honest an account as was ever presented at any election to a returning officer.

16,197. We are not complaining of the 20*l.* as between you and your employer, but it would be bribery if 27*l.* was spent upon it as much as if there were 2,500*l.* ?—Oh, I quite admit that. I am perfectly ignorant of any such application of the money, nor do I think it was so applied. Shall I leave with the Commissioners the account ?

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien stated he had the fullest reliance upon the accuracy of the account, but the witness might leave it.

16,198. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you your letter book here ?—No.

16,199. Do you recollect writing to Mr. Trollope after you received the 100*l.* ?—I do not know whether I wrote personally, or whether some letter was written to him.

16,200. He showed a letter to me, only directing my attention to the last part of it, which was, "The election account as between ourselves is closed."—I do not remember whether I wrote that letter or not. I am informed with regard to the 20*l.* Mr. Hind tells me that when I paid the 20*l.* I wrote him a letter referring to a payment of 30*l.*, saying, "This makes 50*l.*," in reference to the petition.

16,201. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That would explain it ; it would be very satisfactory to my mind if we had that letter.—If you desire it I will get you the letter.

16,202. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you found the letter, Mr. Wilkinson ?—Yes.

16,203. That will explain the whole thing ; I am very glad of it.—Perhaps you will allow me to make the explanation in such a way that it shall be public.

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16,204. We will take good care that you shall do so.—I mean, now.

16,205. This is a letter dated "Coney Street, York." It is addressed by Mr. Wilkinson to Mr. Hind; it clearly shows that the 20*l.* that we were inquiring into, and I am very glad we did inquire into it, was advanced for the purpose of the petition?—Yes.

16,206. Because he says, "I returned last night, and "now send you cheque for 30*l.*, making 50*l.*" That is beyond all doubt clear.—I am sorry I had not that letter, it is so easily explained; it gave so much trouble to inquire.

16,207–8. It entirely removes every impression from my mind.

16,209. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The note is entitled "Petition."

(*The letter was put in as follows:*)

"Coney Street, York,
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"DEAR SIR, Petition.

"I RETURNED last night, and now send you "cheque for 30*l.*, making 50*l.* Please acknowledge "receipt to me at the Tavistock Hotel, Covent Garden, "where I go to-night, on Hartlepool petition. Mr. "Digby Seymour's fees put him quite out of the "question, and we must have somebody else. I will "confer with Wyatt whilst in town, and see what can "be done. There is plenty of time yet. If anyone "occurs to you be good enough to name him when "you write.

"Yours faithfully,
"J. WILKINSON.

"Jos. Hind, Esqre."

JOSEPH WALKER PEASE, Esq., called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. W. Pease, Esq.

16,210. I believe you are a banker at Hull and Beverley?—Yes.

16,211. What is the name of your firm?—Peases, Hoare, and Pease, Hull; and Machell, Pease, and Hoare, Beverley.

16,212. I believe you are a Conservative in politics?—I am.

16,213. Your manager in Beverley is Mr. Thomas Forge?—Yes.

16,214. You are now aware that he advanced a sum of 800*l.* to Richard Norfolk?—Since Baron Martin's inquiry?

16,215. Were you not before?—I was not aware of it before.

16,216. Was any member of your firm aware of it?—None.

16,217. Can you explain to us how it escaped your notice?—As I believe now, the money was advanced on a cheque, and that cheque was kept as cash in the cashier's drawer.

16,218. Would that be an ordinary way for you to do business?—No, it would be an exceptional case.

16,219. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I take it there is no doubt that it was after Baron Martin's inquiry that you first ascertained the fact?—When we saw it in the newspapers.

16,220. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you looked at those cheques?—Yes.

16,221. Do you notice anything peculiar about them?—No, I do not.

16,222. Look at the back of them.—They are payable to order, and they are not endorsed.

16,223. That I believe would be an unusual thing?—Well, without the party drew the money himself, and he might have cancelled the order, or not. The inference I draw is, that they were cashed over the counter.

16,224. Would that be the regular way if they were cashed over the counter; there would be no occasion to endorse them, is that so?—The cashier might have put, "Paid to self."

16,225. They are not cancelled; there is no indication of their ever being paid. I suppose when a cheque is paid you cancel it?—No, this, as I explain, was an exceptional transaction. If the man had had an account the cheque would have been cancelled; but it stood in the cash drawer, and that is the reason the partners knew nothing of the transaction.

16,226. But do you see any indication that the money has ever been paid on that cheque?—If Richard Norfolk had had an ordinary account with the bank, this cheque would have been cancelled on the 2nd of November; but inasmuch as it was not paid then, it remained in the cash drawer of the cashier.

16,227. Supposing your cashier died?—This would be taken as cash in his drawer.

16,228. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Supposing the cashier died and you brought an action against Mr. Norfolk, can you tell whether there is any indication upon that to show that any money was ever paid on it?—We hold his signature.

16,229. Has there any money been paid on it?—The ordinary banking usage is, that when the cheque is paid and passes the account, it would then be cancelled.

16,230. If your cashier died, is there any indication there to show that a farthing of that money was ever paid?

16,231. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) This is merely a demand for payment; it is not an acknowledgment, it is a request to pay?—It is an order to pay.

16,232. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is a request to pay, it is not an acknowledgment. If your manager was to die, what indication is there that it has been paid?—No more than it is held in his cash drawer.

16,233. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What evidence would that be of a payment to Norfolk?—I cannot undertake to say, because I was not cashier. If it had been in my bank in Hull the cashier would have known that he had paid it by the initial; it is not initialed.

16,234. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where is it initialed?—The man may initial it where he pleases.

16,235. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is what I mean; it is not initialed?—We have three cashiers in Hull, and each cashier would put his initial that he had paid it, and that is a voucher.

16,236. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Or stamp it sometimes?—I beg to say that this is not an ordinary transaction. On the face of it, it is not an ordinary transaction. The cheque I have no doubt was paid and placed in the cashier's drawer, and stood for cash.

16,237. Would it have come to the knowledge of the partners?—No; I mean if it had been an ordinary cheque it would have been treated differently.

16,238. May I take it from you, that no member of your firm was aware of this transaction until after Baron Martin had been here?—Yes.

16,239. That certainly is so?—It is so.

16,240. Did you read the evidence of Mr. Forge?—I did.

16,241. He said that previous to that time, previous to Christmas or immediately after, in the early part of this year, you were acquainted with the fact that he had lent this money to Norfolk?—We were not acquainted with it until we saw it in evidence at the inquiry.

16,242. As soon as you found it out, had you any communication with Forge on the subject?—I believe my partner, Mr. Hoare, wrote to him immediately.

16,243. Did you receive any letter back from Forge on the subject?—That I cannot say.

16,244. If Forge did write to you such a letter it would be in existence?—No doubt.

16,245. And, of course, it can be produced?—If it is in existence it shall be produced.

16,246. I think you said that Forge did write back, and that if he did write back the letter would be in existence?—I cannot say whether he did or not; it is very possible. Mr. Hoare went over to see him; it is not within my knowledge.

16,247. Are you able or not to give us any direction which your firm gave to Forge with reference to

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this loan to Norfolk?—We expressed disapprobation of it, and required that the money should be immediately paid or security taken.

16,248. Are you aware when the money was paid?—No, I am not; I am told it was paid.

16,249. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you or any of your firm any conversation with Forge on the subject of this loan previous to its being made?—Certainly not.

16,250. That you undertake to swear?—I swear it.

16,251. That you gave him no authority, express or implied?—As I have stated before, we knew nothing of the transaction until we saw it in the newspapers at Baron Martin's inquiry.

16,252. Neither you nor any of your firm?—To the best of my knowledge, I am certain of it.

16,253. I believe you are a friend of Sir Henry Edwards?—I am.

16,254. And very well known to be so?—Yes.

16,255. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When Mr. Forge was here he said that he had authority from the partners to advance money on personal security to the extent of 1,000*l.*, and to use his own discretion as to that security without consulting the partners. Now, do you consider that he had that discretion?—Mr. Forge has been a very long time with us, and we have implicit confidence in him.

16,256. He expressly stated the same, and said in explanation, that in advancing this sum of 800*l.* he had discretion from the partners to advance as much as 1,000*l.* without consulting them or any of them. Now, did you give him that authority?—I cannot say that we have done so directly.

16,257. Do you consider that he was acting within the scope of his authority when he advanced 800*l.* to Norfolk without security?—On this transaction, certainly not.

16,258. He was not acting within the scope of his authority?—Certainly not.

16,259. I suppose, if an ordinary advance was made on securities similar to this, it would bear interest if the money was outstanding?—Certainly.

16,260. You are, of course, aware that this money has been repaid without interest?—No, I am not aware of that—yes, I am aware of it; but interest was charged in our books.

16,261. Interest was charged in your books?—In our books.

16,262. Then do you consider Norfolk still a debtor to you for that interest?—Certainly.

16,263. Have you applied to him for that interest?—I am not aware myself whether he has been applied to or not.

16,264. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He has not been applied to, I mean upon the evidence before us?—I do not attend much at Beverley, and it is not within my personal knowledge.

16,265. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When the January accounts are made up (Mr. Forge told us the accounts were balanced up to January) would not this transaction appear to the partners there?—It was on Saturday I saw that the interest had been charged up to the 31st of December.

16,266. What I mean is this, the advance of the 800*l.*, the principal, in taking your January account would it not of necessity have come to your knowledge that Forge had made this advance?—No, because those accounts were balanced by Mr. Hill, one of our managers at Beverley, and Mr. Forge.

16,267. Then you are of opinion that Mr. Hill at all events was acquainted with this transaction in January?—Well, he may, or he may not have been.

16,268. But he must have been, if I understand your explanation; he took the accounts in January, and such accounts as would bring the matter to his knowledge?—It might or might not. I saw with my own eyes that the interest was charged on these sums on the 31st of December.

16,269. But, of course, when he took the accounts in January he must have seen what was in the cash box; he must have known how your cash stood then?—I am not able to answer that question personally.

16,270. If those cheques stood for cash, he must have looked into the cash box and seen those cheques there; it must have come to his knowledge?—Mr. Hill and Mr. Forge, of course, must know it; but it is not within my knowledge.

16,271. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The person who balanced the accounts would say, How much is there, 10,000*l.*? He would not go on to count every sovereign?—We do that in Hull, but the partners do not balance the accounts in Beverley.

16,272. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) If they went through it carefully they would see it?

16,273. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) 800*l.* is not a very small sum?—I have explained it by the fact that the partners had not counted all the cash themselves in Beverley. If it had happened in the Hull bank it would be impossible to occur.

16,274. They were satisfied with the report?—We were satisfied with the sum total brought out.

16,275. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) At the time it was made up you would calculate whatever the balance was, that there was so much available cash?—Available cash within a certain time. In many cases where cash is advanced in that way, where a man has not an account, we take the cheque and it stands a month or two months.

16,276. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Mr. Forge stated distinctly here that several interviews took place between him and the partners in your bank, and that they complained several times of this transaction before Baron Martin came?—I have not had an interview with Mr. Forge until walking down to this court this morning, and he particularly wishes that the Commissioners should re-examine him as to certain matters; beyond that, I have had no communication with Mr. Forge.

16,277. I believe Mr. Forge had been examined when he mentioned that fact to you?—I have already said to the best of my knowledge, and to the best knowledge of my partners, that we knew nothing of the transaction until Mr. Baron Martin came here.

16,278. That is altogether a different story from what he told us.

16,279. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is Mr. Hill; is he in your employment?—Yes.

16,280. Auditor?—No, he is a manager.

16,281. Does he manage in Hull?—No, he lives in Beverley.

16,282. He is manager at Beverley?—Yes, he is junior to Mr. Forge.

16,283. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Mr. Forge, I find from my notes, says that the partners come over frequently, and Mr. Hoare came over at the beginning of the year, and he came to look through the ledger; and then, as I understood, Mr. Hoare made a complaint?—I think Mr. Forge is under a mistake as to that transaction.

16,284. You think that was an error?—I think so.

Mr. Forge.

Mr. Thomas Forge re-examined by the Chief Commissioner.

16,285. You wish to explain something, Mr. Forge; explain it in your own way?

16,286. At the time I was examined I got very nervous, indeed I could scarcely recollect any date whatever; I had not looked into the book to see to any dates whatever. I stated to you that the accounts were made up yearly, but they are made up half-yearly; the interest is cast from the 1st of January to the 30th of June, the first half-year; then, from the 30th of June to the 31st of December, making the annual accounts. The annual accounts is audited by the partners on the 31st of December, that is the profits; they audit the accounts. With regard to the cheques in the cash drawer, I could not recollect at that moment, if it had been to save my life, whether they were registered or not. It was very strongly put to me; I tried my best to give the best answer I could, and I said no. Afterwards, going to look into the books when I got home, I said to Mr. Boyes, one of

the clerks, "Are those cheques entered in any book?" His answer was to me, "No." Soon after he says, "I will "look and see in that small book" what we call our interest book of calculation. He looked into the interest book of calculation, a small book which is kept for these cheques and stamps and other matters, to get the amounts; he looked into the book, and he found those cheques entered. I produce you the book to show you where they are entered (*producing the same*); I had entirely forgotten it at the time.

16,287. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Just show us where it is. —They are alphabetical, sir; I had entirely forgotten the book.

16,288. Who do you say makes this entry?—Mr. Boyes.

16,289. When did he make this entry about Norfolk?—That would be on the 31st of December.

16,290. He made the entry on that day?—Yes, half-yearly; they are entered in that book every half year, on the 30th of June and the 31st of December.

16,291. That entry was not made on that day?—If you look at the left hand of the title page, at the top of the page, I think it will explain it to you.

16,292. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How could 1867 come here?—They are cheques that are put in alphabetically.

16,293. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) But this book must have been made up from some other memorandum?—No, oh no; if you take the elastic band off you will see it is regularly made up every half year.

16,294. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I do not understand your explanation; I do not mean to impugn it, but I find the very first entry after November 2nd is 1867.

16,295. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What we rather asked you was, whether you made any entries at the time of the transaction?—No.

16,296. This book was made up afterwards?—Afterwards, on the 31st of December.

16,297. That book was made up?—Yes.

16,298. But what we rather asked you was, whether there was any entry made at the time of the transaction in any book?—No, not any.

16,299. You have no record or memorandum of the transaction made at the time of the transaction; have you any memorandum at the time of the transaction?—At the back of those cheques; they stand alphabetically. Those cheques that are in the drawer are alphabetically arranged, and we take the alphabetical lot and divide them into two lots.

16,300. Would those three cheques be in that way?—Yes.

16,301. Those three cheques would be so arranged?—Yes; they would not have been in that book if they had not been so.

16,302. Have you anything more to explain?—No. I wished to explain that, because I felt so very uncomfortable about it; I wished to come and explain the matter.

16,303. I think a little more explanation you will be glad to give. What do you say about your former statement, that there were several interviews between you and the partners before Baron Martin came, in which they complained of this transaction?—It is a mistake; it was a great mistake if I said so.

16,304. It was an error on your part as to dates?—The partners never knew anything of it until they saw it in the papers; they did not know anything of the transaction whatever.

16,305. I pressed you very much and very frequently about it, and you did say it several times?—I have thought it over very much since, and I have had no sleep about it; that is my reason for coming to explain the whole matter. I should be very sorry indeed to give you any false evidence.

16,306. Have you ever made any demand upon Norfolk for the interest?—I believe not.

16,307. Here you said the transaction was closed?

16,308. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Norfolk said no demand was ever made upon him?—Norfolk said he would pay the interest afterwards, but it never was paid. None of that book is in my writing, it is in another clerk's.

16,309. None of it?—Not any.

16,310. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You know the transaction cannot be closed if you still look to him for interest. You know more about the transaction than anybody else, and you can tell us whether you consider interest is due or not?—I consider if he is an honourable man that he will pay it, and I have no doubt he will.

16,311. You told us the other day that you thought the transaction was closed?—Yes, as far as payment of the money went.

16,312. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You compel me to put one or two more questions. You know perfectly well that you were spoken to by Alderman Arden about it, and you did not look to Norfolk at all for it?—I never looked to Alderman Arden.

16,313. But the alderman spoke to you as the representative of a party?—No.

16,314. What did he speak to you as, if he did not as the representative of a party? You will compel me to go into it again, and I do not wish to do that. You committed yourself so much here that I am ready to accept your explanation.—I answered to the best of my knowledge.

16,315. Why should the alderman speak to you about money if it was not for the interest of the party? Why should he?—Alderman Arden?

16,316. Yes?—As far as that is concerned I should say it was for the interest of the party.

16,317. And you advanced the money for the interest of the party?—No doubt. The alderman named it to me in that way. There is no doubt, as far as the money goes, it was for the interest of the party; as far as my knowledge will tell me.

16,318. And on the strength that the party would see you repaid, or see your partners repaid? You have made mistakes. You did it on the strength that the party would see your partners repaid?—Yes, Norfolk and the party, I have no doubt.

16,319. I say so; Norfolk and the party?—Yes.

16,320. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did not Mr. Hoare write to you complaining of the transaction?—He wrote to the firm.

16,321. Did not one of the partners write to you first?—No, not so.

16,322. Then there is another mystery. Have you got that letter which he wrote to the firm?—No, I have not.

16,323. You have kept it?—We have it.

16,324. What date is it?—I do not know; in March. I cannot speak to the date. When Baron Martin was in Beverley, when it came out about the 800*l.*

16,325. Do you say now, after having reconsidered the subject, that that was the first time that any of the partners made any complaint about the transaction to your knowledge?—Yes.

JOHN NUTCHEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Nutchey.

16,326. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

16,327. How long have you been a freeman?—Well, I voted in 1820.

16,328. We won't go back as far as that. Did you vote at the Towneley, Hogg, and Fox election?—I did.

16,329. Did you get anything for your vote?—No; there was not a man in Beverley dare offer me anything; they all know me better than that.

16,330. Have you ever got money for your vote?—Never on any occasion.

16,331. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you the man they call Captain Nutchey?—I am.

16,332. You have bribed many a man?—Never one. My hands are clean. I tried to bribe a man, and I will tell you all about it before I have done. If there is a right charge I will answer it.

16,333. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We have gone on

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hitherto very pleasantly.—I have only been here once, and I have not a defective memory. I wish to tell you everything. But that was rather an abrupt question, whether I had bribed hitherto.

16,334. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you take any part in the last municipal election?—Not at all. I voted.

16,335. But beyond that you took no part?—None at all.

16,336. You did not take action, as it has been called?—Not in the least.

16,337. In 1865, when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane put up, did you vote then?—I voted "single Keane," the first man that did vote that morning.

16,338. You knew that money was going at that election?—There is no doubt about it, but I did not know it; I know it by common report, by common repute; that is all I know about it.

16,339. You say you had nothing to do with the distributing of it?—Not a bit. I did not know of my own knowledge.

16,340. You say that at Keane's election you paid no money on account of that election?—Not a farthing.

16,341. Walker and Gridley put up in 1860; did you take any part in that election?—I did as far as voting.

16,342. You voted for Gridley?—For Gridley, I did.

16,343. There was money going at that election?—Well, I daresay there was, but I did not know it. If will allow me to explain I will tell you why.

16,344. Yes; go on?—The party with whom I acted always, with the exception of two instances, know very well that I have repudiated bribery. But I am going to tell you that there is no one of that party would ever offer me any money.

16,345. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now, we will have the exceptions?—I will answer any questions you like to put to me.

16,346. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What are the exceptions?—In 1841, at Towneley, Hogg, and Fox's election. Well, on that occasion I voted for the Conservatives. Well, there was money going at that time pretty extensively.

16,347. We know that, too.—I know it, however. I was associated with a person of the name of Oxley by the party to solicit an individual for his vote, with the understanding that he was to have 20*l.* for that vote.

16,348. Who was that person?—Thomas Denny.

16,349. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did he get the 20*l.*?—No. He said he had promised his vote, and this is where I will explain to you. Then, we would give him 20*l.* if he would not vote. He said, "No, I have promised my vote, and I will vote." I came back with Mr. Oxley, who had 100*l.* in his pocket for the purpose of bribery, and returned every shilling. And from that day to this I feel so humiliated to think I found a man better than myself who would withstand this bribery, when I see around me now people that knew him in the most extreme distress.

16,350–2. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Now, the other exception. You spoke of two exceptions?—The exception I spoke about was this, that I always voted for one party, with two exceptions. The two exceptions were Fox, Towneley, and Goldsmid, and Fox and Towneley again. With the exception of those two I have always voted for the Liberal party.

16,353. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You voted Conservative at those two elections; I suppose you had a motive?—The motive was simply this: I was surveyor to the commissioners of sewers for East Yorkshire, and the corn laws were then in agitation, and all my duties leading me among the farmers, I rather thought that the repeal of the corn laws would have an effect upon the agricultural interest. I am very glad to say now that I think it has not had any.

16,354. I am glad you have been called, because your name has been mentioned.—My name has never been mentioned during this inquiry until I got the summons. I do not know what I had done.

16,355. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr. Nutchey, do you remember the election between Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I do.

16,356. You were very active then I believe?—I did all I could for Mr. Walters.

16,357. Do you remember a house in the Toll Gavel, that had been the shop of a confectioner of the name of Poole?—I do, very well.

16,358. Were you in and out of that place in the course of the election?—The election day I do not think I was in the house at all.

16,359. The day before the election?—I think not.

16,360. You were in the street outside?—I was in the street outside.

16,361. There were some cabs near where you were?—No, they had to be fetched; there was no cabstand.

16,362. I did not say that. There were some cabs at the back door?—There may have been during the day.

16,363. You saw them there?—Yes, I went in one.

16,364. And in more than one?—Never more than two; two people.

16,365. There were some cabs at the back door of the house. Did you see some people from time to time passing out of the back door of that house?—I did.

16,366. Do you know what they had been in that house for?—I should think they had been getting money.

16,367. You thought so at the time?—I never saw it.

16,368. You thought so at the time?—I did; I think so now.

16,369. What had they been getting money for?—I should say for voting.

16,370. For whom?—For whom! It would be for the party, I suppose. There might be some split votes among them,

16,371. The same party that you were on?—I should think so.

16,372. When those voters came out of the back door where the cabs were standing, what did you do with them?—Most of them walked away, and I went to see them vote.

16,373. You went to see them vote?—I only took two, and I will give you their names.

16,374. I do not care about their names a bit; were you not there taking them to the poll?—No, with only these two exceptions, and these two men would not go with anybody else.

16,375. You see you are so very indignant at the notion of bribery, but though you took no money yourself you saw men take it, and you took them to vote?—I never took any except these two men; they would not go with anybody else; I had no choice in it.

16,376. Did you pay any money in that election?—Yes, I did.

16,377. What money did you pay?—I paid a man they call Samuel Ireland four half-sovereigns.

16,378. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was the election of 1859?—Walters' election.

16,379. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What was that for?—It was for voting for Walters.

16,380. Did you pay anyone else?—No.

16,381. Who gave you the money?—I believe Robert Taylor gave me the money. It was brought into the street to me. I was not in the house; it was brought into the street to me to pay to that man.

16,382. Robert Taylor is the man who was tried at York for bribery?—He was, but he was acquitted.

16,383. I know, but he was tried?—He was tried and acquitted; that's the man I mean.

16,384. Tried by order of the committee of the House of Commons?—Yes.

16,385. Is Ireland the only man you paid?—That

is the only man I paid, as I know anything at all about.

16,386. On any occasion?—On any occasion, either at that election or any other.

16,387. I do not think you need be so very indignant at being told you have been connected with bribery?—I think the comparison between me and some of them that you had on Saturday that bribed hundreds, I think there is a bit of difference; I think there is a little bit of difference.

16,388. What are you now, Nutchey?—I am a land surveyor.

16,389. You used to be a seafaring man?—Yes.

16,390. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you take people to the poll at the 1865 election?—What election would that be?

16,391. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Not one.

16,392. Did you not take people in cabs then?—Allow me——

16,393. Answer my question; did you take people up in cabs then?—I did not. Upon that election I polled first in the morning; I was so disgusted with the proceedings that I went home, and I stopped at home until the election was over; I never went out during the day at all.

Mr. James Dawson called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Dawson.

16,396. What are you, Mr. Dawson?—A solicitor's managing clerk.

16,397. Who is the solicitor?—Mr. Silvester.

16,398. Do you hold any office in reference to any charities connected with the town?—I am chairman of the pasture masters.

16,399. Does Mr. Silvester hold any office?—He is mayor.

16,400. How long has he been mayor?—He has been mayor, I think, half a dozen times; about six times altogether. He has been mayor the last two years in succession.

16,401. You are managing clerk, and the gentleman whom we examined before, Mr. Monkman, is under clerk?—Clerk to the pasture masters.

16,402. But is he in Mr. Silvester's office, too?—Yes.

16,403. You are chairman of the pasture masters?—I am chairman.

16,404. I understand now. Mr. Silvester is mayor; you are managing clerk to Mr. Silvester, and you are chairman of the pasture masters. When did you become chairman of the pasture masters?—In March 1868.

16,405. Are you still chairman?—Still chairman.

16,406. How long were you a pasture master before you became chairman?—Two years, I believe. I became a pasture master in 1866.

16,407. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

16,408. How long have you been a freeman?—26 or 27 years.

16,409. You are not a member of the town council?—No.

16,410. You became pasture master in 1866. Was Mr. Silvester mayor in that year?—I think not. I would not be positive.

16,411. I need not go through it; but the pasture masters have very considerable patronage in their hands?—I think not; no, not very considerable.

16,412. I have been looking at the accounts; they have considerable patronage both in Walker's gifts and in the employment of tradespeople. I have them in my hand.—Yes.

16,413. Was there a contest for pasture masters in your year?—No.

16,414. You came in without a contest?—One was dead, another resigned, and I and another party came in.

16,415. I suppose in that year you were all of one way of politics?—Yes.

16,416. I will not call it Conservatives, but one way of politics?—Yes.

16,417. And had been so for some time?—I believe they were, because I knew nothing about them before I went in.

16,418. Was it at Mr. Silvester's suggestion that you were a candidate?—No, Mr. Silvester knew nothing at all about it.

16,419. Was it at Mr. Silvester's suggestion that you were a candidate?—No.

16,420. Was there a contest in 1867?—No.

16,421. No contest in 1867?—No.

16,422. Was there a contest in 1868?—Well, there was a small one, I think.

16,423. What you call a sham contest?—Not exactly a sham contest; it lasted a little further on into the day than a sham contest would do.

16,424. Mr. Dawson, I see you were 325, second on the poll, and the next to you was 82?—Yes.

16,425. How long have you been in Mr. Silvester's employ?—Rather more than 31 years.

16,426. Then you knew, of course, that money was supplied for the contests for pasture masters?—I heard so.

16,427. And believed it?—Yes, I believed it.

16,428. In fact, you had that knowledge of it when you became a candidate?—There was no contest.

16,429. But you knew it at that time. Can you tell me when was the latest contest? We understand there was a very severe contest in 1863?—I took no interest in the pasture masters then.

16,430. Your interest in it did not spring up of a sudden. You knew there was a contest in 1863?—I believe so.

16,431. A sharp one?—I believe it was.

16,432. Do you know in what year Mr. Wreghitt advanced the 100*l.*?—No, I do not, indeed.

16,433. 1865 or 1864?—I took no part in it.

16,434. I did not ask you about the part you took; you will compel me to go into particulars: Did you not know when you became a candidate that Mr. Wreghitt was in the habit of supplying money when there was a contest?—I believe so.

16,435. You knew it?—Not personally.

16,436. You believed it?—Yes, I believed it.

16,437. You heard it and believed it?—Yes.

16,438. Do you know whether there was any application made to him for money in 1866?—I do not.

16,439. Any application made to him for money in 1867?—I do not know.

16,440. Any application in 1868?—I believe there was.

16,441. Who waited upon Mr. Wreghitt in 1868, do you recollect?—Mr. Burrell, I believe.

16,442. Is that Mr. Burrell the saddler?—Yes.

16,443. Francis Burrell who keeps the "White Horse"? Is that the man?—That's the man, the same man.

16,446. We understand the 1st of March is the election day for pasture masters, and they are elected under a particular Act of Parliament?—Yes.

16,447. How much money do you consider it would be necessary to be advanced upon that occasion?—I do not recollect.

16,448. Oh, yes, you were chairman?—Yes, I am chairman of the meetings.

16,449. But you are chairman of the pasture masters?—Chairman of the pasture masters. I do not know that any particular sum was mentioned as likely to be wanted.

16,450. But you knew there might be a contest, and you told Mr. Burrell that he had better wait on Mr. Wreghitt?—No, I did not tell him. I was simply at the meeting with some more, and it was suggested that he should do so.

16,451. That is what I say; I do not mean you personally?—Not at all.

16,452. You were chairman of the pasture masters, who had a large patronage or a large charity to dis-

pense. What report did Mr. Burrell give ?—I believe he said there would be some money.

16,453. He, the messenger, brought back word, "You won't want for the sinews of war"?—Yes.

16,454. Did you inquire how much would be wanted?—I do not think I did.

16,455. Just recollect yourself; it is not long ago ?—I do not think I did.

16456. How large a sum was named, 50*l.* ?—There was some general conversation amongst the pasture masters. I do not remember personally hearing any sum named.

16,457. What did they say ? How much did they say they thought would be necessary ?—I do not think any particular sum was mentioned.

16,458. 50*l.*?—I do not think any particular sum was mentioned.

16,459. Whatever would be necessary?—Yes.

16,460. How many days was this before the 1st of March?—I think the 1st of March was on a Monday, and I should think that would be on a Friday.

16,461. Who was to go with Mr. Burrell and wait upon Mr. Wreghitt ?—I was to go, too.

16,462. You did not tell me that; I asked you who was to go?—I said Mr. Burrell was to go. I went with him to Mr. Wreghitt's.

16,463. You and Mr. Burrell went?—Yes.

16,464. What took place?—Mr. Burrell said the pasture masters would require some money.

16,465. Where did you meet Mr. Wreghitt?—At his house ; we went to his house in North Bar Street.

16,466. Into a private room, I suppose ?—First in the shop, and then into a private room.

16,467. You knew, in fact, you were going to ask Sir Henry Edwards for the money ?—No, I did not know.

16,468. Why should Mr. Wreghitt supply the money ?—I understood that he was the agent of the members.

16,469. To save the expense of going to Halifax, or wherever the members were, you went there to their representative. Well, he told you money would be advanced ; to whom did he give it ?—He was to give it to Mr. Burrell.

16,470. Some sum was mentioned. He said, "How much do you think would carry us in triumph"?—I fancy that would be left to Mr. Burrell's discretion to a certain extent.

16,471. Do you know how he exercised his discretion; what sum he got?—I think about 50*l.*

16,472. Did he ever give you, the pasture masters, an account of how that 50*l.* was laid out?—No.

16,473. You know that was advanced for 12 gentlemen of independence. Did he ever give you an account?—No, I do not think he ever did.

16,474. Did you ever ask him for it?—No, we left him and Mr. Wreghitt to arrange matters between them.

16,475. You never asked him for an account?—Never asked him for an account at all.

16,476. Did any of the money ever find its way into your hands?—Yes. I paid for some cabs. Burrell gave me money to pay for some cab-hire after the election of pasture masters was over.

16,477. Then really some of the money passed through your hands?—Yes.

16,478. How much?—I should think I paid the poll clerk and cabs, perhaps, 3*l.* or 4*l.*

14,479. Can you give me any detailed account of it?—I have no memorandum; I simply got the money from his hand and paid it.

16,480. When did you get the money?—A day or two after the pasture masters choosing.

16,481. Are the same pasture masters in now?—The same that were in last year except one, I think.

16,482. And you are chairman now?—I am chairman.

16,483. Well, now I have your accounts here, and they have been analysed, and I see first that the expenditure of the pasture masters is very considerable. You employ a great many tradesmen?—Yes.

16,484. And I see there are one or two of your own body employed. For example, have you employed Mr. Lowther in any way?—He deals in drain tiles, and the drain tiles would be got from him.

16,485. Do you at all get anything from the Iron and Waggon Company, Mr. Norfolk's?—Yes, I believe, posts and rails generally.

16,486. Rather considerable, is it not? Do you know Mr. Watson the painter?—Yes.

16,487. He is down here in three places, 6*l.* 10*s.* in one. That is the gentleman who was bribing?—The painter; no, that is the auctioneer.

16488. Watson the painter?—He was employed to paint some cottages. That was a matter of contract.

16,489. Of course it was. And I see Mr. Arnott. I see a number of men whose names I recognize elsewhere in this list. I see the list for 1867 and 1868, and I will tell you what they are, those they employ, and those to whom the gifts were given. Of that number 19 voted for Maxwell, 15 for Trollope, 73 for Edwards, and 68 for Kennard?—In the one year ?

16,490. In the one year. There is the account. Do you think that is a fair mode of distributing their patronage?—I should take it the Conservative tradesmen in Beverley are more numerous than the others.

16,491. And the Conservative deserving poor are the more numerous?—No, I should say not.

16,492. I say the Conservative deserving poor are the more numerous?—Probably they may be.

16,493. Do not you think that is a very convenient doctrine to hold? You are elected at the expense of Sir Henry Edwards ; do you not think, you who owe your election to money supplied by Sir Henry Edwards, that that is a very convenient doctrine to hold?—I do not think so.

16,494. What interest could Sir Henry Edwards have in having 12 gentlemen of his own way of thinking to administer these charities?—I presume he would consider it was keeping up his influence in Beverley to a certain extent.

16,495. Imagine if these benevolent men who left this could suppose that their gifts and charities would be used for such purposes?—That charity has never been used for political purposes.

16,496. Why should Sir Henry Edwards interfere if he did not think it would be?—I presume he interfered with respect to the pasture masters, but not with respect to the charity at all.

16,497. Why should he interfere with respect to the pasture masters?—I think he interfered because other parties have interfered before. The pasture masters have first been of one party and then of another.

16,498. Other parties made an effort to pervert them to their own use. Tell me ; I want an explanation. Can you give me any other explanation than that Sir Henry Edwards either believed that the pasture masters would do so, or that they would be supposed to do so; can you give me any other reason than that?—No, I cannot.

16,499. You know you are an educated man belonging to a respectable calling, what should you think of the transaction yourself, of owing your election to money advanced by Sir Henry Edwards ; what should you think of it when you calmly reflected on it?—I do not agree with it at all.

16,500. Do not you condemn it?—Yes, I do, and always have done.

16,501. Condemn it strongly?—And always have done.

16,502. What influence was it that made you join in a thing that you condemn so strongly?—I had not the slightest interest in it.

16,503. Who pressed you?—The old pasture masters.

10,504. Who are they?—The men that were in office. I was asked several years before to join, and I had always declined to do so. I had no interest to serve whatever ; in fact it has been a good deal out of my way to be a pasture master.

16,505. You agree with me, it is a thing very much to be condemned?—Oh yes, I agree.

16,506. You have been a freeman many years ; have you voted on many elections?—Yes.

16,507. Do you recollect Towneley's?—Only just; the first election.

16,508. Did you vote at Towneley's?—Not the first one. I should vote in 1847.

16,509. How did you vote?—For the Conservatives, and have done ever since.

16,510. Any money going?—Not that I am aware of. I have taken very little interest in it.

16,511. You were a young man then; I suppose you would not be entrusted with anything; but was money going?—I do not remember now, but I took very little interest in the elections.

16,512. Did you receive any money yourself?—I never received any money myself.

16,513. At any time?—Not at any time.

16,514. I do not want to press you.—I am quite open to answer.

16,515. Have you ever been engaged in distributing money?—I have never interfered with money matters at all at elections.

16,516. Have you been at all officially employed?—At elections I have generally been booth agent.

16,517. You knew money was going?—Only by report.

16,518. I do not mean any personal knowledge?—I have heard of it.

16,519. Money going on both sides?—Oh yes, I have heard: it was the general conversation. When money has been going it is the general conversation in the street.

16,520. Before Sir Henry's time, can you name any member that is supposed to have supplied money for the purpose of the pasture masters being elected?—No, I did not interfere at all.

16,521. But you said other parties did it?—I simply know by report.

16,522. I merely want to trace it if we can.—I should be glad to tell you anything I know about it. I have not interfered. I have taken no interest in it.

16,523. The only explanation you can give me about employing the Conservative tradesmen of the town is that they are more numerous?—I think the Conservative tradesmen are more numerous, considerably more so.

16,524. Have you employed anyone connected with the old foundry?—We have got things there because we imagine we get them cheaper.

16,525. Do you employ their men?—No, we generally employ freemen in the town. The labourers and the cartmen are a large item; nearly every cartman in the town is a freeman.

16,526. Did you hear the instance brought before us of a man who had made an application?

16,527. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In Findlater's evidence?—Mr. Hutton stated it. That is a mistake. That man got 5*l.* the year before. He is the owner of a lot of cattle, and we did not consider it proper to give him 5*l.* the next year.

16,528. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am very glad to give you every opportunity of explaining it.

16,529. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are you speaking of Campey?—Yes.

16,530. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) His statement is that he had been a pasture master?—It was quite a mistake that he entered into at that meeting.

16,531. But you spoke of it at that meeting?—I believe I spoke of it. Something was said about politics, and I said, "Politics have nothing to do with Walker's gift;" and he said, "No, no." I fancy that is about the only time he interfered in any way during the twelve months.

16,532. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I want to know how this money was paid, this 50*l.* Burrell got from Wreghitt?—I should think it was paid amongst the voters.

16,533. I have not the least doubt of it, but how is it distributed; in whose hands does it come for the purpose of distribution?—He would give it to some other people; probably the pasture masters. I do not know that; I cannot say.

16,534. You were chairman of the pasture masters?—But I took no interest.

16,535. You say you never distributed any yourself?—Two or three half-crowns I gave out of my own pocket, and he gave it me back again.

16,536. Who gave it you?—Burrell gave it me back again.

16,537. You paid two or three voters after the election?—A day or two after some people came to me and said some persons had given 2*s.* 6*d.*, and they ought to be repaid, and I gave it them. I told Burrell afterwards, and he gave me the money.

16,538. I want to know to whose hands the money goes from Burrell's?—That I cannot say.

16,539. You cannot say who is the medium of distribution?—No.

16,540. Now I think it is only fair to you to ask if you have heard any complaints addressed to you, the pasture masters, as to your mode of distributing the charities?—No, I have had none made personally.

16,541. I mean, have any complaints been made to you pasture masters as to your mode of administering the charities?—No.

16,542. Do you mean absolutely none whatever?—I have not seen any, and I generally read all the applications over at every meeting. We distribute the charity openly; call the people before us here in the Town Hall of all sides, and ask into their position before we give them anything.

16,543. The charity is distributed in a kind of open court?—We call the people in separately; they go into the passage to wait, and we call them in separately and ask them before we give the money. First they make a written application. It has been done so since I have been chairman of the pastures.

16,544. That is scarcely what I call holding an open court?—We cannot hold an open court, because you do not like one person to hear another person explain their position.

16,545. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are you aware that there is an impression in the town that Conservatives are favoured in the distribution of Walker's gift?—I have heard of it, and I think it is wrong. I think it is an impression created by biassed people.

16,546. But you know as a fact that there is, and has been for a long time, such an impression?—No, I do not think so. I have not heard of it. I have heard a drunken man as he has passed say, "Well, you won't give me Walker's gift."

16,547. Have you not heard sober people say the Conservatives are favoured?—No.

16,548. Never once?—I have never been where they have said so.

16,549. Then this impression is only on the part of drunken men?—On the part of a man that I would not take any notice of.

16,550. More than one person has stated here that that was his impression, and among those persons were pasture masters?—Probably that person has not made an application for the charity.

16,551. Pasture masters?—Pasture masters may, because they may mix more amongst other people than I do.

16,552. We have had at least two pasture masters—one Liberal, one Conservative—who have stated that there was that impression?—Probably they might hear it and not me, because probably they mix more in society than I do.

16,553. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is no use denying it. Given the fact that you and your brother pasture masters were elected at the expense of Sir Henry Edwards, could that fail to produce the impression?—It would produce the impression, very likely.

16,554. Was not it intended to produce the impression?—It would on both sides. It was stated by the clerk that there was 5*l.* allowed for Walker's dinner, and the remainder of the dinner taken out of the pasture fund. The pasture masters are allowed certain dinners in the year. Of course they have no interest in the pastures so far as to be recompensed for anything they do, and there is the 5*l.* from Walker's gift

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and the pasture masters dinner is added to that to make it a respectable sort of dinner. During the year of the cattle plague they gave away the 5*l.* of the Walker's gift to the cattle plague fund; they did not have any dinner. That was in 1867. I simply want to correct that statement which has been made.

The witness withdrew.

J. Loft.

JOSEPH LOFT sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

16,555. You are a freeman?—Yes.

16,556. How long have you been a freeman?—I believe the first time I voted would be for Hastings.

16,557. You have been a freeman since 1854?—Yes.

16,558. Did you get anything at that election?—Not a farthing.

16,559. The next election would be in 1857; that would be between Denison, Glover, and Wells. Whom did you vote for then?—Glover.

16,560. Did you get anything?—Not a farthing.

16,561. Then the next election, Edwards and Wells. Did you get anything then?—There were, I think, Lawley and Wells and Edwards.

16,562. No, that was before, Lawley, Wells, and Glover. You told us you voted first for Hastings?—First for Hastings and next for Glover.

16,563. You got nothing?—I got nothing those elections.

16,564. The next election, August of the same year, Edwards and Wells?—He was then Major Edwards; I voted for him.

16,565. Did you get anything?—Yes, I did.

16,566. What did you get?—4*l.* I was met in the street before I got 10 yards from home, and had it offered.

16,567. We will come to who offered it to you afterwards. The next was in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker's?—I voted Edwards and Walters at that election.

16,568. You would get something then I daresay?—I had 1*l.* given on that election.

16,569. Not more than that?—I had 1*l.* given for a half-vote. It was currently talked of that there was 2*l.* for a vote.

16,570. Stop a minute. The next was Walker and Gridley, in 1860?—I voted for Gridley at that election.

16,571. Did you get anything?—Yes, I got 2*l.*

16,572. The next is 1865; whom did you vote for in 1865?—Edwards and Keane.

16,573. Did you get anything then?—Not a farthing.

16,574. Who did you vote for at the last election?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope. I was free from any influence.

16,575. There was no influence I believe at all at the last election?—Not on me. I was not residing in Beverley. I could do as I liked.

16,576. Now, then, you were telling us you were bribed for Edwards in 1857; let us hear how that was?—I was going out from home about 9 o'clock.

16,577. Before you had voted?—Yes. I met a person called Jacolina Wilkin. He said he would give me 3*l.* to vote for Edwards. I knew the man, and I said I would consider of it.

16,578. Did he give you the money?—No.

16,579. Who gave you the money?—A man of the name of Charles Arnott, cabinet maker.

16,580. Gave you 3*l.*?—4*l.*

16,581. In 1859 you got 1*l.*?—Yes.

16,582. You voted for Edwards and Walters?—Yes.

16,583. From which side did you get that?—Mr. Walters' side.

16,584. I suppose you were paid at Pool's shop?—No.

16,585. Where?—I was paid outside. I had it given to me afterwards for the half-vote.

16,586. Where were you paid?—I believe in Wednesday market, to the best of my recollection. A man they called Taylor gave me the money.

16,587. Robert Taylor?—Yes.

16,588. Who gave you the money for Gridley?—A man I do not know. I never saw him in my life before.

16,589. A man with a hairy cap?—No; he was an ordinary looking individual. I never saw him in a hairy cap at all.

16,590. Where did he pay you?—At the "Pack Horse." A man named William Suddaby went with me.

16,591. Was Suddaby paid also?—Yes.

16,592. Have you ever voted at the council choosing?—Yes, many times, I believe.

16,593. Have you got a little money by that?—I do not remember ever getting a farthing at a municipal election; there were not such high sums given when I was a voter.

16,594. There was a little given?—I generally I believe, to the best of my recollection, used to pick out those from either side whom I thought the best men. I have a distinct recollection at one time of doing so.

16,595. Your answer to us is, you never got any money at the council choosing?—I do not remember ever getting a farthing at a municipal election.

16,596. You told us, being out of Beverley, you are now perfectly free; have you any explanation of that?—Oh, yes; all the votes I gave for Edwards where I got nothing I gave simply because I had a good share of patronage from Conservative gentlemen, and they very mildly put it to me at times.

16,597. What are you?—A master painter now.

16,598. You voted for Edwards because you were patronized by Conservative gentlemen?—Yes.

16,599. And it was mildly put to you; in short, they canvassed you?—Yes. It was no secret that the two votes I gave to Sir Henry Edwards were given simply because I was engaged in business.

16,600. But you got 4*l.*?—That was the first election. I was a journeyman painter. I had been 15 years in the employ of Isaac Wilkinson, an old pasture master. I was a journeyman; I could not afford to turn it away then.

16,601. The 4*l.*?—It was a lot of money to me. It is the only money I got without earning it. Every shilling I got in business I earned.

16,602. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There was money going on both sides at the election of Edwards and Keane?—Yes, I believe there was, but I did not go to it; I was in business.

16,603. You see the time before, the very election before, you got 2*l.*?—I had a reason for it.

16,604. What was that?—I was told repeatedly by my wife, for instance, that there were people worth thousands that had taken it, and I ought to take it. I did not take it then till late in the day.

R. K. Wallis.

ROBERT KNAGGS WALLIS sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

16,605. What are you?—A cooper.

16,606. You have for a long time taken part in the elections in this town, have you not?—Never before the last municipal.

16,607. What part did you take then?—Conservative; I assisted Mr. Lowther in his canvass.

16,608. You had some money to distribute?—Yes, Mr. Lowther gave me 10*l.*

16,609. What did you do with it?—I gave it, I think, to seven or eight voters.

16,610. Tell me the names and the amounts?—There is one of the name of Richard Wilson, Matthew Walker——

16,611. How much to Wilson?—I believe 15*s.*

16,612. First of all, you told me you had 10*l.* to distribute?—Yes.

16,613. Wilson, 15*s.*?—Yes.

16,614. Walker, how much ?—The same, I believe; James Atkinson the same; George Copeland, 15*s.*; Thomas Harrison; William Mawmill.

16,615. What is he ?—A labourer.

16,616. Fifteen shillings to him ?—No, 17*s.* 6*d.*, I think. Then there was a man of the name of Thomas Dove.

16,617. Is that 15*s.* ?—Yes; and there was another man I do not know.

16,618. That would not make up the 10*l.* ?—I returned Mr. Lowther some 3*l.* odd; that made up the balance.

16,619. What did you give these men this money for ?—To vote for Lowther.

16,620. And what else ?—The Conservative candidates.

16,621. What else did you give it them for ?—Nothing else at all.

16,622. Do you remember your conversation with Flint ?—Yes.

16,623. What was it ?—I had seen him in the morning and solicited his vote. He told me he should not vote for the Conservatives.

16,624. That is, the Conservatives at the parliamentary ?—No, at the municipal. He said that the Liberals had been down, and said they should give all the men a sovereign each that voted for them. He asked me how much we were going to give. I said, "Well, I had heard half-a-sovereign," and he said he should not come down and vote for them. In fact, he said he would not vote for the Conservatives on any account, and I did not see any more of him till night.

16,625. That is, the night of the municipal election ?—Yes, I saw Flint at night and asked him if he had got his sovereign, and he said, no, he had not, and he said that they had all voted for the Conservatives; and I said——

16,626. What do you mean by "all," all at the works ?—All the men at the mill; and I said, "What, "are you going to vote for him at the parliamentary "as well; have you all turned Conservatives ?" He said, "I don't know what the others are going to do, "but I shall not, and I should not have voted for him "to-day if the others had not stopped before I got "here." I told him then I thought he had acted very dishonourably by selling himself for 15*s.*

16,627. That is to say, he had got the 15*s.* and did not vote for the parliamentary candidates. Your story substantially agrees with his ?—For the parliamentary ?

16,628. You knew that he had got the 15*s.* at that time, and you told him he was a scoundrel ?—I did not tell him he was a scoundrel.

16,629. The time you thought he acted dishonourably ?—That was the night of the municipal.

16,630. And you know at that time he had got money ?—He said in the morning he could not vote for him at the municipal, and then he came and took the money and did vote for him. That is the reason why I said so.

16,631. Vote for whom ?—For the Conservatives.

16,632. What was dishonourable ?—Because he said in the morning he would not vote for him on any account; he said he was going to vote for the Liberals.

16,633. Flint's account is, you complained of his refusing to vote for your party at the parliamentary election ?—I never asked him.

16,634. Had not any of your observations any reference to the parliamentary election ?—Not one. I never mentioned it to any man.

16,635. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

16,636. How long have you been a freeman ?—Since 1847.

16,637. Have you voted at the elections ?—Yes.

16,638. When was the first you voted at ?—Towneley's, I believe; the second election.

16,639. You voted in 1847 at the election when Fox, Towneley, and Goldsmid were up ?—Yes.

16,640. Which way did you vote ?—A single Towneley.

16,641. Did you get anything for that vote ?—I believe I did.

16,642. How much ?—I think two sovereigns.

16,643. From whom did you get it ?—I am sure I cannot say. I got it in the committee room here, in the Toll Gavel.

16,644. In 1852, when Lawley, Wells, and Glover put up, did you vote then ?—Yes, for Lawley and Wells, to the best of my recollection.

16,645. Did you get anything for your vote ?—I think I did, I believe 3*l.*

16,646. Who gave you that ?—A man of the name of William Wilson.

16,647. In 1854, Gordon and Hastings put up ?—Yes.

16,648. Did you get anything ?—I believe not. I voted for Gordon.

16,649. In 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells; which did you vote for ?—Wells, I believe.

16,650. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing.

16,651. Again in 1857, Major Edwards and Wells, did you vote ?—Yes, for Wells.

16,652. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Nothing.

16,653. Are you sure of that ?—Yes.

16,654. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover; did you vote ?—Yes.

16,655. For whom ?—Edwards and Walker.

16,656. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing.

16,657. Walker and Gridley in 1860; did you vote ?—I voted for Walker.

16,658. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

16,659. Sure ?—Yes.

16,660. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I voted for Edwards and Keane.

16,661. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Yes, I believe I got a sovereign at the Mechanics'.

16,662. Then, as I understand, you never took any money for your vote from 1852 to 1865 ?—I believe not.

16,663. And in 1868, for whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Kennard.

16,664. And you got nothing for your vote then ?—No.

16,665. Have you ever on any former occasion been employed to distribute money for any election ?—Never.

16,666. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you at all canvass on behalf of the Conservatives at the last election ?—For the parliamentary ?

16,667. Yes ?—Never.

16,668. Are you sure ?—Yes.

16,669. Did you ever go to the works ?—I understood you to say, go along with the candidates. I went down on the election morning of the parliamentary.

16,670. Did I say to canvass with the candidates ?—I understood it to that effect. I went down on the election morning and I met, I think, four men, one of the name of Boyes, two of the name of Atkinson, and another. I asked them if they were going to support us, and they said, "No."

16,671. "Going to support us ?"—That is the Conservative party.

16,672. Edwards and Kennard ?—Yes. That was I believe all that passed.

16,673. Those are some of the men that you bribed ?—I only gave it to two there.

16,674. You let them taste the money at the municipal, and then you went down and said, "Are you "not going to support us ?" Might I inquire who employed you to canvass ?—Mr. Lowther asked me to go down to Grovehill to see the men.

16,675. Mr. Lowther, who had given you the 10*l.* at the municipal election a fortnight before, asked you to go to the men ?—Mr. Bainton at the parliamentary and Mr. Lowther at the municipal.

16,676. Who is Mr. Bainton ?—He is the agent, I expect, for Sir Henry Edwards.

16,677. The conducting agent asked you to go and canvass ?—To ask the men if they were coming up.

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16,678. He asked you to go and canvass the men at the Grovehill works?—Yes.

16,679. What are you?—A cooper.

16,680. Are you a master cooper?—Yes.

16,681. Have you any connexion with the Grovehill works?—Not now, any more than I do a little business with them. I worked there 30 years.

16,682. Why should Mr. Bainton ask you to go and canvass?—I suppose I had gone down before.

16,683. What were you to get for canvassing?—I never got a fraction.

16,684. I do not say you ever did. What were you to get for canvassing?—Nothing at all.

16,685. Do you think Mr. Bainton was working for nothing?—Possibly not.

16,686. Why should you go? How far is it from where you live?—Perhaps a mile and a half.

16,687. And you were to go canvassing a mile and a half away for nothing. What were you to get for your day's work?—Nothing; never got a fraction and never expected one.

16,688. How many voters were there there?—I should think 40 nearly, and I saw about seven; that was all I spoke to that morning.

16,689. You went to the works?—Never went into none of the works.

16,690. Where else did you go canvassing?—Nowhere.

16,691. Did you report your success to the committee?—I never was in a committee room at the parliamentary election.

16,692. You told somebody?—No, I do not know that I did.

16,693. Did they promise you?—No; they said they were going to vote for the other parties.

16,694. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What day was that that you canvassed these seven men?—The morning of the parliamentary election.

16,695. Did Sir Henry Edwards come down to the works?—I do not know.

16,696. Were you with him during any part of his canvass?—Never.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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N. Kemplay.

NATHANIEL KEMPLAY sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

16,697. What are you?—A cow-keeper.

16,698. Are you a freeman?—Yes, sir.

16,699. And I suppose you use the rights of a freeman in distributing your cows on the pasture?—Yes, sir, I do.

16,700. How long have you been a freeman?—Forty-four years.

16,701. Might I inquire how many cows you have on the common?—I have six.

16,702. You have had more?—Yes.

16,703. What is the most you ever had there?—About 10.

16,704. Had you any other stock at the time?—A horse sometimes.

16,705. Any other stock?—No.

16,706. Any young cattle?—Of course I count the stock altogether when I say 10.

16,707. You have been 44 years a freeman?—Yes.

16,708. Are you a pasture master?—Yes, I am.

16,709. How long have you been a pasture master?—I should think seven or eight years.

16,710. No more?—It was in 1862.

16,711. That is what I like, I like dates; I will take it from the 1st of March 1862 you were a pasture master?—No, I went in when one died, about a month previous to the 1st of March, on there being a vacancy.

16,712. Was there no election?—No.

16,713. That was so?—Yes; the pasture masters have the power, if there is one short, to take one out and pass him.

16,714. If there is a vacancy during the year the election is not contested; they nominate?—For one.

16,715. And the pasture masters looked you up and nominated you?—Yes.

16,716. Have you had many contests for pasture masters?—About four, I should think; these would be '62, '63, '65, and '68; and there was one in 1859.

16,717. Never mind '59; I only want to know about your contests for pasture masters, contests in your time?—Yes.

16,718. You say there was one in '62?—Yes.

16,719. 1863?—Yes, and 1865.

16,720. And '68?—Yes.

16,721. That is so?—Yes, to the best of my belief.

16,722. In 1862 had you to spend money?—Yes, there was some money spent.

16,723. I am very properly corrected, I will adopt your phrase; there was some money spent?—Yes.

16,724. Where was the money got from?—I cannot tell.

16,724*a*. Oh yes, you can; you know a great deal; it is much better for you to tell it at once?—I would tell you if I could.

16,725. You are pasture master, and you know where the money came from perfectly well?—I do not.

16,726. Where do you think it came from? That will do for me at present; where do you think it came from; it did not fall down from the heavens, money does not fall in that way?—I think it came from Mr. Wreghitt.

16,727. If you wish to get on smoothly you will answer at once; you might just as well answer the questions at once?—It came I think from Mr. Wreghitt.

16,728. Of course it did; had you a sharp contest in 1862?—Yes, I think it was.

16,729. What was the figure to the freemen for their votes?—From 2*s*. 6*d*. to 5*s*.

16,730. Did you yourself receive any money that contest to distribute?—I think I did.

16,731. Yes, I think you did; how much did you yourself receive ?—I cannot tell.

16,732. Was it about 10*l.* or so?—Yes, it would be about 10*l.*

16,733. You tell me you gave the voters 2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.* each?—Yes, I should at that time.

16,734. From whom did you receive the 10*l.*?—I am sure I cannot tell; some of the pasture masters would divide it among themselves.

16,735. Do you not know from whom you received the 10*l.*; there are only 12 of you?—I do not remember.

16,736. Yes, indeed, you do?—No.

16,737. You cannot receive 10*l.* as a pasture master and not know from whom you received it; it is only a few years ago. Was it through the clerk Monkman, that you got it?—I cannot say.

16,738. Yes, you can; where did you get it?—I cannot say.

16,739. Why?—I do not recollect.

16,740. Who is to say if you cannot; you receive 10*l.* to distribute among voters for purposes of your own, and you pretend to say you do not know from whom you received it?—Most likely the clerk would give it.

16,741. Most likely, and in the office; you have an office?—No.

16,742. Where do you meet?—We have our meetings in this room.

16,743. You think you might have got the 10*l.* from the clerk?—Yes.

16,744. How long was it before the election?—It was on the morning.

16,745. And did the meetings take place here?—Yes.

16,746. Where did you station yourself when you distributed the two-and-sixpences and five shillings?—In the street.

16,747. You come to the clerk, he gives you 10*l.*, you go into the street and distribute the money to the voters, very well. Were there other pasture masters who received money?—I was not in the room; I received no money here at all, not in that room.

16,748. Where did you receive the money?—We generally used to have a place at Mr. Dickinson's shop to fill the papers up.

16,749. How many pasture masters do you recollect there that morning?—I should think all would be present.

16,750. Was the money distributed equally among the pasture masters, 10*l.* a man?—I cannot say.

16,751. About that?—I cannot say, I am sure, what theirs was.

16,752. Did you not get the money in the morning?—Yes.

16,753. And all the 12 pasture masters were there?—I think so.

16,754. And would not the other 11 receive the money as well as you?—No doubt; but I do not answer for others.

16,755. Can you tell me the names of any of these men you gave 2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.* to. I shall be contented with a few?—I may perhaps call to mind a few of them. There was a man of the name of Spence, he was one.

16,756. A freeman?—Yes, they are all freemen.

16,757. He is not dead now?—No, he is not dead.

16,758. Go on. If you will give me the names of four, I will let you off?—It is a thing one does not think much about.

16,759. Here is 10*l.* given you by the clerk to go out with and distribute in the street among your constituent freemen whose claims you were to sit upon and dispose of afterwards, and yet you tell me you cannot give me the names of four persons to whom you gave the money?—I cannot.

16,760. Some of the money might be remaining in your hands?—No, it was all spent up.

16,761. You had 10*l.*; we will take it at 60 people—60 respectable constituents, and you don't remember the names of four?—No.

16,762. Now we come to '63. Was there a sharp contest for the office of pasture master in '63?—Yes, I think there was in 1863, there was a division in '63.

16,763. And what money did you get in '63?—I did not get anything I did not get a farthing in '63.

16,764. You know whether you did or not?—I got no money in '63—not myself.

16,765. Who else got it?—There were clerks to take down the names of the voters and pay there.

16,766. Who was the clerk?—Our own clerk.

16,767. We must have him up again. Was that Mr. Monkman?—Yes.

16,768. Well, he will have to appear before us again. Anyone else?—There was Thomas Harrison.

16,769. Where is he?—In Beverley.

16,770. What is he?—He is a land surveyor; he was one of the clerks.

16,771. I want to know who were the people who had the money in the streets?—I cannot tell exactly who had the money.

16,772. You said there were clerks had the money?—I did not.

16,773. You may recall it, if you please; but about the money on that occasion in 1863, who had the money?—I cannot tell you.

16,774. Why?—I forget all about it.

16,775. You remember what occurred in 1862, and forget what took place in 1863?—I do not know, or I would speak it at once.

16,776. Was money going?—Oh yes.

16,777. Was the price higher?—Similar I think.

16,778. Where do you think the money came from; you can give us another name?—Mr. Wreghitt most likely.

16,779. We shall have to call every pasture master if you do not speak out; so you may as well speak out at once. In 1863 do you know how much money was spent?—I do not know. I did not see the accounts; it was a divided lot.

16,780. Were there accounts; I should very much like to see them?—I did not know what the amount was at first.

16,781. Do you know what the amount was in 1863?—No, I do not.

16,782. Was there any account at all kept of how the money was spent?—It was not kept no more than at the time of setting the names down.

16,783. Every name that was down, did they get money?—No; there is a deal vote without any money at all.

16,784. Did the clerk put down in a book the name of every person who got the money?—They would all be entered, they that got a voting paper.

16,785. I know that; some voted without money being paid?—Yes.

16,786. Did he put that down on a separate list?—No.

16,787. Of course, all who voted were put down?—They put all the names down that got the voting papers.

16,788. Was any account kept of the names of the men who had received money for voting?—I cannot say that there was.

16,789. You can tell me about how much money was spent in 1863?—I cannot, for I had nothing to do with the matter.

16,790. You were elected?—Yes.

16,791. You knew money was spent?—Yes, I knew money was spent.

16,792. I suppose there was no contest in 1864?—No.

16,793. In 1865, was there a sharp contest? No, not very.

16,794. Very little, perhaps?—Very little.

16,795. How much money was spent?—There was not a deal of money spent; it was in fact a kind of a sham.

16,796. Had you any of the finding of it?—No.

16,797. You had none?—No.

16,798. Not in 1865?—No.

16,799. In 1868, was that a sham?—It was not a very heavy one.

16,800. Do you know how much money was spent there?—I should think about 40*l.*

16,801. We know from the other man it was 50*l.*?—Well, 40*l.* or 50*l.*, I cannot tell which.

16,802. You know it was 50*l.*?—No, I do not; I cannot tell that at all.

16,803. Did any of that money pass through your hands?—No.

16,804. None of it passed through your hands?—It did not.

16,805. Is that all you know of the pasture masters' money?—Yes.

16,806. It is not much; is that all you know?—Yes, of the pasture masters' money.

16,807. Who generally distributed the money; take '65 who distributed the 100*l.*, or whatever it was, that year?—There was a man appointed in '65.

16,808. It is only four years ago; there was a man appointed, you say, in 1865; I want to know who he was?—Well, I cannot tell you.

16,809. Yes, you can, surely?—No, I cannot.

16,810. You forget I am speaking to you of one of your own men?—Yes, he would be a freeman, no doubt.

16,811. And he would be one of your own political way of thinking?—Yes.

16,812. Well, who else?—I am sure I cannot tell.

16,813. Cannot you tell me at all?—I cannot tell you.

16,814. We know there was a chairman?—Yes, there was a chairman.

16,815. Was it anyone from the same office?—No.

16,816. If you can tell me he was not from the same office you can tell from what office he came?—No, I cannot.

16,817. He must be a scholarly man, he had to take down the names and pay the money; who was he?—I cannot tell.

16,818. Did you go to Hull for him; how did you pick him up?—I should think the clerk would look out for a man of that sort.

16,819. The clerk would look out for the man?—Yes.

16,820. The clerk was on the look out for a man to take down the names and distribute the money; is that what you say?—Yes.

16,821. Why did you not distribute money yourself, you had done it before; were you ashamed of the unclean thing?—No.

16,822. The pasture masters, no doubt, were looking out for votes, and occasionally for a party to give out the money?—Yes.

16,823. This was in 1868?—Yes.

16,824. At this time you knew a parliamentary election was coming on, the world knew it, under the Reform Bill; you knew it, did you not?—Yes.

16,825. You would be on the look out?—I cannot tell.

16,826. Were you at the meeting when it was resolved to get Mr. Dawson and Mr. Burrell to wait on Wreghitt to get the money?—They were to go and see him.

16,827. To go and have a look at him, is that what you mean?—Yes.

16,828. Why did you not adopt my phrase, "wait upon him" for money instead of "going to see him?" Were you at the meeting when it was arranged that two of you should go to see him?—Yes.

16,829. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you say you were at that meeting?—Yes.

16,830. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think something was said about the amount of money that would be required; it was not a very sharp contest; 50*l.* I think was named?—Somewhere thereabouts.

16,831. Why did you take exception to my phrase to wait upon him. That was the evening before the 1st of March; it was Leap-year. So it was on the 29th of February, 1868, was it not?—It was not; the 1st of March was not till the Monday.

16,832. You think it was a Saturday, that may very likely be, that would be the 28th. Was Monday the 1st of March?—I do not know.

16,833. Was it the day before the 1st of March when you held the meeting?—Yes, it was, except there was Sunday between.

16,834. Where did you meet?—I think it was at Burrell's, at the "White Horse."

16,835. Why did not you tell me at once. How many of you were there; were you all there?—Yes, I should think there were.

16,836. Was the clerk there?—Yes.

16,837. The clerk was there, too; it was a regular convened meeting of the pasture masters?—Yes.

16,838. Was a circular or a letter sent by the clerk? No, I think not.

16,839. Were you waited upon by the clerk?—We told one another.

16,840. Did you know who got the money?—No, I do not.

16,841. What clerk was appointed then to take down the names and to distribute the money; this is only a year ago, a little more than a year?—I cannot think on it; I cannot think who it was.

16,842. You had better?—I cannot.

16,843. Why, it does not require much thinking?—I am sure I do not know.

16,844. Did the clerk to the pasture masters appoint him; was it left with the clerk to appoint him?—Partly I think.

16,845. And partly with the chairman, was it?—Yes, I should think so.

16,846. Did you see a man acting, taking down the names and filling up the papers and distributing the money?—No, I saw him filling the papers up.

16,847. Was he the man who distributed the money?—No, he was not.

16,848. Who distributed the money?—I am sure I cannot tell.

16,849. You told me before, that the man who distributed the money in 1865 filled up the papers?—I think not.

16,850. I want the man who distributed the money?—Yes, sir, I know you do, but I cannot tell you. I do not know who it was.

16,851. On either occasion?—I cannot call to mind who it was.

16,852. Did you see him at work?—No.

16,853. Why?—I did not go up to him. I did not go to the room where he was.

16,854. What room was he in?—He would be at Mrs. Padget's house, I believe.

16,855. Let there be no mistake; the man who distributed the money was at Mrs. Padget's, is that so?—Yes.

16,856. On both occasions, 1865 and 1868?—No, I think not both occasions.

16,857. Where was he the last?—The first he would be at Ramshaw's, the "Golden Ball."

16,858. In 1865 he was at the "Golden Ball," and in 1868 at Mrs. Padget's?—Yes, I think so.

16,859. You think so. I will take it that that is the best of your memory?—Yes.

16,860. Might I inquire whether you were elected on the 1st of March 1869, this year?—Yes.

16,861. That was before Baron Martin came?—Yes.

16,862. There was no contest?—No.

16,863. No money going then?—No. I think we paid the expense ourselves out of our own pockets. It was not very great, and I think we paid it.

16,864. I think so, too; that was for the first time?—Yes, in 1857, the 12 pasture masters put down 5*l.* apiece.

16,865. That is a long time back; were you pasture master then?—No, I was not.

16,866. I am only asking you what you know yourself; it was the first time during your government of the pastures. Now I will depart from that. You have been a freeman for many years, might I inquire did you vote often, both at the municipal and the parliamentary elections?—I should think I mostly voted at both for 26 years.

16,867. Have you a family; have you a son a freeman?—I have one.

16,868. He is a freeman?—Yes.

16,869. Did you vote in Towneley's election?—Yes, but not for Towneley.

16,870. You voted for Fox and Hogg?—Yes.

16,871. Mr. Hogg was a gentleman from the East Indies; what did you receive?—At the first election of Towneley's, of course I got 12*l.*

16,872. From whom?—Why, from Fox and Hogg's committee.

16,873. Well, the second election of Towneley's?—I received nothing.

16,874. Now I will bring you down later. In 1852 there was Lawley and Wells and Glover; for whom did you vote?—For Glover.

16,875. How much?—Nothing.

16,876. 1854 I will not ask you about. Now in 1857 there was Denison, Glover, and Wells; for whom?—Glover.

16,877. How much?—Nothing.

16,878. There was in August '57 Edwards and Wells?—Edwards.

16,879. There was money going then, was not there?—Yes, there was money going, but I did not receive it.

16,880. You did not receive anything?—No.

16,881. Except something might have remained in your hands; gold is sticky?—I did not receive anything, for voting I mean.

16,882. But I mean you received something for your exertions?—No, I do not know that I did.

16,883. I think you did?—I do not think so.

16,884. You had been very active?—Of course I was, and of course I spent some money that time.

16,885. What?—I had the management of spending some money at that time to get some voters.

16,886. Why do not you use proper language, that is not spending money. If I say that I spent money, I mean my own money. Where did you get the money?—I cannot tell the man; he was a stranger to me completely.

16,887. Well, it is enough to induce one to come to live at Beverley. Here is a stranger coming to you and putting money into your hand?—Yes.

16,888. Where did you meet the stranger; was it by accident?—I never saw the man in my life before or since.

16,889. You met him by accident?—I will tell you, on the nomination day——

16,890. No; I will ask you my own way. Was it by accident you met him?—It was by accident he met me.

16,891. By accident he met you; where?—He comes up to me and says, "Is your name Kemplay?"

16,892. Where?—At the "Beverley Arms."

16,893. Were you in a room or outside?—I was upstairs after the nomination.

16,894. You went upstairs?—I did.

16,895. Where were you upstairs; in what room?—I was in the room where the gentlemen had been speaking from, over the balcony.

16,896. With the candidates?—Yes.

16,897. Was Major Edwards speaking from the window?—Yes, he was.

16,898. And while Major Edwards was speaking from the window a stranger came up to you and he said, "Is your name——?—Kemplay.

16,899. Just so; and you said yes?—Yes.

16,900. I want to know how these things happen; he put some gold into your hand?—Yes, he did.

16,901. How was it; was it folded up in a parcel, or in a purse, or how?—They were neither.

16,902. Tell me how he gave it you?—It was some bills he gave me, not gold.

16,903. Bills?—Bank of England bills.

16,904. How many?—To the amount of 200*l.* altogether.

16,905. Two hundred pounds, and a perfect stranger. Major Edwards was speaking; who was with him on that occasion, or was he alone?—There was scores of people.

16,906. No, I mean the candidates; while the major was speaking, up came the stranger?—No, all that was settled, it was after that time, and I was upstairs.

16,907. You told me he was speaking?—I said it was the room where he had spoken.

16,908. How many were in the room then. I understood you to say there were a great number?—There was.

16,909. Was Major Edwards in the room?—No, he was not.

16,910. Where was he?—I cannot tell you; he went away from the room.

16,911. He went away from the window?—He left the room.

16,912. How long had he left?—A good while.

16,913. The stranger came up to you with these Bank of England bills for 200*l.*; where did you get them cashed?—At the bank, I fancy.

16,914. You fancy; you are a man of the world and a man of sense.—I got them changed into sovereigns, that is what I meant.

16,915. You went to the bank, which bank?—I think I went to the East Riding Bank.

16,916. In Beverley?—Yes.

16,917. You got them changed into sovereigns?—Yes.

16,918. And that was the nomination day?—Yes, after the nomination.

16,919. You do not know who the stranger is?—I do not; I have never seen him since, and I never saw him before.

16,920. He disappeared then, did not he, at once?—Well, I never saw him afterwards.

16,921. Now you have your 200*l.* in sovereigns, and the nomination is over, and the work is to commence; how did you arrange then?—I got three or four friends and give them some money to do the best they could.

16,922. You must have arranged with somebody before that that, you were to commence bribing?—No.

16,923. Come, come, that is impossible?—Not at all.

16,924. Somebody must have spoken to you?—I do not know what they did with other gentlemen, but they never did to me; I did not know a syllable about it till there and then.

16,925. Then they took you for a ready instrument. What took you to the "Beverley Arms," if I may inquire?—What took me; why I often choose to go there at election times, and to get a glass of grog sometimes.

16,926. What took you on that eventful day?—It was the nomination, and I went from the nomination upstairs.

16,927. Did you observe the mysterious stranger speak to anyone else in the room?—I do not know; I did not see him.

16,928. Tell us what occurred; I should like to know. He asked you, "Are you Kemplay"?—Yes.

16,929. You said you were?—Yes.

16,930. Go on.—He said, "Sometimes you take a "bit of an active part in the election, I have been told;" and he says, "Come this way with me."

16,931. Come this way?—Yes, into another room.

16,932. He took you into another room?—Yes.

16,933. And then?—Then he gave me the money, and told me to do the best I could.

16,934. Did he count it out to you?—No.

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16,935. How did he give it ?—He gave it rolled up, and said "There is 200*l.*"

16,936. He remained in the room?—I left him there.

16,937. I think you saw somebody else go in afterwards?—No, I did not, begging your pardon.

16,938. You went away and got the notes changed?—Yes.

16,939. Give us the persons you gave the money to?—I believe Padget, painter, was one.

16,940. How much ?—Well, I should think he would get 50*l.* or more ; then he used to come back and get some more.

16,941. What did you give him altogether ?—Well, it was all spent.

16,942. How much did you give him ? we want to trace it. Is this man a living man ?—No, he is not now. I think there was John Richardson I gave some to.

16,943. How much did you give Richardson ?—I think 50*l.* I do not know, it is a long time since. I kept no account of it.

16,944. Anybody else ?—Wilkin.

16,945. How much ?—Well, they got a start at first, and then came back when the money was out.

16,946. About how much ?—About 50*l.*

16,947. Anybody else ?—No.

16,948. Only three ?—I myself.

16,949. You distributed some ?—I did.

16,950. I hope none of the other gentlemen are dead ?—There is one living.

16,951. Only one ; that is Mr. Richardson ?—Richardson is living.

16,952. Had your son a vote at that time ?—No.

16,953. Do you recollect Nutchey ?—Yes.

16,954. Did he receive any ?—I do not recollect that he did.

16,955. Do not you recollect he got 15*l.* from you—David Nutchey ?—Well, I do not think it was that election ; I know he got some money, but I do not think it was that election.

16,956. Well, it may not be that election. Now, you have not accounted for it all, but you had been busy yourself ; how many days did you give to the election ?—I should think three or four days ; no, there would not be three, because the election day would be the day after the nomination.

16,957. At any rate, you would value your own time for something, 1*l.* a day would be the least ?—I never valued my time.

16,958. You would not swear, I venture to say, in that box, that some of the money did not remain with you ?—It did not. I spent all the money, and they made me a present for myself.

16,959. How much ?—5*l.*

16,960. Who made you that present ?—It came from ——

16,961. From the Major ?—No.

16,962. A present is no harm ?—It came from his agent, I imagine.

16,963. Who ?—Mr. Bainton would be the agent, I should think, then.

16,964. Who handed it to you ?—Mr. Bainton's clerk.

16,965. What is his name ?—McCoy.

16,966. Not many days after the election ?—I cannot say.

16,967. About ?—It would not be long.

16,968. Two or three days after ?—I think they settled up the affairs as soon as possible.

16,969. Was it within a week ?—I should think it would be.

16,970. Nobody else can know but yourself ?—I do not know, I can swear.

16,971. Do you believe it was within a week ?—About a week.

16,972. Did he ask you for an account of the monies you had expended ?—No, he did not ; I told him the parties that I had given the monies to.

16,973. You gave him an account of the persons you had given the monies to ?—Yes.

16,974. And the amounts you had given ?—Yes.

16,975. And then, finding that you had acted, as he thought, well, he gave you 5*l.* ?—Yes.

16,976. For yourself ?—Yes.

16,977. And expressed, of course, the thanks of the Major for your exertions ?—No.

16,978. Now we have done with '57 ; you were not a pasture master then. We will now come to '59. There was Walters, Edwards, and Walker, I think ; for whom did you vote ?—I voted for Walker and Edwards.

16,979. How much money did you spend then ?—Nothing.

16,980. Money was going, was it not ?—On one side of the question it was, for Walters.

16,981. On Walters' side ?—Yes.

16,982. Well, about Edwards and Walker ; did not they spend any money ?—They did not, I should say.

16,983. Did any money pass through your hands ?—No.

16,984. Did you receive any money ?—No.

16,985. Not for your vote ?—No.

16,986. Nor for your services ?—No.

16,987. Were you engaged at all in doing anything ?—I generally set myself out on a thing of that sort.

16,988. You generally set yourself out ; my question, is were you engaged on that election ?—No, I was not.

16,989. Did you canvass anybody ?—No, I do not think I did that election.

16,990. Recollect yourself ?—I do not recollect that I did ; I might ask anybody that was passing by to give us a vote, but I was not canvassing.

16,991. That would be of very little use. I do not think you did much by asking any person that passed to give you a vote. Now, in 1860, there was Walker and Gridley ; what about that election ?—I voted for Walker.

16,992. Money was going then, we know ?—Yes.

16,993. How much passed through your hands ?—That I cannot say.

16,994. About ?—Oh, I should think most of 300*l.* somehow.

16,995. How did it get into your hands ?—Well, I was appointed to pay the expenses of the out voters ; all their expenses.

16,996. My question is, how did the money get into your hands ?—I was just going to tell you.

16,997. Tell me who gave it to you ?—It was a son of old Mr. Walker's brought it to me. I should think he would be about 12 years old.

16,998. What Mr. Walker ?—Sir James Walker at present.

16,999. A boy ?—Yes ; about 12 years of age then.

17,000. He came to you with a letter I suppose ?—No, he brought some money to me.

17,001. Where did he meet you ?—At the "Cross Keys."

17,002. What time in the year was this ?—It would be in January, I think.

17,003. A boy about 12 years of age came to you at the "Cross Key's" ?—Yes.

17,004. What time of the day ?—Betwixt 9 and 10.

17,005. In the morning ?—Yes.

17,006. How many days before the election ?—That would be the election day.

17,007. Now, be cautious. Well, I will say nothing about the boy ; I suppose the boy handed you the money ?—He did not hand it to me, he put it on the table like here.

17,008. Was it in a parcel ?—No, it was like a corn bag.

17,009. In a bag ?—Yes.

17,010. A bag of sovereigns or notes ?—Sovereigns.

17,011. All sovereigns ?—Yes.

17,012. Three hundred sovereigns ?—I should say there was ; I never counted them.

17,013. He said there was ?—He never said a word to me.

17,014. How did you know there were 300 ?—I said I thought there might be.

17,015. We will take it at 300*l.* ; you never counted them ?—No.

17,016. The boy said nothing to you ?—Not a word.

17,017. But you knew perfectly well what it was for ?—I knew I was going there to pay the expenses.

17,018. Did you go there that morning by accident ?—To the "Cross Keys ?"

17,019. Yes ?—Yes ; no, not accident.

17,020. You went there expecting to receive money ?—I was appointed, I tell you, to pay.

17,021. But you went there expecting to receive money ?—I went there.

17,022. Did you go there expecting to receive money ?—I did not expect to receive that money.

17,023. Did you go there expecting to receive money ?—Yes ; but not that money.

17024. Who was acting for Walker at that election ; did you know Mr. Walker himself then ; did you know the candidate ?—Yes.

17,025. You knew him well ?—I knew him.

17,026. How many days before that had you been speaking to Walker, or Walker to you ?—I did not speak to him at all except when he canvassed me.

17,027. How long before ?—Three or four days.

17,028. Were you canvassed by Walker ?—Yes.

17,029. Did he say, "Mr. Kemplay, I hope you will give us the benefit of your services at this election" ?—No.

17,030. What did he say ?—He asked me for my vote, and I promised it.

17,031. Who desired you to go and present yourself at the "Cross Keys" that morning ?—Well, I went from Mr. Bainton's office there.

17,032. What Mr. Bainton, the conducting agent ?—Yes, for Walker.

17,033. You went from Bainton's office, the conducting agent, in 1860, to the "Cross Keys," and while there a boy came ?—Yes.

17,034. Who did you see at Bainton's office ; I cannot get you to tell us who told you to go to the "Cross Keys ;" was it Bainton himself ?—No, I think not.

17,035. Who did you see there ?—I cannot tell you who it was.

17,036. You saw Bainton himself ?—I do not think he said anything about it.

17,037. Of course not, but you saw him ?—Yes, I went from there——.

17,038. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say you saw Mr. Bainton ?—I saw him that morning, of course.

17,039. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And spoke to him ?—Nothing further than bidding him "Good morning."

17,040. You did not go to Mr. Bainton's office for the purpose of bidding Mr. Bainton "Good morning ;" Did not he tell you to go to the "Cross Keys" ?—I do not think it was him.

17,041. Who told you, his clerk ?—The clerk I fancy, but I cannot swear.

17,042. Now, you have about 300*l.* in your hands in '60, what did you do ?—I divided it amongst a lot of men who got the voters for us.

17,043. Did you distribute it among the voters yourself ?—No.

17,044. To whom then ?—There was a man of the name of John Dales got 40*l.* to distribute.

17,045. Go on ; anybody else ?—There was William Skinn ; I think I gave him 50*l.* at first, and he came again to get some more.

17,046. How much altogether ?—I should think most likely 80*l.*

17,047. That is 120*l.* ; go on.—And there was Padget again ; Padget, painter, he was living then.

17,048. How much ?—50*l.*

17,049. That is 170*l.* ; go on. We have 130*l.* to account for ?—There is Wilkin ; I should give him the same sum, and he came again.

17,050. How much ?—50*l.*

17,051. That is 220*l.* ; go on.—I gave Vickers some money.

17,052. How much ?—I should think he would get the same money.

17,053. How much ?—50*l.*

17,054. Then the rest ?—Then I kept and paid some myself, that came to me.

17,055. And the remainder, of course, you had for your own services ; you had some for your own services ?—Not then, they settled me after.

17,056. How much did you get ?—5*l.*, as usual.

17,057. Plus any little thing that remained. Do you know who gave you the 5*l.* ?—I got it at the office.

17,058. At Bainton's office ?—Yes, the whole thing was settled up.

17,059. Did you give at Bainton's office an account ?—Yes, of the different persons I distributed it to.

17,060. I suppose they told you they must satisfy Mr. Walker, and show how the money was laid out ?—I do not know that they did.

17,061. Did not they tell you we want an account, for we must show Mr. Walker how the money is spent ?—They got it.

17,062. But did not they say to you we must have an account, and show Mr. Walker how it is spent ?—I do not know that they did ; I gave the account.

17,063. You got the 5*l.* at the office ?—Yes.

17,064. From whom ?—Mr. McCoy, I should say ; he generally settled the matters, he is the head clerk.

17,065. That is the single contest between Walker and Gridley. We will come down to Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election in '65 ; were you active on that occasion ?—No, I was not, I think ; I had no money at all.

17,066. You were not the paymaster then ?—No.

17,067. Who did you support on that occasion ?—Edwards and Sykes.

17,068. Well, but money was going ?—Yes, it was.

17,069. Do you know Mr. Lowther ?—Yes.

17,070. Do you mean to tell us you did not receive any money from Lowther ?—I do not recollect, though he says I had it ; I do not recollect that I got a sixpence from him.

17,071. It is between you and Lowther ?—I cannot call it to mind.

17,072. He says he gave you money to distribute ?—My name is in his evidence, but I do not remember.

17,073. How much does he say ?—He did not say anything, not a sum at all ; I was rather surprised to see my name at all.

17,074. Were not you very indignant ?—No, I was not indignant ; I was as anxious for the party as he was.

17,075. He says he gave you some money ?—He says so, but I rather dispute it ; I do not recollect it.

17,076. You do not recollect it ; it is not your want of power of memory ?—I cannot recollect.

17,077. Did you see Lowther ?—Well, the election day I might see him.

17,078. You saw a day or two ago that Mr. Lowther said he had given you money, you read it.—No, he did not say about money, but my name was down ; he did not say nothing about the money.

17,079. He said he gave you money, he did not say the sum because he could not remember ; he said he gave you money to distribute ?—I dispute it.

17,080. But did you go to him ?—No, I did not.

17,081. You will not positively swear that you did not receive money on that election ?—No ; but I say I do not recollect receiving any money from Mr. Lowther.

17,082. But why should not you recollect it ?—I cannot recollect it, if I did I would mention it.

17,083. Very well, it is between you and Lowther ?—I would speak the truth about it if I had got it ; if I had got it I would say so at once.

17,084. You voted, and were active ?—Of course I was.

17,085. And knew money was going ?—Yes.

17,086. Who was conducting the election for Edwards and Sykes ?—I should think it was Bainton's as usual.

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17,087. You knew Bainton, and Bainton knew how valuable you were; were not you employed in any way?—No I was not.

17,088. No money for yourself?—No money transactions at all, not that I know of, before.

17,089. Well, after the election?—Yes, that is a different thing.

17,090. I know it is a different thing, that is the reason I say it; I say after the election?—That is all right. I had no money at the election, but after I had.

17,091. How much?—I was sent for to go and pay a few bills.

17,092. Who by?—Mr. McCoy gave me the money to go and pay these bills, either 100*l.* or 120*l.* or 130*l.* or 140*l.*; there were the ringers, and the music, and all the rest of it; and I went and paid the money, and that is the only money I paid.

17,093. And what did you get for your services then?—5*l.*

17,094. How much money did you pay after the election?—Well, I should think it would be about 140*l.*, somewhere thereabouts.

17,095. 140*l.* or 150*l.*?—I think it was.

17,096. Did you pay it in a day, or did it take you a week to pay it, or how long?—No, I think I went through most of it in a day or two.

17,097. Did he give it you in sovereigns, or how?—I should think it would be all sovereigns.

17,098. Now will you tell me who you paid?—I paid the music.

17,099. We will take the bell ringers for any amount you like?—The bell ringers and two bands of music.

17,100. What did you pay the bell ringers?—I cannot tell you what the sum was.

17,101. But I suppose there were some voters amongst them; the bell ringers had some freemen amongst them?—Yes.

17,102. Now about the band; we know a band is a most profitable occupation here; you have 140*l.* in your hands, what did you pay away?—There were some public-house bills.

17,103. I want to know about the bell ringers. How much did you pay the bell ringers?—I cannot now tell the sum.

17,104. Was it 7*l.*, or 15*l.*, or 20*l.*, or anything of the kind?—I cannot tell the amount, the music was about 20*l.*

17,105. But the bell ringers I want first?—I cannot say.

17,106. What should you say, you must have some notion of what you paid them?—I cannot tell you.

17,107. How many of them were there to be paid?—I should think 13; there are eight at the Minster.

17,108. Eight at the Minster?—Yes.

17,109. And you say between the Minster and St. Mary's there would be 13?—No, there would be 14, I believe.

17,110. I suppose he gave you a memorandum of the sums you were to pay?—Yes, and I gave it him back again.

17,111. We will take 1*l.* apiece, would that be too much to pay for the bell ringers?—No, I should think it would not.

17,112. Were they all freemen?—No, not all freemen.

17,113. Should I be right in saying about 10 of them were freemen and voters?—I should think they perhaps would.

17,114. You see I am obliged to guess at everything. Now the band, what did you pay them?—20*l.* each band.

17,115. There were two bands?—Yes.

17,116. You know the men; how many freemen should you say were in the bands?—They were not all freemen, they were a mixed lot.

17,117. How many in each band?—That I cannot tell you.

17,118. About a dozen?—Yes.

17,119. There would be then about 25?—There would be that, or more.

17,120. We will take it at 30. Should I be right in saying there would be 20 out of the 30 freemen?—I cannot say.

17,121. About. Would you be right in saying that would be right?—You might say that.

17,122. You distributed 40*l.* amongst the band; that is 40*l.* and 13*l.* is 53*l.*, we will say 60*l.* Now, go on, and give me the account of the 130*l.*?—I cannot do so; I have not a list.

17,123. That is what I want. What did you pay?—Some public-houses.

17,124. What public-houses did you pay?—There was Musgrave's, and there are some I cannot say.

17,125. How much did you give there, 20*l.*?—No.

17,126. 10*l.*?—I cannot say; I haven't it in my head.

17,127. How many public-houses did you pay; we have 70*l.* to account for; we will distribute it equally if you give us the number of public-houses you paid. You know the public-houses you went to. Go on?—I cannot give you the exact number of them.

17,128. Tell me the public-houses you paid?—There was Straker's and Musgrave's, and one at Woodmansey; that is in the borough.

17,129. What is the name?—A man of the name of Botham lived there.

17,130. Is he there now?—I think he is dead.

17,131. Any other public-houses; you have only given us three; any others?—I cannot call to mind.

17,132. That is a good sum. You have 130*l.* to account for?—Some of the public-houses were great sums.

17,133. Might I say as much as 30*l.*?—Yes, you may.

17,134. Do you know the particulars?—No, I do not.

17,135. But some as large as 30*l.*?—Yes.

17,136. You said some of them were large. Can you tell me the largest?—Straker's.

17,137. He was the largest of the lot?—Yes.

17,138. And you think it was over 30*l.*?—I think it was.

17,139. We are not binding you to 1*s.*; that was given to you by a memorandum by Mr. McCoy in Mr. Bainton's office?—I believe it was.

17,140. Did you pay anything else except the band and the public-houses, and the ringers?—Well, in the band one man received it all and distributed it.

17,141. I know how you paid them. Did you pay any other things?—No.

17,142. Then 130*l.* was distributed between the two bands, the ringers, and the publicans. You paid nothing else?—No.

17,143. Now we will come down to 1868. How did you vote on that occasion, the last election of all?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

17,144. Well, but there was a little event before that, was there not?—The council choosing.

17,145. What money out of the 800*l.* had you at the council choosing?—I should think I had 60*l.*, perhaps a little more.

17,146. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Burrell.

17,147. Had you not more?—I do not think I had.

17,148. What time did you receive it?—On the Monday morning.

17,149. Where did you set yourself to work?—I was all over the town, all over St. Mary's parish.

17,150. You took action in St. Mary's?—Yes.

17,151. And where did you set yourself; did you go about?—In the streets.

17,152. Where?—Generally about the square and the neighbourhood.

17,153. Not far from the court-house?—No; down all the street to the market place.

17,154. Did you pay them out of your own hands?—Not them all.

17,155. But you paid a good many?—Yes.

17,156. Can you tell me at all about how many you paid?—I did not keep an account that day, but I have got a little scrap by memory. (*The witness here handed in a strip of paper to the Commissioners.*)

17,157. When did you make this out?—Since you have been here. I have made that out by memory; those are the names.

17,158. These are the men that you paid yourself?—I gave some parties the money to pay them.

17,159. They were brought to them?—Yes.

17,160. Might I inquire how many are there?—I should think there are 50. I have not quite all down.

17,161. That is about 1*l.* a man?—Yes; but some were not 1*l.* a man; they ran from 12*s.* to 15*s.*, and to 1*l.*

17,162. You continued paying them up to the last?—No; we had finished at 11 o'clock.

17,163. Had you finished your money, too?—No; I delivered up 7*l.* to Mr. Burrell after it was over.

17,164. Then you only distributed about 43*l.* Tell me what time did you stop?—About 11 o'clock.

17,165. We know that; but what time in the day did you deliver up to Burrell the 7*l.*?—I delivered it the next day, at his house. We went to settle the account. Mr. Nutchey and Mr. Burrell and myself had the management of St. Mary's Ward.

17,166. And I suppose you had the register of voters before you?—I had not. I did not know the men; it was in the room where they were making out the papers.

17,167. You gave an account to Burrell of 43*l.*?—Yes.

17,168. Now I will ask you no more about that. Do you know anything of previous contests for the town council; for council choosing?—Yes, I have known them.

17,169. In 1866 there was a contest, was not there, when the men were turned out, when the Conservatives were turned out upon an informality; there was a contest then?—I do not think there was a great contest.

17,170. There was a contest?—There was very little.

17,171. Any money going then?—I should think there would be a little.

17,172. How much was the price then?—About 2*s.* 6*d.*

17,173. Was there a contest in 1867, the year before? We do not want to be wasting time; just tell me, was there a contest in 1867? Is Mr. Wreghitt a town councillor?—Yes.

17,174. When was he returned?—I do not know whether it was 1867 or not. I do not know when he was returned.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

17,175. What did you say about the chairman of the pasture masters appointing a clerk; what did you mean by the man whom they appointed?—They appointed the clerk to fill up the papers.

17,176. Had the man who filled up the papers anything to do with paying the voters?—No.

17,177. No, I suppose not; but who was the man who paid the voters in the pasture masters election of 1868?—I cannot call to mind, I am sure.

17,178. The money was distributed in Mrs. Padget's?—Yes, I think it was.

17,179. Who was the man that distributed it, I want to know?—I cannot call to mind who it was.

17,180. Can you tell me who gave him his orders?—It came from the pasture masters clerk, I should imagine; the clerk of the chairman.

17,181. The clerk of the chairman of the pasture masters gave the order to the man who distributed the money. Is that so?—I cannot particularly say.

17,182. Do you tell us that the clerk of the chairman appointed the man who was at Mrs. Padget's?—They would appoint the man in that ward.

17,183. That is to say, they appointed the man, whoever he was, who paid the voters?—Yes, I should say they would.

17,184. In 1857 you received some money at the "Beverley Arms"?—Yes.

17,185. You told us how you received the money?—Yes.

17,186. Do you know of any other person on your side who received money in that election?—The parties that I gave it to.

17,187. Besides the parties that you gave it to?—No.

17,188. Do you not know of any other person who received a lump sum like you to distribute?—No.

17,189. Have you ever heard of any other person?—No.

17,190. Do you suppose any other money was spent except that you distributed?—No, I am not aware of it.

17,191. What is your belief?—My belief is the money was sent to me, and I never heard tell of anybody else having money.

17,192. Is that your answer?—That is my answer. I do not know of anybody else.

17,193. And you never heard of anybody else?—No.

17,194. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You never heard of Mr. Lowther having 700*l.*?—Not at that election.

17,195. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In this election, in 1857, was there money going on both sides?—I do not know. I cannot say about the other party.

17,196. Was it the town talk that money was going on both sides?—I think it was talked on then, that there was money on both sides.

17,197. Who did you hear had the money to spend on the other side, on the part of Mr. Wells?—It was no particular party was stated that was doing so.

17,198. Do you mean to say you never heard of anyone concerned?—No, only that it was the talk of the town that they were giving money as well as the others.

17,199. Was anyone mentioned who filled your capacity on the other side?—I do not know.

17,200. Did you account to anybody for the money that you paid on behalf of Edwards and Sykes in 1865?—No, I had none to account for.

17,201. Yes, you had; you received 130*l.* from Mr. McCoy, which you paid away after the election?—You are speaking about that year. That was all the money I had to do with. I took them to Mr. McCoy.

17,202. Did you take the receipts to Mr. McCoy?—Yes.

17,203. Did you take a receipt from Musgrave and Straker, and from Woodmansey?—Yes.

17,204. Did you get any receipts from the persons who you paid for the bands?—No.

17,205. Did you get receipts from the public-houses?—They receipted the bills.

17,206. What did you do with those receipts?—I took them to Mr. McCoy.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

17,207. You said at the last town council choosing you had 60*l.* from Burrell to distribute?—Yes.

17,208. And you told us also that Nutchey, Burrell, and you had the management of St. Mary's Ward?—Yes.

17,209. When did you arrange that?—I think on the Saturday night; the Friday, perhaps.

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N. Kemplay.

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17,210. Well, I should like to know which it was?—I will say Saturday.

17,211. You think it was on the Saturday?—Yes.

17,212. Did you, Nutchey, and Burrell meet together to arrange that?—We were together the Saturday night, because he told me that, and Nutchey were going to be the masters, but he was to be the head man.

17,213. What do you mean by the masters?—That had to have the money?

17,214. Burrell was to get the money?—Yes.

17,215. Where was he to get it from?—From Mr. Norfolk.

17,216. And what more did Burrell say to you?—He said that we were to distribute it.

17,217. That you and Nutchey and he were to distribute it?—Yes, and that we were to say that we got the money from Burrell.

17,218. Who were you to say so to?—Burrell gave us the money, and he said if anybody asks you where you got the money you must say it was from me.

17,219. What do you mean by anybody?—I do not know.

17,220. That was an order that you should not say that he got it from Norfolk?—There generally is a head.

17,221. You told me this conversation took place on Saturday. You are sure it was not on Friday?—I will not be sure.

17,222. I have a very strong reason for wishing you to be sure; was it on the Friday or the Saturday that that conversation took place?—I should say it was Saturday.

17,223. Will you swear it was Saturday?—No.

17,224. Where did it take place?—At Burrell's.

17,225. Was anybody else there besides Burrell, Nutchey, and you?—No.

17,226. Was Norfolk there?—No; I may have seen him go to his dinner, because he comes by partly where I live.

17,227. And did he speak to you on the subject?—No.

17,228. Did you know at that time Norfolk was going to have money?—No, I did not know. He was going to be a candidate.

17,229. When did you first hear about money?—On Saturday.

17,230. In fact, was Burrell the first person who told you about money?—He was.

17,231. Are you sure you never heard from Norfolk?—No.

17,232. I want to go back to the election of 1857, when the stranger gave you 200*l.* As I understood you a stranger met you in the room where Sir Henry Edwards had been addressing a meeting?—Yes.

17,233. What did he address, a meeting in the street or in the room?—In the street; he was on the balcony.

17,234. Did you see the man for some time before he spoke to you?—No.

17,235. Did you notice him about the room?—No, I did not.

17,236. How long were you in the room before the man came to you?—I should think an hour, perhaps.

17,237. You heard Sir Henry Edwards address the meeting?—Yes.

17,238. In the room?—Yes.

17,239. Was the man in the room at the time?—I do not know.

17,240. Will you swear he was not?—No; but I never saw the man till he spoke to me.

17,241. Will you swear that he was not in the room when Sir Henry Edwards addressed the meeting?—I will not swear that because I do not know. I did not know the man; he might have been there, there were many there besides him; the room was full.

17,242. Just think a moment who was the man; where did he come from?—I know nothing about him, but that he was a stranger, and I told you how it commenced.

17,243. I have only one more thing to ask you, that is with reference to the pasture masters in 1862. I was not quite certain of your answer. You said, in 1862, at the contest for pasture masters, you received about 10*l.*?—Yes.

17,244. Was I right in understanding that Mr. Monkman gave you the money?—Yes, I think he was the party that gave me the money.

17,245. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I understood you that Burrell told you the money was coming from Mr. Norfolk, but if anyone asked you to say who it came from you were to say from him?—No, I do not think he did.

17,246. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You told me so distinctly, that Mr. Norfolk was going to find the money.

17,247. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And that if anyone asked you where you got the money you were to say it was from Burrell?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. W. Skinn.

Mr. William Skinn called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

17,248. What are you?—A butcher.

17,249. Are you a freeman?—I am.

17,250. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1841.

17,251. I believe, in fact we know, that you have taken an active part in many elections for Beverley?—Yes.

17,252. Both the parliamentary and municipal elections?—Yes.

17,253. What is the first parliamentary election in which you took an active part?—I voted in 1847.

17,254. For whom did you vote in 1847?—Fox and Goldsmid, I believe.

17,255. Did you receive any money for the purpose of that election?—No.

17,256. None whatever?—None whatever.

17,257. Neither to distribute or for yourself?—No.

17,258. Then the next election after that was 1852, I think?—Is that one of Glover's?

17,259. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) 1852 is Lawley, Wells, and Glover?—Glover I voted for.

17,260. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get any money for the purpose of that election?—No.

17,261. Neither for yourself nor for anyone else?—No.

17,262. Then the next election was 1854, Gordon's election; I will not go into that?—I did not vote at that election.

17,263. Then the next would be the first election in 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—I voted for Glover.

17,264. Did you get any money for the purposes of that election?—No.

17,265. None at all?—None at all.

17,266. Then the next election would be Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Edwards.

17,267. Did you take an active part in that election?—Well, I did not distribute any money; I took an active part as far as getting parties to vote.

17,268. But you did not distribute any money?—No, I never saw any.

17,269. The next election was in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Edwards and Walker.

17,270. Did you receive any money for the purpose of that election?—No, I never received any in my life.

17,271. Never in your life?—Never at any election, not for voting.

17,272. But did you receive any money to distribute to voters?—No.

17,273. Not at parliamentary elections?—Not at the election you are speaking of.

17,274. You said you never received any in your life?—Not for voting.

17,275. The next election after that is 1860. Did you receive any money then?—Is that Gridley's election?

17,276. Walker and Gridley. Did you receive any money?—Yes, I received some from Mr. Kemplay.

17,277. How much was that?—I think I got 50*l.* at first; then I got some more afterwards.

17,278. How much altogether?—Perhaps 70*l.* or 80*l.* I do not know exactly.

17,279. Where did you receive it from?—In a room at the "Cross Keys."

17,280. What did you do with that money?—I distributed it amongst the voters.

17,281. To what voters?—I am sure I do not recollect. There was Smelt, who gave evidence here; I gave him some.

17,282. I know several people have given evidence that you have bribed. What we want to know is whom you bribed. You have to discharge yourself now of between 70*l.* and 80*l.*; and we wish to know, as near as you can tell us, to whom you gave that money?—I am sure I do not recollect; I never kept any account.

17,283. I suppose they were mostly people you knew at the time?—I knew they were voters, but I did not put any of their names down.

17,284. How did you come to pay them then; how did you know they were voters when you paid them; in point of fact, how did you know that they had earned the money?—They had earned it by voting. I went and saw them vote.

17,285. How did you know they were the men that voted; were they men whom you knew yourself?—I saw them vote, unless I sent other parties with them to see them vote.

17,286. Surely you can give us the names of some of them?—There was Smelt; I believe there was Philpott, and there were several from Beck Side.

17,287. Who is Philpott?—He lives down at Fleming Gate; I do not know whether there were two Philpotts or not.

17,288. What sum did you generally pay?—2*l.* chiefly at Gridley's election.

17,289. I suppose you bribed about 30 people?—I should think I should.

17,290. Then the names of Philpott and Smelt are the only two that you can give us?—I think there were two Philpotts, but I will not be sure.

17,291. Is that all you can tell us about that election?—I could not recollect; I should not like to say that I had paid a party unless I was positive. I paid all the money among the voters.

17,292. You have only given us Smelt, and allowing for the two Philpotts, that is three names; that is a very small number out of 30?—It is a very difficult matter, the confusion there was about—parties flocking round me at the time; it is impossible to keep an account.

17,293. An accurate account one does not expect; but certainly something more than three out of 30—10 or a dozen?—I should give it you if I was able, but I do not recollect.

17,294. You do not really recollect?—I do not, I am sure.

17,295. I suppose it would be a mere waste of time to go on asking you about it?—It is, indeed.

17,296. Some witnesses have made out a list; could you do that?—No, I do not think I could; I was looking over the poll book the other day.

17,297. And you cannot?—No. I am quite anxious to give you all the information I know.

17,298. Very well; if we cannot get it, we cannot. Now, in 1865 you received some money from Lowther?—Yes.

17,299. How much was that?—Well, I am sure I do not know; 60*l.* or 70*l.* altogether.

17,300. That is five years later than 1860. We should expect rather a better account, and I daresay we shall get a better account. What did you do with that money?—I paid it amongst the voters.

17,301. What sums did you pay it in?—2*l.* and 3*l.*

17,302. That you know would be from 25 to 30 bribes you paid?—Yes.

17,303. Now I want to know who were some of those people?—Well, there was Smelt that gave evidence here, and his son; that's two.

17,304 Was there a man named Sumner?—Yes.

17,305. What was your way of paying away the money; where did you pay it away?—Oh, in different places; I could not stop long in a place.

17,306. Were you in the stable yard of the "Cross Keys" at the time?—Yes.

17,307. How did you pay people there?—I believe I paid that man in the stable, and some others as well.

17,308. Did you go through the form of putting the money in the manger, and telling them to go and look for it?—No, not particular; I believe I did one.

17,309. Has Sumner known you?—Yes, I should think he has known me for 30 or 35 years.

17,310. Can you tell us no others that you paid in 1865?—Yes, I paid George Burnham, of East Gate.

17,311. Did you pay him the same?—Yes, I did; and there was a man called Goulding, an artist, but I would not have him because he had been canvassing with Keane.

17,312. Were there any more that you paid?—Yes, John Groves, and his son John Groves, jun.

17,313. Anyone else?—I do not recollect for certain.

17,314. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is his son?—His son is a tailor.

17,315. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is four people you remember out of some 25?—Five, I think.

17,316. Burnham, the two Groves, Sumner, and Smelt?—And his son, six, I believe.

17,317. Is that all we are likely to get about this election?—I do not recollect any more for certain.

17,318. That is all you remember out of some 25?—Yes, that is all I recollect.

17,319. Now the next election in point of time was the last one, in 1868. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Edwards and Kennard.

17,320. I suppose you had no money to distribute at that election?—No.

17,321. You had a good deal of money though, at the council choosing?—Yes, I received 5*l.* from Mr. Lowther in the morning.

17,322. Only 5*l.*, was it?—Only 5*l.*

17,323. And you paid that away?—Yes.

17,324. Did you receive more than 5*l.* from Mr. Lowther?—No, I think not.

17,325. Mr. Lowther says, I understand, that he paid you two 5*l.*?—Perhaps he might, I would not be positive.

17,326. Now, have you taken a pretty active part in the council choosing elections generally?—Yes, generally.

17,327. In 1859?—In 1859 I was a candidate myself.

17,328. Are you now a member of the town council?—No.

17,329. You have been a member of the town council?—Yes, six years.

17,330. From when to when?—From 1860 to 1866.

17,331. Had you any money to distribute in 1859?—Nothing but what I spent myself.

17,332. You did not get any money from any other person?—No.

17,333. In 1860, I do not know whether there was a contest or not?—Yes, there was.

17,334. Did you receive any money to distribute then?—No.

17,335. Perhaps you will tell us, it would be shorter if you can tell us, what years you did receive money to distribute?—For the town council?

17,336. Yes?—I do not know that I ever had any. It was distributed; there was money spent in 1860. I am sure I do not recollect; only small sums, I think.

17,337. Had you anything to do with the distribution of it?—I do not recollect that I had.

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Mr. W. Skinn.

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17,338. Have you ever paid any voters except in 1868?—Yes, oh yes, I have.

17,339. Let us know something about that.—Only in small sums, I have paid up as high as 10*s.*, I believe.

17,340. When?—I think it would be in 1858.

17,341. That is a long time ago; we do not care so much about that; we would sooner have some later time. In 1862, was there a contest?—I am sure I do not recollect; I was in the council then.

17,342. In 1861 I am told there was a great contest then?—In 1861, the year after I was elected. I am sure I do not recollect who the candidates were. Very likely I should pay money; I frequently did.

17,343. Then I will ask you this, when you paid money from whom did you receive it?—I used generally to get it at Dickinson's room.

17,344. I suppose so, but somebody gave it you in Dickinson's room?—There was generally some party there that had it.

17,345. But who were the men from whom you received the money to bribe the municipal voters with?—Whom did I receive it from?

17,346. Yes?—I am sure I do not know particularly, we generally had it. The Liberals always opened the ball for a bit of bribery.

17,347. I will ask you about that afterwards. I do not want to be taken away from this subject now. You say you received money in Dickinson's room; I want to know who gave you the money?—I do not recollect, I am sure, in 1862 who gave it.

17,348. In any year except 1868. I have done with 1868, at least for the present; in any other year who gave you money in Dickinson's room?—I could not say positively.

17,349. You really mean to say you cannot tell us the name of a single person who gave you money to bribe the voters with?—I believe Mr. Kemplay was there once, the last witness, but I will not be sure.

17,350. Can you, or cannot you, tell us anyone who gave you the money to bribe the voters with at municipal elections?—No, I cannot positively.

17,351. I believe you are a pasture master?—I was at one time.

17,352. Before I leave this subject, were you one of the candidates who were unseated by the *quo warranto*?—No, I went out that year.

17,353. You are a pasture master?—I was at one time, but not now.

17,354. How long?—Between six and seven years.

17,355. What years?—From 1859 to 1865, I believe. I was elected when the old pasture masters were turned out.

17,356. You were one of those who were elected when the old pasture masters were turned out?—Yes.

17,357. Now, in 1859 did you gain your election by bribery?—Partly; there was money paid on both sides.

17,358. Did you pay any of the money?—Yes.

17,359. From whom did you receive that money?—It was my own.

17,360. Did you not receive money from any person?—Not a shilling.

17,361. What did you spend of your own money?—I do not know; perhaps 10*l.* altogether. We subscribed 5*l.* apiece, and I know we had more to pay afterwards.

17,362. Did you, or did you not, know whether in that year any money was paid to secure your election except out of your own pocket?—No, I am sure it was not.

17,363. Of that you are sure?—Confident.

17,364. Of that you are confident as regards 1859?—Yes.

17,365. But that does not continue in subsequent years?—Yes, 1860 and 1861, too, I believe. I know it was two years if not three.

17,366. Tell us at what date in your opinion did Wreghitt begin to find money for the election of Conservative pasture masters?—I do not know; there was money found somewhere in 1863. I do not know that it came directly from Mr. Wreghitt.

17,367. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We have it in evidence that there was money found in 1862?—For three years I said that we paid ourselves—1859, 1860, 1861.

17,368. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then in 1862 money came from some other quarter?—Well, I have been informed so by Mr. Monkman in his evidence.

17,369. Did you not know before that that Wreghitt found money for the election of pasture masters?—No, I did not know it; in fact there was not any found either by Mr. Wreghitt or anyone else for pasture masters.

17,370. I am asking you what was the first date that Wreghitt found money for pasture masters?—I thought 1863; Monkman in his evidence said 1862.

17,371. I suppose you are not prepared to contradict that?—No, I am not.

17,372. Did you receive any of that money to distribute?—In 1862?

17,373. In 1862 or 1863, take both?—Well, I am not certain; we had to pay partly for ourselves.

17,374. You have told us so?—Yes, we had in 1862.

17,375. I am not upon that now. I want to know whether you received money from any other person to distribute in the election of pasture masters—money not your own?—Very possibly I might.

17,376. I know it is possible; I know it is probable. I want to know whether you did?—I am not certain, I am sure. I should pay money away on that day.

17,377. Do you mean that you never at any time received from any person money to bribe the freemen with at the election of pasture masters?—Yes.

17,378. You never did?—Yes, I have.

17,379. Now we have come to that; when was that, I ask you?—In 1863, I believe.

17,380. Who paid you that money?—I got it in the office.

17,381. You got it where?—The clerk brought it to the office where we filled up the voting papers.

17,382. Who was the clerk?—Mr. Monkman.

17,383. Monkman brought it to the office?—I expect he did; it was there.

17,384. Where you filled up the voting papers, that is in Dickinson's shop?—Yes.

17,385. Did Monkman give you any portion of that money?—I got some of it.

17,386. Who gave it to you?—I do not know; there were some parties in the back room, and I went and fetched it.

17,387. Surely you could tell us the names of the parties in the back room?—There were several belonging to our own party in the back room stood talking. The pasture masters were there.

17,388. I asked you the names of the people. First of all you told me there were parties, and then you told me there were several?—Well, there were several pasture masters there.

17,389. Who were they?—There were the two Arnotts and Mr. Smelt, and of course we were in and out on the polling day.

17,390. Those were people who were generally pasture masters?—Yes, they were pasture masters at the time.

17,391. The clerk brought the money and he gave it to the pasture masters, and they bribed the freemen with that money; is that your account of it?—Yes.

17,392. You have told us some of these names, can you tell us some more?—There would perhaps be the whole of the pasture masters, but not in at one time perhaps. When we were getting voters up, and we wanted to get the money, we went and got it and paid them.

17,393. Did you ever see Mr. McCoy?—He might be in and out frequently.

17,394. Do you mean he was in and out frequently?—Yes, frequently—no, he was not in that election, because he was one in the division; he would not be at Dickinson's that time.

17,395. On like occasions you have seen McCoy there?—Yes.

17,396. When the money has been there to bribe the freemen with?—I do not know. I would not say I have seen him in where the money was; I have seen him going about at the election.

17,397. At the pasture masters' election?—Yes.

17,398. Have you seen him in the room with the other pasture masters?—He might be in the room, but I do not recollect.

17,399. Now any other name could you tell us?—I could not swear positively. The rooms behind Dickinson's shop we went in and out during the whole of the election.

17,400. Was McCoy ever a pasture master?—Yes.

17,401. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When?—Up to 1863; he was thrown out when the division was.

17,402. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose all the pasture masters took part in this corruption of the freemen?—Certainly; we all wished to get in.

17,403. Monkman brought the money to the room where the pasture masters were assembled; any pasture master who liked took the money, and paid the people who voted for him?—When he had a lot of voters he got the money. There was money going both sides.

17,404. From whom did Monkman get the money?—I do not know.

17,405. You really do not know?—No, I do not.

17,406. From whom do you think he got the money?—He got part of it from Mr. Wreghitt, perhaps.

17,407. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who supplied the remainder?—The pasture masters would spend some of their own.

17,408. You said they spent their own the first three years?—The first three years.

17,409. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Since that the pasture masters have not spent their own money?—I came out in 1865.

17,410. Then you have had three years experience since money has been provided for the election of pasture masters?—Yes.

17,411. During that time did the pasture masters find their own money for these elections?—The last three years I say no; no, they did not find it.

17,412. The money came from Wreghitt, in short?—I do not know.

17,413. Monkman used to bring the money, at any rate?—He did in 1862; he might afterwards.

17,414. Do you not know that he did afterwards?—I did not wish to know; I did not inquire; the money was there when it was wanted.

17,415. The money was there when you wanted it?—Yes.

17,416–17. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When this money was spent at the municipal contest you considered it would influence the parliamentary election, did you not?—No, not for a moment.

17,418. Have you never said that the result of that municipal contest made Sir Henry Edwards' election safe?—Have I ever said so?

17,419. Yes?—No, and never thought so for a moment.

17,420. You never said so?—No, never said so, nor never thought so.

17,421. Did you canvass for Sir Henry Edwards?—Only about an hour; that was in my own neighbourhood.

17,422. I am going to something else now. When that money was paid to a man named Sumner, in a crib, did you pay anybody else in the same way?—In a crib? I don't recollect that I did. I did in the same stable; I paid Burnham in the same place.

17,423. Do you remember anybody else?—No, I do not think I do any other. I named the other parties; I paid Smelt in his own house.

17,424. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think you knew perfectly well where the money was coming from. Did you ever see Mr. Wreghitt in the pasture master's room?—I do not know that I ever did in my life.

17,425. Did you ever see him at any meeting of the pasture masters?—No, I do not recollect seeing him there; he never took an active part or interfered when I was there.

17,426. Did you ever see him at any dinners of the pasture masters?—At one, when I was not a pasture master. I dined with them once. I believe Mr. Wreghitt was there.

17,427. You knew perfectly well where the money was coming from. It is utterly useless talking about not knowing it. How much would it cost you a head, the pasture masters up to 1862 for the contest?—It would cost from 5*l.* upwards.

17,428. Then it cost you nothing for the last three years?—Nothing but what I chose to spend.

17,429. (*Mr. Barstow.*) May I ask you why you thought it worth your while to spend 5*l.* of your own money to be a pasture master?—The public were dissatisfied, and invited me among the rest to stand in opposition to the others. They said Mr. Boyes was stopping 6*d.* apiece from non-stockers for paying them the money, and they were not satisfied with that. It was common report that Mr. Boyes was pasture master up to 1859, and that he had the sole control. The public were not satisfied.

17,430. When it is said that Boyes exacted 6*d.*, do you know any instance in which he did it?—It was the common report. I never inquired or brought a particular case forward. It was generally known. There are plenty of non-stockers who could prove it.

17,431. There are many non-stockers, and there must have been many instances?—I could have brought many here if I had known I should be asked the question. I don't think it was ever denied.

17,432. You cannot at this moment give us any instance?—No.

17,433. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say Mr. McCoy took an active part in the elections?—He was a pasture master for many years, and he had an interest in his own election.

17,434. The money came from Mr. Wreghitt; do you know whether the money ever came from Mr. Bainton's office?—I don't know that we ever received any from Mr. Bainton's office.

17,435. Was it ever understood that money came from there?—No, not to my knowledge.

17,436. Did McCoy take any part in the election of pasture masters after 1863; 1863 was the time when I understand he ceased to be pasture master?—Yes.

17,437. I was not certain from my notes. You said he was in and out during the election of pasture masters. My question is this: did he take an active part after that time?—I do not believe he did take an active part afterwards.

17,438. Not after he ceased to be a pasture master?—I think not.

17,439. Do you know that he did not, as far as your own observation goes?—As far as my own observation goes, I do not believe that he did.

Mr. Charles Collison called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

Mr. C. Collison.

17,440. What are you?—I am secretary to the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company, Limited.

17,441. I suppose you succeeded Mr. Usher after his death?—I did.

17,442. You, of course, know the Saturday and Monday before the last municipal election, the Saturday before, and the Monday, the day of the municipal election?—Yes, I do.

17,443. Do you remember Norfolk sending you to the bank to get money?—I do; on the Monday.

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Mr. C. Collison.

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17,444. Did he not send you on the Saturday ?—No.

17,445. When did you go on the Monday ?—A little after 10 o'clock.

17,446. The bank opens at 10; immediately after the bank opened ?—Yes.

17,447. What did you fetch ?—I should fetch 300*l.*

17,448. What did you give as your authority for receiving that 300*l.* ?—I gave a cheque.

17,449. You gave a cheque by Norfolk ?—Yes.

17,450. You looked at the cheque, of course ?—Well, I did ; but merely casually, because I am in the habit of fetching money constantly.

17,451. You fetched money constantly ?—Yes, I fetched money for many years. I am regularly in the habit of going to the bank for the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company.

17,452. Which bank is yours ?—The East Riding Bank, not Machell and Peases.

17,453. You fetched money from that bank frequently ?—Yes, I have done so.

17,454. But not such cheques as this ?—Not always ; that is a larger amount than I have fetched.

17,455. This very money you fetched for Mr. Norfolk himself ?—I fetched it for Mr. Norfolk himself. I frequently take Mr. Norfolk's cheques to the different banks to get them cashed.

17,456. But these cheques you probably have seen ?—Yes, I saw them.

17,457. This was in rather an unusual form ?—It was a large amount.

17,458. Besides that ?—Not unusual.

17,459. The cheques are made payable to order, and his name does not appear ?—Yes, his name was on the cheque.

17,460. No ?—Yes.

17,461. He does not sign the order ?—Yes, he signed the cheque ; I believe so. I have not seen the cheque since, but it certainly had Mr. Norfolk's signature to it.

17,462. But what I mean is, he does not endorse it on the back in the usual way, so that it may be made payable ?—I could not say that.

17,463. You know that is a very unusual thing ?—It would be very unusual.

17,464. You never knew of such a thing before ; you never knew of such a thing as a cheque made payable to order and paid without being endorsed ?—No, I never knew it.

17,465. You never knew such a thing in your life ?—No.

17,466. The first cheque, you say, was for 300*l.* ?—For 300*l.*

17,467. What was the other cheque for ?—150*l.*

17,468. How late in the day was that ?—It would be a little after 11.

17,469. The first was at 10, and the second a little after 11 ; what next ?—Nothing more.

17,470. You have never before taken cheques payable to order without being endorsed before you got the money ?—I am sure I cannot say.

17,471. You know that is the practice ?—I know that is the practice. I have frequently taken cheques for Mr. Norfolk to different banks, but I cannot say whether I noticed that they were endorsed or not. I could not say ; I should not notice whether they were endorsed.

17,472. You are clerk to the company ?—I am secretary to the company.

17,473. And, of course, acquainted with their financial affairs ?—Yes, of course. If it is one of my cheques, or one belonging to the company, I should endorse it ; but if another person gave me a cheque and said, "Take it to the bank and get it cashed," I should not take particular notice.

17,474. But would you not see if the name was put to it ?—If I received it from Mr. Norfolk I should suppose it would be all right, and would not take further notice.

17,475. You, as a mercantile man, acquainted with mercantile matters, will not repeat that answer. I am sure you will not say it would not be your practice, in seeing a cheque payable to order, to draw the attention of the party to the fact that the cheque was not endorsed ?—Certainly I should, if I was interested in it myself, but if any person gave me a cheque and said, "Go to so-and-so bank," I should take it and not look at it. I might have looked at it, but I cannot say positively ; but I really do not know whether the cheque was payable to order or to bearer.

17,476. But would you expect the bank to pay an unendorsed cheque of that kind ?—I should think they might do here because I am well known. They would pay the money to me, if it was for Mr. Norfolk, without any hesitation.

17,477. Did Norfolk draw those cheques in your presence ?—No, he did not.

17,478. Did he ever tell you previously that he should want you to go ?—No.

17,479. No ; what ?—He never told me.

17,480. Never told you what ?—Told me previously.

17,481. Told you what ; I was going to ask you something, but you were out with your answer before I could put it. What was it he never told you ?—He never told me anything at all. I was never told anything until I received the cheque and took it to the bank.

17,482. What is your usual time for going to the office ?—Half-past 8 in the morning.

17,483. Did you not know on Saturday that you were to go and get money on Monday from that bank ?—No, I did not.

17,484. What did you do with these sums ?—I gave them to Mr. Norfolk.

17,485. Did you give them to him ?—Yes.

17,486. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

17,487. How long have you been a voter ?—About 10 years.

17,488. Are you a freeman ?—Yes, I am. About 10 years, perhaps scarcely 10 years. It would be about 10 years since I took up my freedom.

17,489. Before I go on with that, I understood you to say that this was the first time that Norfolk had employed you to get money for himself at that bank ?—No, I have frequently gone.

17,490. But I thought you said on former occasions it was for the company ?—No, the company do no business at the Beverley Bank ; our bank is Bower and Co.

17,491. You have got money for Norfolk from that bank before ?—Yes, occasionally.

17,492. But he does not bank there ?—But he has had a cheque payable on Machell's, and I have gone and got it cashed.

17,493. But not a cheque of his own ?—No, not a cheque of his own.

17,494. Has Norfolk ever employed you to get money on his own cheque at that bank before ?—That I cannot say.

17,495. You knew he was borrowing the money from there ?—I did not know.

17,496. You did, did you not ?—I did not know, he never told me anything ; he merely gave me the cheque and asked me to take it to the bank and get it cashed.

17,497. You knew at that time that that was a bank where he did not keep an account ?—Certainly ; I knew that he kept an account at our own bank.

17,498. Did you vote at Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election in 1859 ?—What date was that election ; what month would it be in ?

17,499. That I will bring it to your mind in this way : Sir Henry Edwards came here first in 1857 ?—Yes.

17,500. Then there was an election in 1859, two years afterwards ?—That would be in the spring. I do not think I voted at that election ; I could not have taken up my freedom then.

17,501. Then there was the election of Gridley and Walker in 1860 ?—Yes ; I voted for Walker.

17,502. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

17,503. I have to put the question to you, did you ever get anything?—Never anything.

17,504. Have you ever had any money to distribute?—Never.

17,505. Have you ever taken part in the elections of town council?—No.

17,506. That money that you got for Norfolk?—I was not aware for what purpose it was required.

17,507. Did you have anything to do with distributing it?—Not at all.

17,508. Have you ever given money to anybody?—Never gave anything.

17,509. For town council?—No.

17,510. Or pasture masters?—No, I never had anyto do with the elections whatever.

17,511. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You know you never took a cheque of Norfolk's own to that bank to be cashed?—Well, I should not like positively to say, but I do not remember taking one.

17,512. Do you not know perfectly well you never took a cheque there for him; he had no money there. Do you not perfectly well know that you never took a cheque of Norfolk's own to that bank?—I do not remember taking one.

17,513. That is quite enough. You knew perfectly well he did not bank at that bank?—I knew he had an account at Bower and Co.

17,514. You are now secretary to the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company; what were you then in the office?—I was the assistant secretary.

17,515. We will go to Monday the 2nd of November. Mr. Norfolk used not to draw cheques himself on behalf of the company in any way whatever?—No, he would merely sign as a director, that's all.

17,516. That is quite a different thing.

17,517. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Countersign.

17,518. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Countersign with others; who else used to sign?—One of the other directors.

17,519. Two directors?—Two directors and the secretary used to sign.

17,520. That is quite a different thing; in fact, you never saw a cheque of Mr. Norfolk's own before?—Yes, frequently; I should frequently see a cheque of his. He has a separate account.

17,521. A separate account at what bank?—At Bower and Co.'s.

17,522. Not at that bank?—Not that I am aware of at Machell's Bank. He might have an account; I never asked him.

17,523. You knew his ordinary bank was the other bank?—Yes, his ordinary bank was Bower & Co.

17,524. He had a private account there?—Yes, he had a private account there.

17,525. Did you see him tear these cheques out of the book?—No, I did not.

17,526. He used his own cheque book, not the cheque book belonging to the company?—I do not know anything about his cheque book, I am sure. I never saw his cheque book; he merely gave me the cheque.

17,527. I thought so. I have my reasons for thinking so. You never saw his cheque book in your life?—Well, I should not like positively to say it. I might happen to see, and might not; but I did not see it on that occasion.

17,528. Whom did you see the first time you went to the bank?—I should see Mr. Forge.

17,529. I should say not. How many clerks are there? The manager does not pay out money. At least, in my little intercourse with banks, it is generally clerks. I may be wrong?—Yes, Mr. Forge generally attends to the counter himself.

17,530. How many clerks are there?—There would be about three clerks, besides Mr. Forge.

17,531. Three clerks, and Mr. Forge was manager you know. Did you know Mr. Forge was manager?—I knew he was manager of the Beverley Bank. Invariably when I take a cheque there, Forge cashes it.

17,532. What are the other clerks doing then?—Writing in the books.

17,533. The second time you went, who did you see?—I should see Mr. Forge.

17,534. Do not say "you should see." Whom did you see?—Mr. Forge.

17,535. Mr. Forge again?—Yes.

17,536. Does he always attend and give out the cash?—Nearly every time I go to the Beverley Bank.

17,537. Is that so? Did anybody ever cash a cheque for you at the Beverley Bank before?—I cannot say. But Mr. Forge generally cashes the cheques.

17,538. In what sums did you say you got the money?—I got 300*l.* the first cheque, and 150*l.* the second.

17,539. From Mr. Forge?—From Mr. Forge.

17,540. Did he say anything to you about money being drawn out before?—No, he did not say anything.

17,541. Look here, here they are: "Beverley, 1, 2, 3," showing that these were the first of a book. This No. 1 shows that it was the first cheque out of that book.

17,542. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you ever seen the counterfoils of these cheques?—No.

17,543. Will you just look at the last printed words on that cheque (*handing the same to the witness*)? The last printed words are, "This cheque requires endorsement." Just look at that, "This cheque requires endorsement."—Yes, only it is payable "to self."

17,544. It is payable "to self or order." But "self" did not go for them?—No, I went for them.

17,545. You went for them; therefore, what is the use of trying to put me off in that way?—That is not a cheque I took, I believe.

17,546. Which cheque did you take?

17,547. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) These are the two he took (*producing the same*).

17,548. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) These are exactly in the same form: "This cheque requires endorsement."

17,549. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I have no doubt you took a bit of paper from Mr. Norfolk?—I did not, only that cheque.

17,550. Did you ask to see the manager?—No; I presented the cheque at the counter in the usual manner.

17,551. Do not say "the usual manner," because it was not usual. Here are the words, "This cheque requires endorsement."—I received the money over the counter like any ordinary customer, the same as I have done before.

17,552. We are sure you received the money over the counter. Did you hand to the manager on that day another piece of paper besides this?—I did not.

17,553. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are those cheques out of Norfolk's cheque book?—I do not know.

17,554. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who else was in the office of the company between 10 and 11? What kept you in the office on the 2nd of November; the office was closed, the workmen were not at work that day?—Under ordinary circumstances I should be there until 1 o'clock.

17,555. If there was no one else there but you?—Yes, we should keep our office open until 1 o'clock.

17,556. I understand it was a holiday?—Still we had our morning letters to attend to, and we had goods to send away by the railway.

17,557. Who was under you in the office?—There were three clerks under me.

17,558. And you were the secretary of the company?—I am now.

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17,559. And were then, because you were acting as secretary ?—Yes, I was acting as secretary.

17,560. Did you think this was company's work ? Did you think you were discharging company's duty when you took those cheques to the bank ?—No ; only I do all Mr. Norfolk's banking account. I always take his cheques to the bank, and receive any cash for him or anything of that kind.

17,561. But you have never seen his cheque book ? —No.

17,562. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say there are three clerks in the bank. Would that be two in addition to Mr. Forge ?—No, Mr. Forge in addition ; that would make four.

17,563. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Just tell me one thing. What is the colour of Norfolk's ordinary cheques on his own banker ; these are a sort of red colour ?—I am not sure whether they are blue or brown. Some of them are printed in blue, and some in brown ; and they have another pattern cheque. They have three patterns.

17,564. They are an entirely different pattern on the cheques of his own bank?—Yes, they would be different.

17,565. You knew at once that they were not his ordinary cheques ?—I knew they were on Machell's bank because I went there.

17,566. You said just now you did not know whether he took them out of his own cheque book ?—I did not, because I never saw his cheque book.

17,567. But you knew he did not take these out of his cheque book. You say the cheques of his bank are blue and brown, and these are red. You know he did not take them out of his cheque book ? —I did not know but what he had another cheque book.

17,568. What, on this bank ?—On this bank.

17,569. The cheques themselves would show that they did not come out of Norfolk's cheque book ?—I did not know but what he might have an account at Machell's ; I cannot say.

17,570. And yet you said just now that you managed all his cash transactions at the bank ?—I do ; I take nearly all his cheques.

17,571. First of all you say you managed all his cash transactions, getting his money from the bank, and then you told me you did not know whether he had an account or not at this bank ?—I did not.

17,572. You cannot reconcile those two answers, it is impossible, if you knew all his money matters ?—I did not know all his money matters ; I merely said that I took his cheques to the bank. If Mr. Norfolk was to have a cheque on any bank in Beverley he would give it to me, and I should take it and draw the money.

17,574. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You put no mark upon them. Look at these (*handing the cheques to witness*). Can you tell me, was that 2 and 3 written in then ?—I really did not notice the cheques at the time.

17,575. Look at them. Can you as a man engaged in commercial transactions, you not being "self," can you account in any way whatever for this money being paid to you ?—Only by being known.

17,576. You were known as a servant of the company, nothing else. You were not then secretary ; you were known as assistant secretary to the company. You were not known as Mr. Norfolk. Can you now in any way account for that ?—No, I cannot account for it, except by being well known at the bank and constantly going there.

17,577. Not on Mr. Norfolk's account ; you went there on account of the company ?—Sometimes, but not often on account of the company, because we do business at the other bank.

17,578. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say you are well acquainted with Norfolk's affairs. Do you know when he repaid the money advanced to him ?—I do not.

17,579. Were you aware when he repaid the money ?—I was not.

17,580. You knew that he owed the money ?—I did not.

17,581. You mean to say that you were not aware that this was money lent him by that bank ?—I did not know until the affair was published last March, when Baron Martin was down here.

17,582. It was after that that he repaid the money ? —I expect so, because it came out that the 800*l.* was not paid.

17,583. How soon after that did you learn that the money had been repaid ?—Well, I cannot say ; probably a month or two afterwards. I should merely hear it, I do not know myself ; it would be merely what I should hear.

17,584. Who told you he repaid it ?—I do not remember.

17,585. Did he himself ?—No.

17,586. That is very curious.—He never mentioned anything to me at all.

17,587. You heard a month or two afterwards that he had repaid that loan ?—Yes.

17,588. You did not hear it from Norfolk ?—I did not hear it from Norfolk.

17,589. A transaction of that kind is somewhat of a private nature. From whom did you hear it ?—Well, I cannot remember it, I am sure.

17,590. That would not be rumoured in the town, a transaction of that kind, repaying a sum of 800*l.* advanced by a bank on this very curious security. Now, tell me, from whom did you hear a month or two after Baron Martin came here that Norfolk had repaid the money ?—Well, I really cannot say.

17,591. Was it from Mr. Forge ?—No, Mr. Forge never mentioned the matter to me.

17,592. Was it from anybody connected with the bank ?—No, I believe not ; I have never heard ; I have never had any talk with any of them.

17,593. You have just told me you heard a month or two after Baron Martin was here that that money was repaid. You have told me you did not hear that from Norfolk ?—No, I did not.

17,594. You did not hear it from Forge ?—No.

17,595. And you did not hear it from anybody in the bank ?—No.

17,596. From whom did you hear it ?—I cannot say, I am sure.

17,597. It was not common talk in the town ; a thing of that kind is not commonly talked about. Was it from any of Mr. Norfolk's friends ?—No, I do not remember particularly who told me, but I have an impression I heard that it was paid off.

17,598. From whom did you hear it ?—Well, I cannot say, I am sure.

17,599. Was it from anybody in the Beverley Ironworks ?—It might be, but I cannot say.

17,600. Who in the Beverley Ironworks was it ?—I do not know.

17,601. It could not be one of the men ?—I am not aware that it was anyone in the ironworks.

17,602. You said it might be somebody in the Beverley Ironworks ?—Well, it might, but I cannot say who it was. I do not remember exactly.

17,603. Now, how did you hear it ; how did it come to your knowledge ? Do you know he repaid it ? —I do not.

17,604. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The last sum you drew was 300*l.* ?—150*l.*

17,605. Here is another subject for discussion. Look here : according to the arrangement of the numbers that ought to be the first cheque drawn on that day, marked No. 2 ?—Yes, No. 3 cheque would be presented first.

17,606. Why ?—Because I remember getting the 300*l.* first.

17,607. He gave it to you first because you went twice ?—Yes.

17,608. The first in the morning at 10 o'clock and the next about 1 ?—A little after 11.

17,609. An hour is as good as five days, because he would not take the trouble of writing "3" upon the first one, and "2" on the second. How do you account for that?—I cannot say. I did not notice the numbers on the cheques when I had them.

17,610. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now listen. I wish to ask you whether you swear positively that you took those two very cheques, Nos. 2 and 3, to the Beverley Bank ?—I would not swear it. I fetched 300*l.* and 150*l.*, but I would not swear to those cheques.

17,611. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I asked you that very question.—There is no mark of mine on the cheques, but I fetched those amounts.

17,612. I told you we believed that.—And I fetched the 300*l.* first.

17,613. And that I believe. I asked you particularly positively whether you took these cheques. You have no recollection of the form of the cheque ?—No, only it would be like those. That is the form of Machell's cheques.

17,614. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Those cheques that you took, I suppose, as in the usual course, the person who paid you, Forge, cancelled?—I did not notice after I got the cash.

17,615. No, no; but you know when you take cheques they are cancelled, do not you ?—I cannot say.

17,616. Is not that the usual practice ?—They may cancel them afterwards, but they very seldom cancel them while I am at the counter.

17,617. Did you see these cheques cancelled ?—I did not.

17,618. Do not they cancel them and stick them on a file as soon as they are paid ?—I do not see them do so, and I have presented cheques at our banks for 10 years. I never saw them cancel them in my presence.

17,619. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you never see them put them on a file?—They put them in a drawer generally in the counter.

17,620. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am correct in saying you won't swear that these are the cheques upon which you got the money ?—I should not like to swear. It is quite possible a cheque might be written just for the same amount, but the amounts agree, and, as far as I recollect, the cheques are just the same.

THOMAS RICHMOND sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. Richmond.

17,621. What are you ?—A tanner.

17,622. Do you work for yourself, or are you master or foreman?—I work for Mr. Cussons; I am his foreman.

17,623. Which Mr. Cussons is that?—There is but one Mr. Cussons. The father and son are partners.

17,624. Is he an alderman ?—The son is an alderman.

17,625. I suppose the father was an alderman ?—Yes.

17,626. When did the son become an alderman ?—Last November I think.

17,627. Was the father an alderman up to that ?—Yes.

17,628. They are of the same firm ?—Yes.

17,629. Then you are foreman ?—Yes.

17,630. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

17,631. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 18 years.

17,632. A freeman by birth ?—Yes.

17,633. Have you filled at all the office of pasture master ?—I had a chance once. I would not have anything to do with it. I have plenty of business of my own.

17,634. Did you vote at Towneley's election ?—No.

17,635. At his second election ?—No.

17,636. What is the first election you voted at ?—I think it would be Gordon's, or Lawley and Wells.

17,637. That would be about it: that was in 1852 ?—Yes.

17,638. How did you vote ?—Lawley and Wells.

17,639. That was Liberal ?—Yes.

17,640. Did you receive anything ?—I believe I got 2*l.*

17,641. Well, now, Gordon and Hastings I won't ask you anything about ?—I voted for Gordon.

17,642. There was nothing going at that election ?—No.

17,643. Denison, Glover, and Wells; for whom did you vote?—I voted for Glover.

17,644. How much did you get?—Nothing.

17,645. Were you offered anything on the other side ?—No.

17,646. Now I will come to the first, the same year, Edwards and Wells ?—I voted for Edwards.

17,647. Was there money going?—They said so, but I did not get anything.

17,648. Were you promised any ?—No.

17,649. Now 1859. Edwards and Walker; for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

17,650. A good deal of money going then?—There was not a farthing.

17,651. You did not get any?—There was on Walters' side.

17,652. You did not get any ?—No, and I never heard tell of a shilling being paid.

17,653. 1860, Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—Walker.

17,654. Any money going then ?—No, I never got any. There was money going both sides.

17,655. Did you distribute any money ?—I think not.

17,656. Well, you ought to know ?—Well, I did not.

17,657. Did any money pass through your hands ?—I think not.

17,658. At any of these elections did any money pass through your hands ?—No, I think not.

17,659. Who is to know ?—I won't swear, but I think not. I might have gone to a man who was a voter, and told him where he would be paid.

17,660. I don't care about the money passing through your hands; you took up voters ?—I won't swear that, but there were plenty, and most likely I did among the rest.

17,661. Did you do that at Edwards' first election ?—No.

17,662. Did you do it at any election up to Walker and Gridley's; introduce voters where they might be paid ?—I cannot say that I did at that election.

17,663. Did you do it at Edwards' and Wells' ?—No.

17,664. You say you may have done at Walker and Gridley's?—I might have done in a solitary case or two, but I cannot swear; not more than two or three cases.

17,665. Who were the men ?—I do not know.

17,666. Can you give us the names of any of them ?—No.

17,667. Not of any of these men at Walker and Gridley's ?—I believe I told a man they call Brusby; he came and asked me for some money, but I said I had none, and I said Vickers was paying.

17,668. You took him to him ?—No, I told him Vickers was paying at the back side of the "White Swan."

17,669. You did not go ?—No, I did not go.

17,670. I want the names of some of the men that you took ?—I don't know that I took any more or sent any more.

17,671. What name did you give ?—I think William Brusby.

17,672. Do I understand you, you took very little interest up to Gridley and Walker ?—Very little interest.

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17,673. Did Alderman Cussons take an interest in that election?—No.

17,674. Were you in his employ at that time?—Yes, I have been in his employ 30 or 40 years.

17,675. Well, the next election, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; what do you say to that election?—I had not any money at that; perhaps I told them where they would get paid to vote.

17,676. Did you take an active part in the election?—Yes, I did.

17,677. Mr. Lowther was the monied man of that election?—I do not know that I got any from him.

17,678. I think you did; he mentioned your name?—I think I had not.

17,679. Did not he?—No.

17,680. Don't be so positive. Do you mean you did not get any money from him?—I did not get any.

17,681. Did you receive any instructions from him?—I think I got a little from Robert Oxley, and gave it to another man.

17,682. That is the man who is dead?—Yes.

17,683. How much did you get from him?—I don't know what I got, it may be 10*l.*

17,684. How much did you get from the others?—From nobody.

17,685. Nobody else?—No.

17,686. You got about 10*l.* from Oxley?—I should think so.

17,687. That is 1865?—Yes.

17,688. You knew Oxley had it from Lowther?—I don't know.

17,689. You know now of course?—Yes, I know now.

17,690. What was the price going at that time?—I think 2*l.*

17,691. Did you pay it away yourself?—No, I did not, I gave it to another man they call Tindal Brown.

17,692. You had a vote yourself?—Yes.

17,693. And voted?—Yes.

17,694. I suppose you kept something for your own trouble?—No, not a farthing.

17,695. Had you been engaged during the day at the election?—Yes.

17,696. And you kept nothing for yourself?—No.

17,697. Did you give him all the money you received?—When he brought up a man I gave him the money to give him. I might have given it in a case or two myself.

17,698. Will you tell me any man he brought up to you?—I am sure I do not know.

17,699. Cannot you tell me?—He will know better than me. I don't know that I saw the men.

17,700. Who will tell us?—Tindal Brown.

17,701. Cannot you give me the name of any man?—I cannot positively.

17,702. And you are not positive you paid away all the money you received from Oxley?—Yes, I am.

17,703. You kept no account of it?—No.

17,704. No written account?—No; I never wrote a line in my life in accounts of that sort.

17,705. But you can write and read?—No, I cannot write.

17,706. You did not mention the names of the men to him?—No, he would mention them to me.

17,707. To Oxley; you were to account to Oxley for the money?—No, I had not. I remember saying "Here is a chap here voting so-and-so," and I perhaps drew 10*l.* or 12*l.* or 15*l.* at different times.

17,708. You got money from Oxley at different times in that day?—10*l.* or 12*l.*, perhaps 10*l.* to 15*l.* There were a good many more.

17,709. And Tindal Brown knows everything about it?—Most likely.

17,710. What do you say about the next election?—This last?

17,711. Yes.—Not a farthing.

17,712. The municipal?—I was mixed up with that a good bit.

17,713. From whom did you get the money?—Mr. Lowther.

17,714. How much did he give you?—He said 55*l.*, but I thought about 50*l.*; but he will be right, I suppose.

17,715. You thought you got 50*l.*?—I won't say that; I got what he says.

17,716. Where were you to take action?—Anywhere.

17,717. In what ward?—The Minster Ward.

17,718. Did you pay the voters yourself?—No; I gave Thomas Harris some money to give the voters.

17,719. How much of the 55*l.* did you pay away yourself?—Perhaps 30*l.*

17,720. Did you vote yourself?—Yes.

17,721. At what rate did you pay it?—17*s.* 6*d.* and 15*s.*, and 10*s.*, and I think there was one or two 1*l.*

17,722. Did you take down the names of them?—I did not.

17,723. I suppose you have a number of men in your own works?—Yes.

17,724. A good many of them?—Yes.

17,725. How many of them?—Were voters?

17,726. Yes?—Perhaps 22 or 23.

17,727. You paid?—Yes.

17,728. Did you pay them at the works?—No.

17,729. Met them out and paid them?—Yes. Well, I won't swear I did not pay some of them at the works.

17,730. Who did you pay at the works?—I cannot say just now.

17,731. Had your men a holiday that day?—No.

17,732. Then you can tell me how many you paid on the works?—I think I paid them all in the town; perhaps one or two, I could not say. It is no use swearing if I do not know. I will tell you the whole truth about it.

17,733. Will you give me the names of all the men you paid that belonged to your works?—Well, sir, I thought I would make out a list as far as I knew.

17,734. You got somebody to make it out?—I have a son of mine. (*The list was handed to the learned Commissioner.*)

17,735. This you dictated from your memory?—Yes, I did, last Saturday I think.

17,736. What do you mean by "allowance in oddments?"—Went to the public-houses, taking voters.

17,737. 2*l.* in beer?—Yes, gave a man 1*s.* or 2*s.* 6*d.*, or like that.

17,738. What is this, "Room 10*s.*?"—Where Harris was filling voting papers up.

17,739. What do you mean by "Arnott's expenses?"—I gave the man 10*s.* to give him.

17,740. You heard Henry Arnott examined?—Yes, but he had not got his half-sovereign.

17,741. Why?—The man did not give him it.

17,742. To whom did you give it?—I gave it to a man they called Nathaniel Kemplay.

17,743. And he did not give it him?—No.

17,744. Why did you give Bainton 1*l.*?—For drink.

17,745. Was it spent in the house?—Part of it was.

17,746. Is Thomas Harris a public-house keeper?—No. I gave him 1*l.*, but I gave him some money to bribe with and all.

17,747. I see you make out 41*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

17,748. What became of the remainder?—I do not know, what I can't think on. I think I have done very well to think of all them.

17,749. You account for 41*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* I suppose you have been a voter for the town council for some time?—Yes.

17,750. Have you yourself ever received any money at all?—No.

17,751. And you voted, I suppose, crimson generally?—Always.

17,752. Have you known money going?—Yes.

17,753. Was money always going?—Why, sir, it generally has been when there has been a contest.

17,754. Who supplied the money?—I am sure I do not know.

17,755. You do not know?—I got my allowance.

17,756. But I mean, who supplied the money generally before?—Well, sir, sometimes themselves.

17,757. Very seldom. Do you know of anybody else supplying the money?—They subscribed 10*l.* apiece.

17,758. Anybody else than the men themselves?—Yes. I have heard them say the town subscribed; the gentlemen of the party subscribed.

17,759. Who were they? Name anybody?—I am sure I don't know. I did not go round with them, but I have heard them say the members of the party had subscribed towards it. I cannot name anybody because I was not in the secret of it.

17,760. You did not hear the names?—No.

17,761. And that is the only election you were ever engaged in bribing?—What I have told you at the municipal. I have taken people to get paid, but I think I never had any money in my hands without anybody has given it me; turned it over just there and then.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM CATTERSON, jun., sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

W. Catterson.

17,762. You were elected last council choosing, on the 2nd of November, member for the Minster Ward?—No, it would be my father; I am not elected.

17,763. Your father was the successful candidate?—Yes.

17,764. And you were assisting him?—I assisted at the council choosing.

17,765. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

17,766. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1857, I believe.

17,767. And are you a pasture master?—I am a pasture master.

17,768. How long have you been a pasture master?—I believe I went in in 1865.

17,769. You were chosen by the pasture masters themselves?—Yes; I believe there was no contest.

17,770. Now we will go first to the municipal election. What money did you receive for the purpose of the election?—I received 15*l.* of Mr. Lowther.

17,771. What did you do with that money?—I paid some voters with it. I gave something like 6*l.* odd to a man of the name of Philpott to pay men with. It would be 6*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* or 6*l.* 15*s.* I have an account of what I did give him.

17,772. Let us see it. (*The document was handed to the learned Commissioners.*) I only see Philpott 2*s.* 6*d.*?—I gave him 2*s.* 6*d.*; he received 17*s.* 6*d.* for Thirsk.

17,773. I quite misunderstood you, I thought you said you had paid Philpott 6*l.*?—I gave him the monies to pay the lot in the top column; I gave him the money and he paid that.

17,774. I understand Philpott paid the men whose names are in this column?—All but the bottom. There is Tomlinson 15*s.* and 2*s.* 6*d.*; those are sums I paid myself.

17,775. Now I understand. How do you make out that those men were paid?—Because I gave the money to Philpott to pay them.

17,776. Did you take Philpott's account that they were paid, or did you see them paid?—They are men in our employ, and I told Philpott to get the men up to vote and I would give him the money to pay them with, and I would pay them the same as the other people had got.

17,777. What are you?—A tanner. I am in business with my father.

17,778. You did not see them paid?—No.

17,779. We shall have to call Philpott. Then you paid a man named Arnott 20*s.* for beer?—I gave Philpott 1*l.* to pay him.

17,780. You yourself paid 10*s.* to a man named Tomlinson?—I did.

17,781. And Philpott, besides that, 2*s.* 6*d.*?—I did.

17,782. And you disbursed in small sums 15*s.*?—Yes.

17,783. And returned 7*l.* to Mr. Lowther?—And I returned 7*l.* to Mr. Lowther.

17,784. What is Mr. Philpott's Christian name?—Stephen Philpott.

17,785. That is your account of the municipal election of 1868?—Yes.

17,786. Have you anything more to tell us?—I have not.

17,787. Nothing more to tell us about that?—No.

17,788. Now you are one of the pasture masters. There was no contest when you were elected. The next year would be 1866: was there a contest then?—I do not know that there was; I was not present.

17,789. Did you receive any money?—I did not.

17,790. Did you pay any money?—I did not.

17,791. You were not at the election at all?—I do not think I was at the election at all.

17,792. Be sure. It was the first election after you were chosen by the other pasture masters; you would surely remember whether you were present at the election?—I was not present.

17,793. In 1867, were you present then?—I was not present then; I voted, I believe, in the morning and left the town.

17,794. Upon your oath, have you never been present at any of your own elections of pasture masters?—I have been present at my own election, but not at that time.

17,795. You say you were a pasture master in 1865?—I was chosen then by the body of pasture masters. There would be no election then.

17,796. You told me so. Then the next election, I presume, would be 1866; am I right in that?—Yes.

17,797. You were not present at that?—No, there was no contest.

17,798. In 1867 you were not present?—In 1867 I was not present, I believe.

17,799. In 1868, we are told there was nothing of any importance?—Oh, yes; I was present in 1868 when money was spent.

17,800. You were present when money was received?—I know that money was spent on the election of 1868.

17,801. Do you know how that money was procured?—I do not know. I know that Mr. Dawson and Mr. Burrell waited upon Mr. Wreghitt for monies.

17,802. They waited upon Wreghitt, and Wreghitt gave them money?—I understood so. It was said the money would be forthcoming, and it was.

17,803. Was any of that money given to you?—No.

17,804. The money never touched your fingers at all?—Never at all.

17,805. That is your account of all that has taken place at the pasture masters. Have you ever spent any money of your own?—No.

17,806. You were going to tell us something.—No, I have never spent any money of my own in pasture master choosings. Some 5*s.* or 6*s.* I think we paid in 1869; I have not paid anything before that.

17,807. You have been a freeman since 1857. I first ask you generally, have you ever received any money for your vote?—I have not.

17,808. Never on any occasion?—Never on any occasion.

17,809. I am speaking of parliamentary elections?—On parliamentary elections I have not.

17,810. Have you ever received any money to give to other persons?—I have not.

17,811. Have you ever taken any persons to be bribed?—I have not.

17,812. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Or to receive money; have you ever taken any persons to receive money for their services at elections?—Not for parliamentary elections.

17,813. I mean for their services?—No. I have not taken any part in parliamentary elections in my life.

17,814. You are not a member of the town council?—No.

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J.D.Thompson.

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JAMES DALES THOMPSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

17,815. What are you?—A hairdresser.

17,816. Have you a vote in the borough?—Yes.

17,817. How long have you had a vote?—About 20 years.

17,818. Are you a freeman?—I am.

17,819. Have you ever held any office in the borough?—No.

17,820. You have not held any office in the borough?—No.

17,821. Have you generally voted at the elections?—Generally.

17,822. Do you remember what was the first election you voted at? Did you vote at the election of Fox, Towneley, and Goldsmid?—No, I should not vote then.

17,823. In 1852, Lawley, Wells, and Glover?—No, I should not vote then.

17,824. You did not vote then?—No.

17,825. But you say you have been a freeman 20 years. You have been a freeman ever since 1849?—Yes.

17,826. And you say you did not vote at the election of 1852?—No, I did not.

17,827. How was that?—To the best of my recollection, I may be mistaken.

17,828. That was three years after you became a freeman, Lawley, Glover, and Wells put up?—I think I should vote at that election.

17,829. Do you remember whom you voted for?—It would be Lawley.

17,830. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes; my freedom would be taken about that time.

17,831. That is not what you told me just now, but there may be a little mistake?—I think there is a mistake in the affair. The first election at which I voted I think would be Lawley and Wells; and I got 3*l.* to take my freedom at that time.

17,832. From whom did you get that money?—From Daniel Boyes.

17,833. Was that on condition that you supported the Liberals?—No, I did not get it till after I had voted a long time. I got it in two instalments.

17,834. Did you get it from him as a reward for voting?—I got it from him for taking up my freedom.

17,835. Did he give it you because of your vote?—I should suppose so.

17,836. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How could you vote if you were not a freeman?—I took the freedom out of my own pocket.

17,837. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He repaid him. I quite understand how it was done. You paid for your freedom yourself; then you voted, and then Daniel Boyes repaid you the money you had given for your freedom?—Yes.

17,838. In 1854, Gordon and Hastings put up?—Yes.

17,839. Did you vote?—I did not.

17,840. In 1857 the candidates were Denison, Glover, and Wells; did you vote?—I should vote for Denison.

17,841. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

17,842. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of that.

17,843. In 1857, when Major Edwards came here, and Wells was the other candidate, did you vote?—I voted for Wells.

17,844. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

17,845. Who gave you that?—I cannot recollect, I am sure.

17,846. Where did you get it?—I should get it somewhere in the market-place.

17,847. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walters.

17,848. Did you get anything?—2*l.* then.

17,849. From whom?—I went to a house in Toll Gavel.

17,850. 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I did not vote.

17,851. You are sure?—To the best of my recollection.

17,852. You are sure you did not get any money?—I did not get any money at that time.

17,853. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane. Did you vote?—Yes.

17,854. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

17,855. There was money going both sides?—There might be, but I did not get anything, not one single farthing.

17,856. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

17,857. Did you have any money given yon?—Not one single farthing.

17,858. Then at this last municipal election of 1868, did you take any part in that?—The election, sir?

17,859. Yes, the last municipal election; did you get any money for your vote?—No, I did not.

17,860. Did you have any money given you to give away?—I had.

17,861. How much did you have?—29*l.*

17,862. From whom?—James Lowther.

17,863. Where were you to distribute that money; which ward?—In the Minster Ward.

17,864. And what sums did you give it away in?—From 10*s.* to 1*l.*

17,865. Now I hope you can tell me something of the people you gave it to?—I have a list.

17,866. That is right. We are getting on much faster than we used to do?—That is the nearest I can come to.

17,867. We do not expect more than that. (*The witness handed a document to the learned Commissioners.*) There are 32. That list comes to pretty nearly the amount?—Pretty near.

17,868. There is a balance; what was done with the balance?—There is one or two that I cannot bring to mind who they are, but I spent the whole of the money.

17,869. I quite accept your account. Have you taken the benefit of Walker's gift?—I have.

17,870. When was that?—The first time I got 5*l.*, when I lost all my stock.

17,871. When was that?—During the cattle plague.

17,872. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You had a serious loss, had you?—Yes, I had.

17,873. You have several times received money, I think, from the pasture masters, have you not?—Well, if I have received anything, it is for services done.

17,874. What kind of services?—Getting people to vote. I never got anything for voting.

17,875. You got money for fetching up people to vote?—Yes.

17,876. How long have you been employed in that way?—Ever since I had anything at all to do with it.

17,877. That is to say, whenever there was a contest?—Yes.

17,878. Now, there was a contest in 1863. Were you so employed then?—I might be.

17,879. What did you get for your services?—They generally gave 5*s.*

17,880. Did they give you 5*s.*?—Yes.

17,881. Who gave it you, Monkman?—I should think it would be Monkman.

17,882. Then there was a contest in 1865. Were you employed in the same way then?—I should think I should be.

17,883. And this last year, 1868?—There was not much of a contest.

17,884. Was there any money employed?—There might be; I could not possibly say.

17,885. At all events, do you say that there was no money spent by you?—Not by me.

17,886. In bribing for the pasture masters?—None whatever.

17,887. Mr. Lowther gave you the money. You had known him for some time?—Of course, I had known him for many years.

17,888. We now know that he had 700*l.* put into

his hands on the morning of the election for Edwards and Sykes?—I had nothing to do with that.

17,889. Did you see him that morning?—No, I did not.

17,890. You did not see him that morning?—No.

17,891. Did you receive any money for any services rendered on that occasion in 1865?—No.

17,892. Just recollect: you voted?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

17,893. Just recollect yourself; had you not been employed in any way?—No, not in any way whatever.

17,894. And you got no money?—I got no money.

17,895. How often have you received money under Walker's gift?—Twice.

17,896. Once on the occasion when you lost your stock?—Yes.

17,897. And once—— ?—Once since.

17,898. I thought the county rate paid for the stock that died?—Mine died previous to the passing of the Act. Mine died from the 1st of November up to the 1st of February.

17,899. Did you receive any money of the county for loss of cattle?—No.

17,900. None whatever?—No.

17,901. When was the second occasion that you received it?—The year before last.

17,902. How much?—3*l.*

17,903. For what?—I made application for assistance. I wanted to meet a payment, and they gave me 3*l.*

17,904. You wanted to meet a bill?—To meet a bill, sir.

17,905. Give me the date of this transaction?—I am sure I could not give you the date of it.

17,906. Was it in 1867 or 1868?—In 1868.

17,907. To whom did you direct your application?—To the clerk of the pasture masters.

17,908. You said, "I want money; I want to meet a bill"?—I gave him to understand——

17,909. That you wanted to meet a bill?—Yes.

17,910. And I suppose you did want to meet a bill?—Yes.

17,911. Whose bill was it? It was not your own bill: what was the amount of the bill?—It was a tradesman's bill I wanted to meet.

17,912. What was the amount?—About 7*l.*

17,913. Had you given your bill to the tradesman? To meet a bill, we mean to take up one?—No, I had a traveller to meet. I expected a traveller to call for his bill, and I had not sufficient money, and I got 3*l.* of them.

17,914. Who was the traveller who was coming?—Mr. Strickland, of London.

17,915. What time of the year was it?—About May.

17,916. You wrote to them?—I wrote that I had a bill to meet.

17,917. Are you sure that was the case?—Yes.

17,918. How soon did you get your 3*l.*?—A week or a fortnight afterwards.

17,919. You know you had been engaged for them in March of that year; you had been assisting them, had you not?—Yes.

17,920. Assisting these men, and you got 5*s.* for it?—Yes.

17,921. Brought up some voters?—Yes.

17,922. To receive money?—Yes, if there was any given away. I am sure I could not recollect at the time.

17,923. Now let us see where the matter stands; just follow me. Mr. Wreghitt supplied 50*l.* in March, which 50*l.* was given away to bribe men for voters. You were one of the men engaged in bringing up voters to be bribed, and you apply for Walker's gift to these very men who have spent Wreghitt's money, and you get 3*l.*

THOMAS MARSHALL sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. Marshall.

17,924. Were you in court when the last man was examined?—Yes.

17,925. You have been in court?—Yes, I have.

17,926. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

17,927. What are you in business?—I am a chemist and druggist.

17,928. How long have you been a freeman?—Eighteen years.

17,929. How often have you voted at parliamentary elections?—I voted the first for Glover.

17,930. What did you receive?—Nothing; I received my railway fare from London.

17,931. How much?—Between 3*l.* and 4*l.* I came by express.

17,932. When did you next vote?—I returned in 1857. I should vote at the first election after '57.

17,933. Did you vote in '57?—I believe not; I was not on the list.

17,934. Did you vote the second election, in August 1857, when Major Edwards and Wells put up?—No.

17,935. Why?—Because I had only commenced business in September.

17,936. There was an election in 1859; did you vote then?—Will you mention the names?

17,937. Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—Edwards and Walker, I should think.

17,938. What did you get?—Nothing.

17,939. You will pardon me for asking, but I must put these questions?—I voted always Conservative, and never received anything but the railway fare; that shortens the matter.

17,940. Did any money pass through your hands?—Never.

17,941. To distribute?—Never.

17,942. Were you at all engaged in the last municipal election?—I was one of the ward assessors, in this room.

17,943. Then you knew what was going on?—Yes.

17,944. Bribery?—Undoubtedly they were bribing on both sides?

17,945. You are an educated man; you know this was a criminal fault?—Yes, I was quite aware of that.

17,946. When did you become a pasture master?—In 1863.

17,947. Was any money advanced by Wreghitt?—I believe so, but I did not receive any money, and never paid any.

17,948. You knew that money was received?—Yes, I think so; I believe so, by what has been said by one or two witnesses here.

17,949. Were you a candidate in 1865, when the 100*l.* was advanced; were you a candidate then?—I should be; I have been in office ever since.

17,950. A good deal of money was going about then?—That has been so on a good many occasions.

17,951. Did you receive any of it; did you go into the room where it was?—I think not.

17,952. Were you at any meeting when two men were appointed?—Yes.

17,953. Who were they?—One was Mr. Burrell, at the "White Horse"; I never had any of the money.

17,954. You had it in substance, as much as the others?—Yes, and I am prepared to take my share of the blame.

17,955. Did you hear the evidence of the last witness?—Yes.

17,956. Well, what do you think of it?—I am not prepared to say it is true.

17,957. If true, what do you think of it?—Mr. Walker's will was to help a man on in the world, to assist men on in the world.

17,958. Supposing this man is telling the truth,

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what do you say of it? you, elected by Sir Henry Edwards' money by bribery, are asked for Walker's charity by this man Thompson; you, one of the 12; he writes to you and says he wishes to meet a bill: what do you think of that transaction?—I do not think he did write to us.

17,959. Supposing he did, he says he did; what do you think of the transaction now?—As you put it it looks very bad.

17,960. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When do the pasture masters usually distribute the money for Walker's gift?—Twice a year; there is no definite day for them; when the new masters go into office.

17,961. What time of the year?—It comes in February, I think, to the mayor, and is received by the pasture masters the 1st of March.

17,962. What time of the year is Walker's gift distributed?—Any time, according to the applications; there is no fixed time for it; it has been distributed several times this year.

17,963. But it is distributed at a full meeting of all the pasture masters?—Undoubtedly.

17,964. That is so?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

G. Smelt.

GEORGE SMELT sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

17,965. What are you?—An innkeeper.

17,966. And a freeman?—Yes.

17,967. For how many years?—30 years.

17,968. What is the sign of your house?—The "Globe."

17,969. You are a pasture master I believe?—Yes.

17,970. I will just go through the parliamentary elections first. Did you vote at Towneley's election?—Yes.

17,971. The first time he came?—Yes.

17,972. What did you get?—12*l.*

17,973. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Towneley.

17,974. 1847 was Townsley's second election; who did you vote for?—Mr. Towneley.

17,975. What did you get?—Nothing.

17,976. Nothing?—Nothing; not a farthing.

17,977. Did you keep a public-house then?—No, sir.

17,978. Have you got anything for your vote since that time?—No.

17,979. Never?—Never.

17,980. That you swear to?—That I swear to; I have never received anything for my vote since that time.

17,981. Have you ever had any money to bribe other people?—Never any money but my own.

17,982. How long have you kept the "Globe"?—Five years.

17,983. Did you keep it in 1865, at the time of Sykes and Edwards' election?—Yes, I went in in '65.

17,984. Were you the landlord of the "Globe" at the time of that election?—I have been five years the 17th of next November.

17,985. What I want to know is, had you any money for treating in your house?—No.

17,986. Was there any treating in your house?—No.

17,987. You say you spent money of your own?—I did.

17,988. Was that a parliamentary election?—No.

17,989. Now I will take the council choosing. Have you spent money of your own at council choosing?—No.

17,990. Have you ever had money given you at council choosing?—No, sir.

17,991. Have you ever received any money at council choosing?—No.

17,992. You are a pasture master?—Yes.

17,993. When did you become a pasture master?—In 1859.

17,994. And have been a pasture master ever since?—Yes.

17,995. And have been so more than 10 years?—Ten years last March.

17,996. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I will beg to read this to you; it is a receipt given by James Dales Thompson to the pasture masters, and is signed by him: "Received the 12th day of May 1868, of the "pasture masters of the borough of Beverley, the "sum of 3*l.* for the following purpose, namely, "having lost stock to assist me to purchase others."

17,997. (*James Dales Thompson.*) If the Commissioners will allow me to say there were a great many Liberals on the same book for lost stock that year.

17,998. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Pray do not interfere, Thompson.

GEORGE SMELT's examination resumed.

17,999. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You came in in '59?—Yes.

18,000. Under the new *regime*?—Yes.

18,001. Did you spend any money that year?—Yes.

18,002. Where did you get it from?—We subscribed it ourselves.

18,003. What?—5*l.* it was put at first, and another instalment after it made it from 7*l.* to 8*l.* or 9*l.* I could not possibly say which.

18,004. I suppose I may take it at from 7*l.* to 8*l.*?—Yes.

18,005. And did each pasture master pay the same sum?—Pretty nearly. We put down 5*l.* first, and were called on after.

18,006. I may take it that 80*l.* was subscribed by the pasture masters to bribe the freemen?—We did.

18,007. How long did the system of subscribing go on?—For two or three years when there was opposition, but there was not always opposition.

18,008. And after that period you began to get money from Wreghitt?—I did not.

18,009. You did not?—No.

18,010. You know perfectly well that money was got from Wreghitt at this time?—Certain parties were deputed to wait on Mr. Wreghitt.

—18,011. And I believe they came back with money?
el No; but they had some on the morning of the
ection.

18,012–3. That would be on the morning of the election?—Yes.

18,014. Had you ever the handling of the money?—Never.

18,015. You never distributed it among the freemen?—No.

18,016. When anyone has got money from Wreghitt have you ever bribed people?—No, I have not, besides taking them to vote; I have taken them to vote and took them to get their money, but I have not paid them.

18,017. Do you remember what sum you had in 1865 to disburse?—I do not; we had rather a strong opposition; we had a split among ourselves. Mr. McCoy was our chairman up to that time.

18,018. McCoy had been your chairman up to that time?—Yes.

18,019. Up to 1865?—Yes, I think so; I could not exactly say; perhaps not to '65. I think '63. I believe '63.

18,020. Were you present at a meeting?—Yes.

18,021. What was resolved at that meeting?—I believe it was resolved Mr. Burrell was to go to Mr. Wreghitt.

18,022. Was that in '63?—No.

18,023. I am asking about '63?—I do not know as to '63 we had any such meeting; we only fell out just before the 1st of March, and each party wished

me to stand, but I said I would stand on the old party.

18,024. I do not care about that. First of all, what money did you get to bribe the people with?—I believe it was my own money in 1863.

18,025. Do you mean to say that no money was subscribed or contributed by Wreghitt to bribe the people with, to bribe the freemen?—I do not remember any.

18,026. Did you contribute any money in '63?—I did not, positively.

18,027. Was there a subscription in '63, and some more in '69?—There was not so much.

18,028. Was there any?—I could not say.

18,029. Upon your oath, was there any at all?—I could not positively say. I believe they did it for a time. Mr. Skinn was with us, and I believe there was, but I am not sure; we subscribed, I think, three times of our own money.

18,030. You will not swear there was any, or not?—I will not.

18,031. Will you swear the pasture masters paid the expenses of their own elections any time there was a contest since 1862?—I will not swear it, for I am sure I could not say.

18,032. I suppose I am right in saying the expenses of the pasture masters elections since '62 have been defrayed by Wreghitt?—When there was an opposition, whether it was in '63, whether there was any in '63, I do not know.

18,033. You have already answered you had nothing to do with payments?—No.

18,034. But you took freemen to vote and to be paid?—Yes.

18,035. You took freemen to vote and to be paid?—Yes.

18,036. Who paid the freemen in '63?—I believe Matthew Lythe and Thomas Harrison.

18,037. Matthew Lythe?—Yes; I believe Thomas Harrison was the clerk.

18,038. Was the clerk to whom?—He was clerk, and a second man ticked them off. I never paid the money; it took two men.

18,039. In '63 Matthew Lythe paid the men?—I think so, I am not sure.

18,040. And you took them to be paid?—I took them to be paid as I brought them.

18,041. Do you remember who paid them in '65?—I did not.

18,042. Whoever paid them, the same system was continued in '65?—They would be paid then in the same way.

18,043. The pasture masters took them?—Yes.

18,044. One person would take them, and the other would tick them off?—Yes.

18,045. You can tell me who?—No.

18,046. Where were they paid in '65?—Perhaps in Dickinson's shop.

18,047. The next after this was '66; was there not a contest in '66?—I think not; certainly not much of a contest; we had no occasion to spend money.

18,048. In '67 was there a contest?—No, I think not.

18,049. In '68?—No, not much of a contest in '68.

18,050. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was there money paid?—Not to voters; the rooms were engaged and cabs were engaged, and the cabs were paid for; I think that was in '68.

18,051. In '68 no money was paid to the voters?—I think not.

18,052. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There was 50*l.* paid by Wreghitt to the pasture mastures, and none to the voters?—I think none was paid to voters; I do not think there was; I never seed any paid.

18,053. Who had hold of the 50*l.*?—I do not know.

18,054. Was it Burrell and Monkman?—I think Mr. Burrell.

18,055. Do you tell me it is your belief no voters were paid in '68?—I do not think any voters were paid in '68.

18,056. You say all preparations were made for the contest?—We must engage cabs; they were engaged, and clerks were engaged; the money would be spent in that way.

18,057. And do you mean people engaged to pay the voters?—Yes.

18,058. Who were they?—We should have perhaps a dozen clerks; I could not say who. Mr. Burrell had the money, he would be distributing the money.

18,059. What did you want a dozen clerks for?—For different things.

18,060–2. That I might guess without asking you. They always have at these times a deal of unnecessary people about.

18,063. That also I might guess without your telling. Who were they, or what were they doing?—Well, these clerks would write the list; they would be looking at the books.

18,064. These clerks were to direct the bribery?—No, they had nothing to do with bribery; when we took a voter to get his papers, there were the clerks who sat in the room and made the voting papers out.

18,065. Were these clerks all voters?—Not always.

18,066. But as many as you could get?—I do not know.

18,067. Eleven out of a dozen perhaps?—I do not know as far as that goes. I know we had Mr. Richardson's son clerk once and Mr. Arnott's, who were not voters at all.

18,068. You were not engaged in the council choosing of 1868?—No.

18,069. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you remember Thompson making the application to the pasture masters he spoke of here?—Yes; he did not make it in the same way he stated. This application would be in the way it was written in the book; he would never tell us he had a bill to meet. We had been taken in by the man before.

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18,070. When were you first paid for loss of cattle?—It would be four years ago.

18,071. You got 5*l.* then?—Yes.

18,072. For loss of cattle?—Yes.

18,073. Had you any cattle on the moor since you lost them?—I have two now.

18,074. And you had two in '68?—No, I had not two in '68.

18,075. What had you in '68?—I had nothing in '68; it was my intention——

18,076. Never mind intentions; you had no cattle in '68, and none from '67 till '68?—No.

18,077. They gave you 5*l.* then?—They did.

18,078. Are the names of all the men who are stockers on the books of the pasture masters?—I should say they are.

18,079. Did you make the application yourself in your own handwriting?—In my own handwriting.

18,080. And I think you made the application in 1868, pretending it was for loss of stock?—Loss of stock.

18,081. Did you?—Yes.

18,082. Who told you to make the application; you had no stock, you lost none, and it was known, or might be known, you had none. Did anyone tell you to make it out in that form?—No one told me.

18,083. No one told you to make it out in that form?—No.

18,084. Now attend to this, your application, for I think it right to read it to you, is in March '68. "To the pasture masters of the borough of Beverley. "Gentlemen,—I beg to solicit a grant from Walker's

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"freeman's gift to assist me in purchasing a cow to "run the pastures this year. The fact of my having lost "the whole of my stock by the cattle disease in 1865 "and '66, the profits on which a great portion of my "income depended, is well known to many of you. I "am now very anxious to make another start, and "hope by your favour to receive a little aid from the "above charity to enable me to do so." Is that yours?—Yes.

18,085. Well, that is a very different account?—It was my intention to buy stock with the 3*l.* they gave me, but this bill came all of a sudden upon me.

18,086. Just look at your handwriting; that is your handwriting?—Yes.

18,087. You were paid for the loss of stock, and you got a gift for what you lost, which you said was in '67. Now I will read the receipt you gave:—"Walker's pasture freeman's gift. Received this "12th day of May 1868 from the pasture masters of "this borough of Beverley the sum of 3*l.*, for the "following purpose, namely, having lost stock, to "assist me to purchase others." This is your handwriting to that?—(*No answer.*)

18,088. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is that your handwriting?—Yes.

18,089. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This is your handwriting, the signature here in the book?—Yes.

18,090. Well, what account can you give of that transaction?—I told you it was my intention to do so, but the bill came unexpectedly, and I used it for that purpose.

18,091. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You made this application the 31st of March 1868, and you received a gift of this sum of 3*l.* on the 12th of May?—Yes.

18,092. When was it the bill came in; was it between these two times?—Yes, in May.

18,093. Before you got the money gift from the pasture masters?—Yes, it was somewhere there about.

18,094. Did you let any of the pasture masters know that was what you wanted the money for?—No, I certainly did not; but I had intended to buy a little calf to turn into the pastures, and I had got sufficient but for this bill which came in.

18,095. Did you still leave them under the impression you wanted the money for stock?—Yes, I did.

18,096. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Those stock you lost by the cattle disease they had already given you money in respect of?—They gave me 5*l.*

18,097. Then there would be no further loss of stock?—No further stock.

18,098. In '65 or '66 they had given you money for that loss?—They gave me 5*l.*

18,099. In '66?—Yes; they gave me 5*l.* just after I lost my stock.

18,100. Then there was no other loss?—No other loss.

18,101. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The pasture masters are not quite clear of this matter, because your own application to them does not prove that there has been any loss. What you say here is, "The fact of my having "lost the whole of my stock by the cattle disease in "'65 is well known to many of you." Now, on that loss in '65 you had got money from them; you did not profess here that there had been any other loss, yet they give you money as for a loss, because they allow you to sign a receipt for 3*l.* more for loss of stock, and you do not pretend you had lost any more stock?—No.

18,102. So it must not go forth that the pasture masters are entirely clear from the matter. In my opinion they are not; for there is only one loss brought to their knowledge, and yet they make out a double payment for a single loss?—(*No answer.*)

18,103. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are aware, I suppose, that there was a rate levied to compensate people who lost their stock?—There was.

18,104. Do you swear you got no compensation?—I swear that; I never got one single farthing.

18,105. Did you make any application?—I had no occasion to do so, for I knew I should not get anything.

18,106. I ask you, as a matter of fact, did you or did you not make any application?—I never made any application.

The witness withdrew.

G. Smelt.

GEORGE SMELT further examined.

18,107. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You see, Smelt, he got two payments for one loss?—But his second application is not for stock that he has lost, his application is to enable him to purchase some more stock.

18,108. But then you allow him to sign a receipt that that is money for stock lost?—We went by his application, which was to purchase stock at the further 14th of March, when the pastures are broke. That would be the clerk's writing, but we should go by his application; we should give him the 3*l.* by his application.

18,109. To say the least of it it is very careless, because you allow an additional payment for a single loss of stock; you cannot get over that. There had been one loss of stock, and you had already compensated him for that in '66, and you allow him to sign a receipt for 3*l.* more in '68, he himself not proving any further loss?—But we should not be there at the time he signed the paper.

The witness withdrew.

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SAMUEL FINDLATER sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

18,110. Are you a voter?—Yes.

18,111. How long have you been a voter?—I took up my freedom 25 years ago.

18,112. Now, first of all, to save trouble, have you ever received money for your votes at parliamentary elections?—Never.

18,113. Never for any?—Never.

18,114. In the second place, have you ever received money to give to others for their votes, money to distribute?—No.

18,115. You never have distributed money?—No.

18,116. That you say?—Yes.

18,117. How long have you been a pasture master?—Since '63.

18,118. Were you a pasture master in '63?—Yes, I was elected in '63.

18,119. You were engaged, then, in that contest; you remember the particulars of that contest?—I do not know much about it, for it was the first time I had gone in amongst them.

18,120. You know very well money was spent?—Yes.

18,121. Where did the money come from?—I am sure I do not know; I never had anything to do with it.

18,122. You heard it came from Wreghitt, did you not?—There was a report to that effect.

18,123. And you believed that report?—Well, I believe I did.

18,124. Were you present at any meeting where it was arranged a deputation should call on Wreghitt to get money?—I believe I was one.

18,125. Where was it at?—At the "White Horse."

18,126. Where Burrell lives?—I believe so.

18,127. In '63?—I cannot say, I am sure.

18,128. That was your first year?—I think it was

since then, but I cannot speak certainly; I am not certain as to dates.

18,129. Did you receive any of the money that came from Wreghitt; had you anything to do with distributing it?—No.

18,130. Do you know who distributed it?—There is generally some one appointed at a meeting.

18,131. I am speaking of '63; I am taking your first year, and what occurred then?—I am sure I cannot say, it is so far back.

18,132. I should have thought from being your first year you would have remembered it. Do you remember Matthew Lythe or Thomas Harrison being engaged in distributing the money?—Very likely; I cannot speak positively.

18,133. In '65 there was another contest for pasture masters?—I believe there was.

18,134. Did you take any part in that?—Yes, I assisted.

18,135. What assistance did you give?—I tried to get as many votes as I could.

18,136. There was money then?—I believe there was.

18,137. You know there was money?—I never had any.

18,138. You know perfectly well there was money?—There was money given for votes.

18,139. Did not you take anybody to be bribed?—I did.

18,140. Where did you take them to?—I should think either to Lythe's room or to Dickinson's.

18,141. Where is Lythe now?—He is dead.

18,142. There is a strange discrepancy about the evidence of 1868. There was a good deal of money spent then in the pasture masters election; that was last year, the last election but one?—Yes.

18,143. There was a great deal of money spent; we know of 50*l.* at least?—Yes.

18,144. Do you know anybody who got the money?—No.

18,145. Do you know who would get it?—The pasture freemen that voted would get it I suppose.

18,146. You know there was 50*l.* came?—Yes.

18,147. Do you know who it came from?—No.

18,148. Where do you think it came from?—I should think from Wreghitt.

18,149. So do we.—I had nothing to do with it.

18,150. But it went to the pasture freemen?—I should judge so.

18,151. Do you know of anybody who gave it?—I had nothing at all to do with the handling of the money.

18,152. I quite know that. You tell me you had nothing to do with the handling of the money; what I want you to tell me is, do you know of anybody who did handle it?—There was somebody appointed in the room.

18,153. It was only the year before last; somebody was appointed in the room, and you were in the room?—Well, there was so many people about I am sure I cannot say.

18,154. There were not many appointed; you were in the room, were not you?—Yes.

18,155. Now, who was appointed?—I really cannot say.

18,156. You must know that?—I really cannot say.

18,157. It is only the year before last?—I know that, but I cannot say.

18,158. Can you tell me of any single person who was appointed to distribute the money, as we know the names of some?—I am sure I cannot tell.

18,159. Not of a single person who was appointed to distribute the money?—No.

18,160. Do you remember the story about Campey's application being rejected?—Aye, I saw it in the paper.

18,161. What have you got to say about it?—To the best of my knowledge I never threw the paper down at all. It is the usual custom to have them all packed together, and if I threw it down I should have to throw the whole lot down.

18,162. Well, you may have done that?—Campey had 5*l.* the previous year.

18,163. Do not you know, as a matter of fact, that it was the opinion of the town that the Liberals had very little chance of getting the money?—I do not know it.

18,164. You know that was the prevalent opinion of the town?—I do not know that it was. I have heard it since this Commission was opened.

18,165. No, a long time before this Commission was opened you knew that there was an impression in the town that the Liberals had less chance than the Tories of getting this money; you must have heard complaints?—I cannot say I have heard any special complaints about it.

18,166. But you have heard complaints of that favouritism long before we came here?—I do not know that I heard more than one complaint before.

18,167. You never heard but one before we came; that you say?—Yes.

18,168. You never heard but one of Tories being favoured more than Liberals in the distribution of the money?—No.

18,169. Will you swear you did not hear more than one complaint, you living among your townsmen here?—I could not swear it, but I cannot say that I heard of more than one.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

18,170. You are a town councillor?—Yes.

18,171. Have you ever taken part in the council choosing elections?—Yes.

18,172. How long have you been a town councillor?—Since 1858.

18,173. Previous to the year 1862 was any money received otherwise than from the candidates themselves for the purposes of the council election?—I do not know that there was, not to my knowledge.

18,174. Are you aware whether after 1862 the town councillors have ever paid the expenses of their own elections when there was any opposition?—I do not remember.

18,175. You do not remember?—No.

18,176. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you say you do not think they have?—I do not remember.

18,177. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now have you ever received money to pay the voters?—None but what I took out of my own pocket.

18,178. You have taken money out of your own pocket?—Yes, I have.

18,179. Was that since 1862?—I think I have since 1862.

18,180. I must remind you you are on your oath now, and must speak accurately. Will you swear since 1862 you have paid money out of your own pocket; I do not say a shilling or two, but any considerable sum?—Never; it was only a small sum.

18,181. What I meant by my question was, did you ever get any of this money from whatever quarter it came for the purpose of paying voters?—Never.

18,182. But did you bring voters to be bribed?—Yes, I took them to vote, and I then took them to get the money.

18,183. For the town council?—Yes.

18,184. Did you do that pretty often; when there was a contest, generally?—Generally, if I am well enough.

18,185. Are you aware it is a common custom, I do not say universal, but common for the council, to take voters to be bribed?—I think it is the custom here.

18,186. I mean here. That is to say, there is nothing unusual in a town councillor taking any voter to be bribed?—No.

18,187. Who is Campney?—He is a man who lives in his own house, and I believe is a man in a fair position of life.

18,188. Pretty well to do?—Yes, that is as near as I can tell; I do not know his position any more.

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18,189. I only ask as a matter of reputation, is he a well-to-do man? — Well, pretty fair; he is a hard-working man.

18,190. As a matter of reputation, he is a well-to-do man?—Pretty fair.

18,191. And he received 5*l.* the year before?—Yes.

18,192. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say that in these elections for town council you never bribed voters, but you took voters to be bribed?—Yes.

18,193. And you told me also you had never bribed persons for parliamentary elections?—Never.

18,194. Did you ever take voters to be bribed at parliamentary elections?—Never.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

18,195. Now you are a respectable man, and a man in business, and when you were a candidate for the office of pasture master you knew money was paid for you and others?—Yes.

18,196. And when you were also a candidate for the office of town councillor you knew money was paid for yourself and others?—Yes.

18,197. That is so, is it not?—Yes, I knew it was paid.

18,198. Did you know by common repute, or any other way, who paid the money for the town councillors?—I did not know.

18,199. From 1862 up to the present time, 1868?—Why, Norfolk.

18,200. Oh, Norfolk was only suddenly on the scene; Norfolk only appeared in 1868?—I had nothing to do with the money.

18,201. You told my brother Commissioner, that from 1862 upwards town councillors did not pay. I took down your words, "I do not remember "that the town councillors ever paid their own "money after that"?—They paid, I believe, when there was no contest.

18,203. Yes, of course they would, a shilling, a sixpence, or some trifle. What I mean is, when there was a contest who found the money from '62 up to '68?—I do not know of my own knowledge. I only know by report, Wreghitt.

18,204. Wreghitt; was it Wreghitt by report?—Yes.

18,205. And you believed the report, of course? Who paid them at the town council election, at the sharp contest in '65?—I do not know; I cannot answer that question.

18,206. Where did you take them to?—I think it was to Dickinson's room.

18,207. And Wreghitt supplied the money?—Report said so.

18,208. Do you know who was there?—No, I do not. I am sure I cannot just say.

18,209. Do you know?—I cannot say.

18,210. How many voters would you take up?—I do not know.

18,211. Do not imagine you yourself were not as much implicated as if every shilling of it had passed through your own hands, because it makes no difference. Do not you know the man?—I cannot say, I am sure.

18,212. Are you a town councillor now?—Yes.

18,213. For which ward?—St. Mary's Ward.

18,214. When do you go out of office?—Next year.

The witness withdrew.

William Pipes sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

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18,215. What are you?—I am out of business I am nothing.

18,216. What have you been?—I was a chemist in this town.

18,217. And now retired?—Yes.

18,218. Are you a member of the town council?—No.

18,219. Are you one of the pasture masters?—I am.

18,220. How long have you been?—I went I think in 1866.

18,221. Are you a freeman?—I am.

18,222-3. Have you been in the habit of voting at previous elections here?—I have.

18,224. Have any monies passed through your hands?—Not to my knowledge.

18,225. That will not do.—I do not remember any; I never took an active part.

18,226. You would know very well if you got money and paid it to voters?—I never, to the best of my knowledge, paid a man in bribery in my life.

18,227. What do you mean; did you take men up to get money?—I do not recollect that I did.

18,228. That is a most unsatisfactory answer.—I would not say I did not.

18,229. You would not say you did not in 1857. Were you active in 1857, when Wells was up?—I never took any part in the parliamentary elections.

18,230. Did any money ever pass through your hands at the parliamentary?—Never.

18,231. You answer that positively?—Yes.

18,232. And you voted Conservative all through?—Generally.

18,233. Can you tell me any time you voted for the Liberals?—I believe I voted for Lord Londesborough, then Mr. Denison.

18,234. Was there any money?—I do not know; I never took any part.

18,235. Did you receive any money, or pay away money?—No.

18,236. How came you to vote that way?—Because I was a friend of Lord Londesborough; he had large estates here.

18,237. You took part in the municipal affairs?—No.

18,238. You say no money ever passed through your hands in municipal bribery?—No, not to my knowledge; I do not remember ever paying 6*d.*

18,239. You took people to be paid?—No, I never took an active part.

18,240. You were a pasture master since 1866?—Yes.

18,241. Did you know Wreghitt suppled the monies in 1868?—I have heard it said so. I heard that he did.

18,242. You knew at the time, in 1868?—I heard he was applied to; I know he was applied to.

18,243. Who applied to you to become a candidate for the office of pasture master?—The late Mr. Oxley asked me at his house; I several times refused.

18,244. What did he tell you?—He asked me if I would be one of the pasture masters, and I refused at first.

18,245. Did he tell you Wreghitt would find the money?—No, he did not.

18,246. He told you it would be no expense to you?—No.

18,247. Did you know at the time Wreghitt did find the money?—No, I did not.

The witness withdrew.

RICHARD ARNOTT sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

18,248. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

18,249. Since when?—Thirty years back.

18,250. You are a pasture master also?—Yes.

18,251. Now I will take you through the parliamentary elections. What was the first election you voted at?—Towneley's.

18,252. Did you get any money?—12*l.*

18,253. Did you vote for Towneley?—No.

18,254. You voted for Fox and Hogg?—Yes.

18,255. I will ask you whether you received any bribe at any election subsequent to that?—No.

18,256. You never have?—No.

18,257. You understand what I mean, have you received any money for your services?—No, never since.

18,258. No money whatever?—No.

18,259. Have you received money to bribe voters with?—I have taken two or three at elections; it came from the late Mr. Oxley. I took them up to vote, and then I went back to him and got the money.

18,260. That was in 1847?—It was Fox's election in 1847.

18,261. In 1847?—Yes.

18,262. I do not care much about that. Do you mean in 1847?—It was when Sykes was up.

18,263. Oh, that was in 1865?—Yes.

18,264. Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

18,265. Then I should like to know about that, you took voters to Mr. Oxley to be paid?—Yes.

18,266. What voters did you take?—I took about seven, to the best of my recollection.

18,267. To be paid in 1865?—Yes.

18,268. Who were the voters?—One of the name of James Twineham, but I cannot remember the others.

18,269. You do not remember the other six?—I have thought it over for the last three weeks, and I really cannot think of any other.

18,270. July 1865, and now it is September 1869; seven voters taken up to be paid and one name given us, Twineham, I believe?—Yes.

18,271. What is his Christian name?—James.

18,272. Is that really all the account you can give us?—Yes.

18,273. You can have no object in perjuring yourself for such a trifle?—No.

18,274. It is an extraordinary thing. The last election was 1868; did you take any part in that beyond voting?—No.

18,275. Were you engaged at all in the council choosing of 1868?—No.

18,276. Not at all?—No.

18,277. You voted, I suppose?—Yes.

18,278. Is that really all you did?—I took voters up to vote the fore part of the day.

18,279. And then you took them, I suppose, to get the price that they had bargained for for their voting?—Yes.

18,280. Where did you take them?—To the "Golden Ball."

18,281. Have you any list of those you took up?—No, I cannot remember.

18,282. That is less than a year; that is only ten months ago. You cannot tell one?—It was not many that I took.

18,283. Cannot you tell us one that you took?—No.

18,284. That is rather startling; how many did you take up?—I should think not above nine or ten.

18,285. And not know the name of one?—I could not tell.

18,286. Were they people you knew at the time?—No, strangers.

18,287. Just anybody?—Yes.

18,288. You saw them vote?—Yes.

18,289. And saw they voted the right way?—Yes.

18,290. And then took them to the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.

18,291. Have you been active at all in previous council choosings?—No; I never took an active part.

18,292. But you might have paid people without being very active?—No, I never did.

18,293. Have you been paid yourself?—No.

18,294. How long have you been a pasture master?—About eight years.

18,295. You would come into office then about 1861?—1863.

18,296. That would bring us to 1871. Well, you became pasture master in 1863?—Yes.

18,297. That was a very keen contest, I believe?—Yes.

18,298. Did you pay anything yourself towards the expense of your election?—No.

18,299. Have you paid since that time anything towards the expenses of your election?—The last time I did.

18,300. 1869, this year?—Yes.

18,301. Then between 1863 and 1868, inclusive, you have never paid anything towards the expenses of your election when there has been a contest?—No.

18,302. Who has been so kind as to pay it?—We appointed a deputation to wait upon Mr. Wreghitt.

18,303. What was the result?—That the money would be ready at the time; that would be in 1868, I believe.

18,304. I ask you, you say you have not paid any money towards expenses between 1863 and 1868, inclusive, who did pay the money?—There was not much paid.

18,305. 1863, you say that was a very severe contest?—Yes.

18,306. There must have been money paid?—I think Mr. Wreghitt got it.

18,307. Have you any doubt that Mr. Wreghitt has found the money in these five years?—Yes.

18,308. That is so, he has found the money?—Yes.

18,309. We have heard the way in which these things are managed; have you yourself ever paid any money at pasture master elections?—No, never a penny.

18,310. Have you taken people to be paid?—Yes.

18,311. You have taken them to Matthew Lythe?—Yes, when they were paid.

18,312. In 1865 did you take people?—I do not know the date. I could not be certain about that.

18,313. You could not be certain?—No.

18,314. In 1868 did you?—I should suppose I should. Yes.

18,315. You did take people to be paid in 1868?—Yes.

18,316. You took them to Dickinson's shop, is that so?—Yes, I believe it was.

18,317. That is the place where they were paid?—Yes.

18,318. You saw them paid?—Yes.

18,319. And you saw the man who paid them?—Yes.

18,320. Who was that?—I could not be confident about that, I could not recollect.

18,321. Who do you think it was?—I could not say I am sure.

18,322. You took the people there, you saw them paid; all we want is his name?—I cannot say.

18,323. I suppose he was not disguised?—No, he was one of the regular voters I daresay.

18,324. He was a Beverley man?—Yes.

18,325. You have lived in Beverley for 30 years, and know most people in the town?—I know a good many.

18,326. Tell us who the man was?—I cannot recollect; if I was to have 100*l.* for the job I could not recollect.

18,327. That is only about 20 months ago, and you really say you cannot or will not tell us?—No, I cannot.

18,328. Upon your oath, do you not recollect?—I do not.

18,329. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We shall find him out.

18,330. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I have no doubt we shall,

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18,331. You voted last time for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

18,332. And you voted before for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

18,333. Now, I do not want to entrap you, but I want to put the case before you. Supposing the contest took place in 1863, when you were elected to the office, and you had to pay the money when you were elected, what would it have cost you?—Perhaps 5*l.*

18,334. Now how many other contests were there? In 1865 was there a contest?—Not much.

18,335. It would have cost you 5*l.*, would it not?—No, not above 2*l.*

18,336. In 1864 what would it cost you?—About the same.

18,337. About 2*l.*?—Yes.

18,338. In 1866 what would it cost you?—About the same.

18,339. In 1868 what would it cost you?—5*l.*

18,340. You received 16*l.* from Sir Henry Edwards through the hands of Mr. Wreghitt, might I inquire had that any influence on your vote?—Never, no.

18,341. Do you not know you received that money, as much as if it was placed in your hands?—No.

18,342. You did?—How could that be?

18,343. You appointed a man to wait upon Mr. Wreghitt to advance money for your benefit?—It would not have the least influence on my vote.

18,344. I am asking you; we are to judge of that. You appoint a deputation to wait upon him, and at the lowest calculation he advanced 16*l.* to be laid out for your use and benefit. Why did he do that unless he calculated on your vote?—I always have voted for the Conservatives.

18,345. It cost you something last time, what did it cost you then?—I think about 10*s.*

18,346. Did they all, the twelve pasture masters, vote for Kennard and Edwards?—I should suppose they would.

18,347. And all the men you employed, your herdsmen?—Yes.

18,348. Do you appoint the herdsmen?—Yes.

18,349. Had you removed any of them after you came into office?—No.

18,350. What are you?—A bricklayer.

18,351. On your own account?—A master bricklayer.

18,352. How many men do you employ?—One bricklayer, an apprentice, and a labourer.

18,353. In March 1868, that is pending the general election, money was paid for your benefit?—(*No answer.*)

18,354. (*Mr. Barstow.*) If I were to tell you the names of the men who paid the voters should you know it?—Perhaps I might.

18,355. Was his name Lane?—I do not remember him.

18,356. Will you swear his name was not Lane?—I never saw Lane pay any.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

18,357. You say that Wreghitt supplied money for the election of pasture masters for four or five years?—No, sir, 1863 and 1868.

18,358. Between those two intervals he has supplied money?—I will not say that.

18,359. What do you say, you said that a deputation waited upon him more than once, as I understood you, to get money from him?—That was twice, 1863 and 1868.

18,360. Whenever money was wanted, was not that it?—No, only those two years that I know.

18,361. Do you know whether they adopted the same practice with regard to council choosing?—I think they did.

18,362. Ever since 1863?—Yes, I fancy so, I believe so.

The witness withdrew.

R. Park.

Robert Park sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

18,363. What are you?—A bricklayer.

18,364. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

18,365. How long have you been a freeman?—Better than 30 years.

18,366. And you have voted several times at the parliamentary elections?—Yes.

18,367. Have you ever received money for your vote?—Yes.

18,368. Did you vote at the election in 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—Yes.

18,369. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

18,370. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Sykes.

18,371. And you got nothing for your vote?—Nothing.

18,372. Did you distribute any money?—No.

18,373. Walker and Gridley's in 1860, did you vote then?—Yes.

18,374. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

18,375. Which was the last election at which you got anything for your vote?—Walters, Edwards, and Walker.

18,376. In 1859, did you vote then?—Yes.

18,377. For whom?—Edwards and Walters.

18,378. You split your vote?—Yes.

18,379. Did you get anything?—No.

18,380. 1857, when Major Edwards came first; did you get nothing for your vote then?—No.

18,381. Denison, Glover, and Wells, that was in 1857; did you get anything for your vote then?—Not for myself, no.

18,382. But for whom else?—A few in the country.

18,383. What did you get?—I got a little money from Mr. Boyes.

18,384. How much?—It was under 10*l.*

18,385. That was in 1857?—Yes.

18,386. To whom did you give that?—I went to a place they called Sand Holme.

18,387. And what did you do with the money?—I gave a man they call Francis Clark 10*s.* I had a book with them all set down.

18,388. The book is not in existence?—No.

18,389. To whom else?—I gave it to a man they call Johnson.

18,390. Is Clark alive?—He is dead. Johnson he was with Mr. Stephen, a seed merchant in Hull, though he now lives with Mr. Rawson; I gave him 10*s.*

18,391. These are small sums?—It is what they call a day's wages; I believe that is what they called it.

18,392. You had about 10*l.* from Boyes, and you have told me of 1*l.* that you disposed of?—Yes.

18,393. To whom else?—Then I went from there to Tickton; there were two farmers; they call Bomfrey; I gave them 10*s.* apiece. I think one is William and the other is Edward.

18,394. That gets rid of 2*l.*?—I believe there was one man they call John Donkin.

18,395. How much did he get?—He got the same.

18,396. Anybody else?—I believe there is a man they call "Machine Billy," William Hartley is his name.

18,397. What did he get?—He got the same.

18,398. 10*s.*?—Yes.

18,399. Anybody else?—There was a man they called Fanthorpe I gave 10*s.* to.

18,400. Do you remember anything else?—There was a man, John Donkin, he got the same.

18,401. But you have told me of him?—There is the father and the son. I then went to Weel.

18,402. Who else?—A man they call William Battersea I gave 10*s.*; and John Clark of Weel, I believe he was one; and a man they call Walker, who lives with Mr. Wallis; that is all I remember.

18,403. You have accounted for 5*l.*?—Then I brought my book back, and the money I gave to Mr. Boyes at night.

18,404. Do you remember what you gave him?—No; I scratched them out, them that took money; I made a cross, those that did not take the money; it was all right.

18,405. Have you any idea what you gave back to Mr. Boyes?—I do not know.

18,406. What were you paid for your trouble?—Nothing.

18,407. Just think you had been travelling over a great deal of ground, and you must have spent a great part of the day if you did it in one day?—I got nothing.

18,408. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Nothing?—He gave me 5*s.*, I recollect, for treating at John Donkin's.

18,409. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That disposes of the election of 1857; in 1854 Gordon and Hastings were up, did you get anything for your vote?—No.

18,410. You distributed no money?—No.

18,411. In 1852, when Lawley, Wells, and Glover put up, did you get anything for your vote then?—Yes, I believe 3*l.*

18,412. From whom?—From Mr. Boyes himself.

18,413. For voting for whom?—For Lawley and Wells.

18,414. Were you employed at that election in a capacity at all similar to what you were in 1857, to go about after voters and pay them?—Yes; I remember a man they call Scarr, I paid him 30*s.*

18,415. When you paid that man was it in 1857 or 1852?—It would be in 1857.

18,416. What is his name?—Bethell Scarr.

18,417. And you gave him what?—30*s.* for coming from Selby.

18,418. At this election of 1852, Lawley, Wells, and Glover, do you remember whether you had money given you to give to voters then?—I did not give any then.

18,419. Fox, Towneley, and Goldsmid, in 1847, did you vote then?—I believe I got 3*l.* then.

18,420. Who gave you that?—I am sure I cannot say.

18,421. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Towneley.

18,422. The last I shall trouble you with is that one of 1841, Towneley, Hogg, and Fox; did you vote then?—Yes.

18,423. Did you get anything?—Yes.

18,424. How much?—I believe it was 12*l.* and a 2*s.* ticket.

18,425. Were you engaged at this last town council choosing?—Yes.

18,426. Tell me, to save time, what did you do then? You have been very candid?—On the morning after I voted I saw Mr. Lowther, and he asked me if I would lend a hand, and I said, "Yes;" and he took me and he gave me 10*l.*

18,427. On the day of the municipal election?—Yes; and I then came to Beckside to look for voters there, and I got a man they call George Dearing of Figham.

18,428. At Beckside?—Yes.

18,429. How much did you give him?—10*s.* I gave him.

18,430. Go on with the Beckside men?—Then there was one they called John Palmer, a cartman, I gave him 17*s.* 6*d.*; and I gave Abraham Parker 17*s.* 6*d.*; and I gave a man called Shields 10*s.*; and then there was another Palmer, living in High Gate, I gave him 17*s.* 6*d.*, Thomas Palmer, I believe. Then there was a man I gave 3*s.*, he lives in the brickyard in Swinemoor Lane.

18,431. Go on with the others you remember?—There were two others I cannot remember, but on the next morning after the municipal I went and I took my paper that I had set down all on; I went to Mr. Lowther, I think; I had 3*l.* odd left.

18,432. You have only accounted to me for 4*l.*?—You will hear more after a bit. Then I showed Mr. Lowther my paper; he looked at it and he said, "Well, this will do very well; will you pay a few "bills for me and just go to two or three public-"houses?" and I said yes, I would; and I went to Mr. Bielby's and paid him 30*s.*

18,433. What was the sign of his public-house?—The "Sloop;" and I went to the "Fleece," and I paid them the same, 30*s.*

18,434. What was the name of the public-house?—Marsden keeps it; then I went to Scarr's of the "Foresters' Arms," and I paid them 26*s.* I then went to Mr. Lowther and told him what I had done, and he talked it over; and he said, Then you want 1*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* of me? and he gave me 1*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*; and he said, "Do you want anything for yourself?" and I said, No, not a penny; and he said, Very well; I am very much obliged to you.

18,435. You have given me here the names of five voters, paying them certainly not more than 4*l.*, Beckside men; and you paid the public-house bills to the extent of 4*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.*, that will not make up 10*l.*?—No; it was all put down, but there were others that I cannot remember.

18,436. At all events you paid 1*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* more than he gave you?—Yes; he gave me the 1*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* after.

18,437. And that squared you and Mr. Lowther?—That squared me and Mr. Lowther. Mr. Lowther wished me to tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

18,438. Never mind about that. You have not accounted for 10*l.*, but you explain it by saying that there are other sums that you have forgotten?—I have; there are two men I forget. I took I should think betwixt 40 and 50, I think. Those I paid I put down on the paper.

18,439. Do you think you paid between 40 and 50 men?—Not out of my own pocket; I took them to the "Golden Ball" to be paid. These men I paid; I put down on the paper I gave to Mr. Lowther what I had paid.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

18,440. What are you?—I am a bricklayer.

18,441. Are you a master bricklayer?—Yes.

18,442. And are you a voter?—Yes.

18,443. I mean are you a municipal voter?—Yes.

18,444. And did you vote that day?—I did vote that day.

18,445. There was money going?—Yes.

18,446. Now about Boyes, because, I tell you candidly, I do not believe you got 5*s.* from Boyes in 1857; you a master bricklayer; what was that for?—That was to treat anyone on my way. I was promised to be well paid.

18,447. You had a promise, but not a performance?—That was it.

18,448. You worked under the promise, under the expectation of being well paid?—It was the regular thing in them days.

18,449. Did you work under the impression that you would be well paid?—No, not altogether.

18,450. Who told you you would be well paid?—Mr. Boyes; he told me to make my bill out, and I never did.

18,451. You then worked and voted, and he told you that before you voted, did he not?—He did.

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R. Park.

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18,452. That is as much a bribe as if you had 50*l.* in your pocket. Now, tell me another thing, what had Mr. Lowther to do with you? Why did you do this for Mr. Lowther?—He is a near neighbour to me.

18,453. If you went to Mr. Lowther do you think he would go for you for nothing?—He is a very good man.

18,454. What conversation have you had with Mr. Lowther about the evidence you were to give here to-day?—I saw him this morning and I told him what I should say, and he said that was quite right.

18,455. When did you see Mr. Lowther?—I seed him this morning across the beck.

18,456. Had you seen him before this morning?—Yes.

18,457. I mean seeing him to speak to him?—I spoke to him this morning.

18,458. Was that the first time you spoke to him about the evidence you were to give here to-day?—Yes.

18,459. Where did you meet him. Did you meet him by accident?—No.

18,460. Where did you meet him?—I was coming from Figham.

18,461. Did you expect to meet him?—Well, we will call it accident.

18,462. I will call it what you like. And you met him?—Yes.

18,463. And you had some conversation with him?—Yes, I told him the evidence I was going to give to-day.

18,464. Did you repeat what you have told us to-day to him?—Yes.

18,465. All to him?—I do not know all.

18,466. Well, you repeated it?—Yes.

18,467. How came you to meet him on the morning of the 2nd of November?—I met him in the square here.

18,468. By accident?—I do not know; I intended to meet him.

18,469. Under what condition?—To support him and do the best I could.

18,470. Had he seen you the day before?—No.

18,471. How many days before had he seen you?—I saw him the week before.

18,472. How had you arranged with him the week before that you were to meet him, had you made any appointment with him?—No.

18,473. Or had you made an appointment with anybody else to meet him?—No.

18,474. Then it was by accident. Did you know he had money?—No, I came up to him and told him I had voted.

18,475. Why did you go up to him and tell him you had voted?—I came to him and he said, "Have you "yet voted," and I said I had.

18,476. He asked you?—He did; then he asked me if I would help him to get voters up, and I said yes, I would.

18,477. You had been helping Daniel Boyes and you were not paid much. 5*s.* was it you got out of that affair?—Yes.

18,478. Out of Daniel Boyes?—Yes.

18,479. Can you afford the time to go about on behalf of men that have money for a day or two?—Yes, I can for a day or two or anything like that.

18,480. Did you vote for Kennard and Edwards?—Yes.

18,481. Are you so particular that having paid the 1*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* he said, Here is 1*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* I owe you?—1*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* I believe.

18,482. You never got a farthing yourself. Had you no expenses in going about these places?—I was not put to much expense.

18,483. Had you any?—There might be a glass of grog or two or anything else.

18,484. Who paid for that?—I did.

18,485. Out of your own pocket?—Yes.

18,486. Then you mean to tell us that having no personal interest whatever you went and canvassed in that way, and bribed in that way, and received nothing for it?—I wished to get Mr. Lowther and Mr. Catterson in at the municipal, that was my wish.

18,487. You said that Mr. Lowther told you to speak the truth, how came he to say that?—I should think he said that about these public-house bills.

18,488. He thought you might be keeping back about the beer?—I cannot tell.

18,489. A gentleman does not usually say, "Tell the truth"?—Well, I have spoken the whole truth.

18,490. Did he ask you what you were going to say?—No, I told him myself.

18,491. It is very much better for no gentleman to speak to any witness who is to be examined here, I would advise them not?—Well, I did not know there was anything in it.

18,492. No, I am not speaking against you at all. Did he ask you what you were going to tell us?—No, I told him.

18,493. Without his asking you?—Without his asking me.

18,494. Why would you tell him what you were going to tell us if there were no secrets between you?—There were no secrets.

18,495. Why should you go and tell him?—We were talking of the election matters over.

18,496. Did he tell you, "Recollect I paid you 10*l.*," or anything to that effect?—Yes, he did.

18,497. And did you recollect it before he told you?—Yes.

18,498. Then he did not tell you. I do not want to pursue it further, but I strongly recommend that there should be no speaking on anything before the witnesses who are summoned to come here before us.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

18,499. Did you canvass for the candidates at the parliamentary election, or do anything for getting up voters at the parliamentary?—Yes.

18,500. What did you do?—I did the best I could.

18,501. That does not give me much idea?—I canvassed, at least I recollect Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Kennard came to our house one night just at dusk and I did go with them.

18,502. What night was that?—I should think it would be about 5 o'clock.

18,503. That is the hour, what day was that; that was after the municipal, of course?—The municipal election was on the Monday.

18,504. Well, Kennard and Edwards came to your house about 5 o'clock?—They were canvassing and I went down with them to Hotchins to see a man there.

18,505. To ask him for his vote?—Yes, and they came back again and they broke up just in the back lanes.

18,506. You separated?—Yes.

18,507. Did you canvass for them?—No, only just behind the beck.

18,508. How many did you canvass?—I do not think we got two voters; I do not think we canvassed more than half a dozen.

18,509. Who were "we," you and somebody else. Did Sir Henry Edwards go with you then?—Yes, and all the committee.

18,510. That was after the council choosing?—That was all the canvassing I did.

18,511. Did you get any money for your services on that occasion?—No.

18,512. Nothing whatever?—No.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

18,513. Is the back of the beck the same place they call Beckside?—Yes.

18,514. And were the people you canvassed the same as you paid on the council choosing?—Not one.

18,515. Do you swear that ?—Not one.

18,516. Was that by accident or design ?—At the back of the beck there was not one.

18,517. You answer me, "the back of the beck," is that the same place as they call Beckside ?—Yes, it is one part of the beck.

18,518. You had been canvassing at the beck at the council choosing ?—Yes.

18,519. Now I ask you, the voters that you canvassed with Edwards and Kennard, were any of them the same that were paid at the council choosing ?—I am sure I cannot know that.

18,520. You answer me that rather hastily; just remember the names of one or two of the persons that you canvassed with Sir Henry Edwards ?—William Hodgson and William Armstrong, but we did not see him, and they canvassed one they call David Oldgate.

18,521. Who else ?—We went to several houses, but there were none of them in.

18,522. You must remember whether you paid some of these men ?—Not one of these men.

18,523. They were a different set altogether to what you paid ?—Yes.

18,524. The men that you paid were Dearing, the two Palmers, Parker, and Shields; did you canvass any of those men ?—No.

18,525. You did not ask any of those men for their parliamentary vote ?—Not one.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

FOURTEENTH DAY

8th September 1869.

Mr. Samuel Findlater further examined by the Chief Commissioner.

18,526. You were sworn yesterday ?—Yes.

18,527. What explanation do you wish to make ?—I recollect there is an omission in the evidence I gave as to the last municipal election.

18,528. That is, there is an omission you wish to supply ?—Yes.

18,529. Very well, go on ?—I received 10*l.* from Mr. Norfolk.

18,530. When ?—On the Saturday afternoon.

18,531. I do not think Mr. Norfolk said that. What time of the day about ?—Perhaps about 5 o'clock; I cannot say exactly.

18,532. Saturday the 31st of October ?—Yes, and I should spend about half of it in refreshment in my own house.

18,533. Were you a candidate ?—No.

18,534. Were you a town councillor ?—Yes.

18,535. You are a town councillor ?—Yes.

18,536. You would expend half of the 10*l.* ?—As near as I can tell.

18,537. What did Mr. Norfolk tell you to do with it ?—It was only half a dozen words that he spoke. To the best of my recollection he put 10*l.* into my hands and said, "You must do the best you can for "us on Monday."

18,538. I may be wrong, but I do not remember Mr. Norfolk saying this.

18,539. (*Mr. Barstow.*) No, he did not.

18,540. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had you been previously engaged in things of this kind ?—Never. I never had anybody else's money.

18,541. Well, go on. What more ?—I have nothing more to say. I held the balance in my own hands.

18,542. You understood by asking you "to do your best" you were to give it to men to bribe them to vote ?—Yes, I suppose that would be it.

18,543. Did you bribe anyone to vote ?—Yes, I spoke to some, but I never paid one.

18,544. Go on ?—As I said before, the money I spent was for refreshment at my own house.

18,545. People generally spend their own money in their own house. Who did you entertain in your own house ?—Those who were acting in the election.

18,546. Who do you include in that ? Was Mr. Lowther there ?—Yes, and Mr. Burrell and others.

18,547. Who else ?—There were a great number going in and out.

18,548. Did you entertain Mr. Norfolk ?—No.

18,549. Give us the names of some of the leading men, there was Mr. Lowther ?—Mr. Burrell I daresay would be one.

18,550. Did you entertain him ?—Yes, they all had refreshments; there was a lot more, but I cannot say who else.

18,551. Burrell you say was there, who else ? Were there any pasture masters ?—Very likely there would :

18,552. You give us the names of only two, one suggested by myself and another by my brother commissioner. Was Monkman there ?—I daresay he was.

18,553. Was he ?—I could not say; I was not aware I should be asked, or I might have remembered.

18,554. You had refreshments provided for many persons in your own house, and you have only given us the names of two persons. For your own credit you should do better than this. You were there all the time. No doubt there were things in profusion there. Were any of the aldermen there ?—I believe not.

18,555. You must know who were there; it is nonsense to talk about it in that way. Was there anybody present from the Iron and Waggon Company ?—I should think so.

18,556. Who were there ?—Mr. Thirsk and Mr. Bentley.

18,557. Was Levett there ?—No, I never saw him.

18,558. Anybody else ?—There would be some of the pasture masters.

18,559. Who were the pasture masters present, I should like to know ?—I should not like to give wrong names, but there were a great many persons went in and out during the day.

18,560. Was Kemplay there ?—Yes, I believe he was.

18,561. Was Marshall there ?—Most likely he would be.

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Mr. Findlater.

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18,562. Was Charles Arnott there?—I really cannot say whether he was or not.

18,563. Was Smelt?—I cannot say.

18,564. Was James Catterson, junior, there?—I believe he was.

18,565. He is the son of the alderman?—He is the son of the councillor.

18,566. Was Robinson there?—That is Bentley, I think.

18,567. You spent money Mr. Norfolk gave you, and I suppose you gave an account to him how you had spent it?—I never gave him any account at all.

18,568. Did he ever ask you for any account?—Yes.

18,569. When?—About a fortnight afterwards he asked me in this way; he asked me if I had spent the money.

18,570. What did you say?—I said, "Not all, I had "a balance in hand."

18,571. Did you tell him how much?—No, I did not tell him how much; he said, "Never mind that now." It was in the street.

18,572. Do you understand yourself to be keeping that money on behalf of Norfolk?—Yes, and intended to hand it over to him.

18,573. You understood when he said, "Never mind that now," you were a depositee, is that what you mean to say, that you hold it for Norfolk intending to give it him some day or other?—Yes.

18,574. When did you intend giving it him?—Some time or other when we were settling.

18,575. What settling have you to do with him?—I work for him.

18,576. Some time after this Commission?—No time was stated, in fact he had forgotten all about it.

18,577. You cannot tell us that?—Yes, I can.

18,578. You cannot know it except from the circumstance that Norfolk told you?—He has told me, he said he was very glad I had named it to him, it would help him with his accounts.

18,579. When?—Yesterday.

18,580. Oh! yesterday. Mr. Norfolk must be a very wealthy man. Was anybody else there? I suppose you know Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes.

18,581. Did he take part of the refreshments supplied?—I do not remember that he did.

18,582. Now be cautious; you cannot tell me whether Wreghitt took part of the refreshments?—I do not think he did; I cannot say.

18,583. Did you see him that day?—Most likely I should see him; I cannot say.

18,584. Do not be so shy about Mr. Wreghitt?—I am not shy about Mr. Wreghitt; I wish to speak the truth.

18,585. Did you see him in your house that day?—I cannot say I did.

18,586. You will not say you did not?—No, and I will not say I did either.

18,587. Does Wreghitt live far from you?—Yes, some distance.

18,588. Some distance may be anything?—It is a quarter of a mile perhaps; he lives just beyond the Toll Gavel, and I live in it close by here.

18,589. I forgot to ask you yesterday, can you tell me who were the men who paid the money as Dickinson's shop advanced by Wreghitt?—I think I saw Alfred Wright.

18,590. Did you see a man named Train?—Yes.

18,591–2. What is he?—He is a collector of tolls.

18,593. Do you remember Train being employed to pay money?—It is very likely he might be.

18,594. My question is not about likelihood; do recollect now that I have brought a man's name before you, and a man well known, do you remember his distributing money to the voters at Dickinson's shop?—I will not swear it, but it is very probable he did.

18,595. What makes you say it is very probable he did? It is a name I put to you, not one out of the 12 pasturemasters yesterday mentioned his name?—I do not know.

18,596. You say, "Very probably he did." What makes you say so?—I do not know. I do not know whether he did or did not.

18,597. But what made you say, "Very probably he did," when I put that to you?—I do not know.

18,598. Had you known him to have been employed in such affairs?—He assisted at elections.

18,599. He assisted in paying money at elections?—Very probably he might.

18,600. You were a town councillor?—Yes.

18,601. And are now?—Yes.

18,602. You know the man perfectly well?—I know the man well.

18,603. He is an officer of the council?—He is the toll collector.

18,604. Where?—He is generally stationed at the Bar, except on Saturdays, and then he looks after the market.

18,605. He is market collector also?—Yes.

18,606. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We want to know who paid in 1868?—I am sure I do not know, I was not in Dickinson's shop in '68.

18,607. (*Mr. Carrington.*) I paid the money in '68.

18,608. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I was speaking of '65. I was not speaking of '68.

18,609. Was anyone from the bank at your house?—Yes.

18,610. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you see Forge there that day?—I cannot say I did.

18,611. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You came to give this explanation yourself voluntarily?—Yes.

Mr. James Carrington sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

Mr. J. Carrington.

18,612. What are you?—A solicitor's clerk.

18,613. In whose office?—Mr. Champneys'.

18,614. Are you a freeman of Beverley?—No.

18,615. Are you a householder?—Yes.

18,616. Are you a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

18,617. How long have you been a 10*l.* householder?—Since '57–'58; since '58, I think.

18,618. Have you taken an active part in elections at Beverley?—Municipal elections.

18,619. And parliamentary elections?—Yes, that is as to being booth agent to Sir Henry Edwards.

18,620. And in the election of pasture masters?—Twice.

18,621. And the election of poor law guardians?—No, I have not, never.

18,622. In the election of churchwardens?—I have been once at a meeting I believe this year, but I had no voice in it. I live in the parish of Saint Nicholas, and the meeting was called for St. Mary's.

18,623. We will take the parliamentary first; was the first election you voted at in 1859?—No, I think I did not vote at that election; what time of the year was it?

18,624–5. It was in April, Walters, Edwards, and Walker were the candidates?—No, I should not vote at that election.

18,626. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The next was Gridley and Walker in 1860?—I believe I should vote at that election, I think I should.

18,627. For whom did you vote?—I should vote for Mr. Walker.

18,628. Did you take any part in the election beyond voting?—I should be booth agent no doubt for Mr. Walker.

18,629. And you received the usual fee?—Yes.

18,630. That is two guineas?—I think it is.

18,631. I suppose you know?—Yes, I should receive two guineas, no doubt.

18,632. I believe you have been booth agent in every election since that?—Yes.

18,633. Were you a booth agent at the last election, the election of '68?—Yes.

18,634. You did not vote at the last election?—I did not.

18,635. Have you taken any active part in the elections beyond being booth agent; you know what I mean?—Canvassing you mean.

18,636. I mean something more than that, but have you canvassed?—In the '65 election I was with the canvassing party one afternoon, that was all.

18,637. Did you begin in 1860?—Yes.

18,638. Had any money passed through your hands for bribery?—At parliamentary elections do you mean?

18,639. Yes?—No.

18,640. Did you bring any person to be bribed?—No.

18,641. You are a clerk in a solicitor's office?—Yes.

18,642. You have generally been booth agent?—I was always booth agent. I had no opportunity of bribing persons at the parliamentary elections, for I was booth agent.

18,643. Did you receive any money to pay away in 1860 at the parliamentary election?—No.

18,644. After the election of 1860 did you receive any money to pay away?—No, I did not.

18,645. You had no bills to settle then, had you?—No.

18,646. You had nothing to do with any bills?—No, I had nothing to do with any of them.

18,647. Had you anything to do with them in 1857?—No.

18,648. You had nothing to do with them on the part of Mr. Glover?—No, I had nothing to do with them on the part of Mr. Glover.

18,649. And you know nothing of the payment of any account on the election of 1860?—To the best of my recollection I do not.

18,650. You are a solicitor's clerk, accustomed to business, and to commit things to memory, and this is only 10 years ago?—If I could remember I would certainly tell you.

18,651. Do you say yes or no?—No, I believe not.

18,652. That is fencing with the question?—It is not fencing at all; I am telling you to the best of my recollection, and I say I do not remember.

18,653. And that is the clearest answer you can give me?—Yes.

18,654. In 1865 did you receive anything at the parliamentary election?—No, nothing beyond my own fees.

18,655. Or to settle after the election?—No, or to settle after the election.

18,656. What is your first experience of council choosing elections?—I should think it would be about 1859; from 1858 I should think if there was any contest that I should be engaged in it.

18,657. In what capacity were you engaged?—I generally took the poll book, the register, so that when the voter came up I could see that his name was correct.

18,658. You were not officially employed?—Yes, I was.

18,659. In what sense were you officially employed?—Mr. Bainton generally had the management of the municipal elections.

18,660. In what sense had he the management of the municipal elections?—He will be here to tell you.

18,661. Perhaps he was the Conservative agent?—Yes.

18,662. That is what you mean?—Yes.

18,663. He had the management of the registration on the Conservative side?—Yes.

18,664. When you say that you were officially employed you were employed by Bainton?—By McCoy, his clerk.

18,665. You were employed as a clerk on the Conservative side?—Yes.

18,666. That is not officially employed; I thought you had been employed by the aldermen or assessor?—Oh, no.

18,667. Was that all that you did?—That was all that I did at the municipal election.

18,668. You were in this room, or wherever the votes were taken, and you ticked them off?—In '67 and '68 I was in the room in the Minster Ward where the voters polled; I took the state of the poll there.

18,669. How many of you were employed in this manner?—I should think there would be perhaps a dozen clerks filling up voting papers, and one thing or other.

18,670. I suppose you were all of you voters?—Yes, I think so.

18,671. I really do not know what the work is that can employ a dozen clerks. As each man votes, you have books, and put a mark to his name?—There would be three or four clerks in the Minster Ward filling up the voting papers.

18,672. The clerks that filled up the voting papers were not in this building?—No, in Dickinson's shop for the Minster Ward.

18,673. I do not want to know what took place in Dickinson's shop at present. Your place was here, I understand?—For the last two elections.

18,674. What did you do?—As the voter came up I saw that he was on the register, and the number, and I called the names out to what we call the slip clerk, and he put the number on the register down, and the party for which the voter voted.

18,675. And you returned those to your committee?—Yes, every quarter of an hour we sent off a list of the voters, and the number, and who they had voted for.

18,676. How many clerks were employed in this way?—Two for each party, two for the Conservatives and two for the Liberals, in the Minster Ward.

18,677. Now had you anything to do with the distribution of money?—In the municipal elections?

18,678. In the municipal elections at any time?—Never.

18,679. Do you mean that you never paid anybody?—I never paid anyone at the municipal elections.

18,680. Does that answer apply also to the election of pasture masters?—No, it does not.

18,681. Let us hear about that, to which election do you allude?—I allude to the election of 1863.

18,682. What sum did you receive, to begin at the beginning?—Why, in the gross I received, I should think, 120*l.*

18,683. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Burrell.

18,684. 120*l.* you say?—120*l.* I believe it was.

18,685. What directions did Burrell give you when he gave you this money?—He brought it into Lythe's room, and the instructions were, I believe, that I was not to pay anyone unless they had a pasture master with them.

18,686. Not to pay anyone unless the person paid had a pasture master with him?—Yes, but that rule was broken through; of course it could not be kept; there were other people; there were friends of the parties brought voters up to vote.

18,687. That could not have been all the directions that he gave you, there must have been some other. You were to pay away this money to the voters, I suppose, and not to pay anyone who had not a pasture master with him?—That was the instruction.

18,688. What did you do to fulfil those instructions, first of all let us know where you went?—To Lythe's room.

18,689. Where is that room?—Just at the corner, on your right hand as you go from the Guildhall, here.

18,690. At what time did you begin to pay?—Nine o'clock.

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18,691. Then I suppose the voters began to stream in ?—Yes, very fast.

18,692. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you here yesterday, sitting there when all the pasture masters were examined time after time, and did not give us the name ?—Yes.

18,693. You were present in court ?—Yes, but I was rather confused with the dates, and when I got home I looked at my diary.

18,694. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then I suppose you continued paying the voters until this money was paid away ?—Yes.

18,695. I will just ask you, did most of the pasture masters bring voters ?—Well, that I cannot exactly recollect at this time, but I should say there were a good many of them, and then there were other people who went in.

18,696. We have reason to believe all did not, but there were 12 of them ; were most of the 12 there bringing voters ?—That I could not say at this time. I should not like to swear to a thing like that ; there were a great many people besides pasture masters.

18,697. But I am speaking of the pasture masters themselves, a considerable number of the pasture masters brought voters ?—Perhaps I should say half.

18,698. Half a dozen, and as the voters were brought by pasture masters and other people you paid them ?—Yes.

18,699. What sums did you pay ?—I think we started with something like 7*s.* 6*d.*

18,700. You started at 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes, 5*s.* or 7*s.* 6*d.*

18,701. There is a material difference between 5*s.* and 7*s.* 6*d.*, which did you start with ?—Well, if we started with 5*s.* we should not remain at that long, for it was a very heavy contest.

18,702. You soon got to 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

18,703. Did that continue the ruling price during the day ?—No ; Vickers came, he was very anxious at that time for our party, and I think he would bring a dozen people up, and I should pay 10*s.*

18,704. The price rose to 10*s.* ?—Yes, perhaps there were a dozen or 14, but we soon put a stop on that, it was too much.

18,705. It then fell to 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes, it dropped to 7*s.* 6*d.* or 5*s.*, something like that.

18,706. Did you pay away the whole of this 120*l.* ?—Yes, the whole of it.

18,707. The whole of it went to voters at the rate you mentioned ?—Yes.

18,708. Then you must have paid between 250 and 300 voters ?—Very likely.

18,709. You think that was about the number you paid ?—I could not recollect, I am sure, now, but you will be able to tell ; you will have the state of the poll there in '63, there were a very great number of them bribed.

18,710. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) About 400, I think ?—Yes, it was the election when the division took place, one party was fighting against the other.

18,711. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That was the election when there was a quarrel among the pasture masters themselves ?—Yes.

18,712. Did you learn at all from whence this money came that Burrell gave you ?—Not at that time.

18,713. Surely you must have asked yourself at the time where the money came from ?—No, I did not, there was such a confusion, and I had plenty of work to pay the money away without thinking of anything else.

18,714. I do not say exactly at the time, but you must have given the thing some thought as to where the money came from ; you knew it did not from Burrell ?—No, not from Burrell.

18,715. Who, in short, paid the money ? — I have reason to believe Wreghitt did from the report in the town since.

18,716. Did you know whether Wreghitt took an interest in the success of the party ?—I should not at that time.

18,717. Is that the only time you have paid voters for the pasture masters' election ?—In '68 I paid some then.

18,718. I think there was no contest in '65 ?—No.

18,719. There was one contest between '63 and '68, was not there ?—I think so, I do not remember.

18,719*a*. Then in '68 you paid some voters again ?—Yes.

18,720. Did you go to a room in the same manner as you have given us just now ?—Yes.

18,721. What room was that ?—At Ramshaw's, at the "Golden Ball."

18,722. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I want the particular date ?—It would be on the 2d of March, I believe the 1st of March was on a Sunday that year.

18,723. (*Mr. Barstow.*) On the 2d of March '68 at the "Golden Ball." What money did you receive then ?—I should receive then about 25*l.* or 22*l.*

18,724. From whom ?—From Burrell.

18,725. I will ask you generally were those directions the same again ?—Yes.

18,726. Of course when he gave you the money he said how you were to employ it ?—Yes.

18,727. The same as before, I do not want to take you through the same thing again ?—Yes.

18,728. How many freemen do you think you paid ?—About a couple of hundred.

18,729. What did you pay ?—2*s.* ; I think the money was mostly in florins, 2*s.* or 2*s.* 6*d.*, I could not say which, but I think they were two-shilling pieces.

18,730. Did you receive the money in silver ?—Yes.

18,731. You think you paid about 200 ?—Yes, I think I paid 22*l.* away, between 22*l.* and 25*l.* ; we only paid a short time that choosing, we discontinued at half-past 10.

18,732. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was not a sharp contest ?—No.

18,733. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know now where the money came from that Burrell gave you ?—Yes, I know now where it came from from, what I have heard in this court.

18,734. Not from anything you heard then ?—No, never, but from this court.

18,735. Are you aware whether anybody else paid the voters at that time for the pasture masters' election ?—No.

18,736. You were the only one ?—I am not aware, I never heard of anybody else paying them in '68.

18,737. Do you know what sum Burrell received from Wreghitt on that occasion ?—Not till I heard the evidence here.

18,738. Do you know how the balance was spent ?—That I cannot say.

18,739. You have no personal knowledge ?—No.

18,740. Are these two the only elections in which you have taken part ?—Those two are the only ones.

18,741. You said something about a churchwardens' election, have you taken part in the elections of churchwardens ?—No, I have been at churchwarden elections, but not for my own parish, and I could not have any voice in them.

18,742. Do you know of your own knowledge whether money is given for the election of churchwardens ?—No, not from my own knowledge, merely from report I should say.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

18,743. The men you paid in '68, did you put down their names in a book ?—No, I did not.

18,744. They were put down though ? — Yes, I believe they were, either the names or the numbers.

18,745. The number on the register ?—Well, perhaps I make a mistake in that about the numbers, we should refer to the pasture rolls.

18,746. There was a note taken so as to identify them, that is what I mean ?—Yes.

18,747. By whom ?—By Mr. Dawson's son.

18,748. Mr. Dawson, the chairman?—Yes, the chairman's son in '68.

18,749. Was the clerk in the room when you were paying?—No, he was not.

18,750-1. On the other occasion, I think that was in '63?—No, I think he would be in Dickinson's shop, he was not engaged in it at all when I was, he would be superintending the filling up of the papers.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

18,752. Did you enter any of these transactions in your diary?—Yes, I should make a memorandum that at that time I was engaged in the pasture master choosing in '63.

18,753. But '68?—Yes, merely a memorandum that I was at the pasture master choosing.

18,754. Not the particulars?—Not the particulars; it is there in my diary, if you like to look at it.

The witness withdrew.

FRANCIS BURRELL recalled; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

F. Burrell.

18,755. I must ask you some questions, Burrell; for example, we have it now that you gave this gentleman 120*l.* in '63?—I think he is mistaken.

18,756. Oh do not talk about mistake?—You can ask him again if you choose.

18,757. I ask you on your oath, did not you hand him 120*l.* in '63?—I handed him 100*l.*

(*Mr. Carrington.*) There was a whip round by the pasture masters, that I think would account for the extra 20*l.*

18,758. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He handed you all, did he not?

(*Mr. Carrington.*) Well, I would not be certain about that.

18,759-60. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When next did you draw money from Wreghitt?—When I gave my evidence here last week I must confess I made some mistakes.

18,761. You may correct them now?—I will explain how it was. My evidence was that I received 100*l.* from Wreghitt in '63 or '64, and 50*l.* in '64 or '65. That 50*l.* was given to me in '68. There was a money transaction between us in '63, I think to the extent of some 4*l.*, between Wreghitt and myself; it was one item at the election of pasture masters when we had been at the expense of engaging persons to bring up voters, and canvassers were engaged to the extent of 4*l.*, and Wreghitt gave me the money to discharge those persons who had been employed.

18,762. Then there was no contest between '63 and '68?—I think not.

18,763. Can you tell me when you got the 4*l.*?—I cannot tell you the year in which the election was, but it was on the election day morning we came down to Dickinson's shop to fill up the papers if there was any contest, and we found there was no contest.

18,764. He gave you 4*l.*?—Yes, I believe so. I would not speak to a few shillings one way or the other.

18,765. Who was Sir Henry's conducting agent in '65?—I believe Mr Bainton was.

18,766. Did Bainton take an active part in '63 in the election of pasture masters?—None whatever that I am aware of.

18,767. Well, his clerk?—Mr. McCoy might.

18,768. McCoy is Bainton?—No, he is McCoy, I believe.

18,769. He is Bainton in one sense?—He is Bainton's clerk.

18,770. Then he is Bainton in that sense; he took an active part?—I think he did.

18,771. Had you communicated to him, to McCoy the amount you received from Wreghitt, or did he go with you?—I never told him nor did he go with me.

18,772. You did not tell him the amount?—He never had any conversatiou with me on the subject.

18,773. He knew you had money because he appointed this gentleman to go?—I do not know he did.

18,774. You never had any conversation with him?—None that I am aware of.

18,775. You would remember?—It is a long time ago, '63.

18,776. Had you never any conversation with McCoy about the money supplied by Wreghitt?—I do not think I had, to the best of my belief.

18,777. You never had?—I never had any conversation with McCoy upon the subject, I believe.

18,778. Nor Bainton; you must have had, you were a leading man?—I have been made a leading man so far as having that money.

18,779. Had not you a conversation with Bainton?—No.

18,780. Never?—No.

18,781. Upon the subject of the election?—No, that is with reference to the pasture masters' election of '63.

18,782. Or any of the pasture masters' elections?—I do not remember.

18,783. I will take it comprehensively, had you never any conversation with Wreghitt or Bainton upon the subject of the pasture masters' contest?—I never had.

18,784. You swear you never had?—I will not swear it, but I never had, to the best of my belief.

18,785. Will you tell me what made you first go to Wreighitt?—To inquire about the money, I suppose.

18,786. To get the money?—To get the money, I should think.

18,787. How did it come into your head to go to Wreighitt?—I should think it would be talked over amongst the pasture masters, but I am sure I do not remember it.

18,788. Had you been in the habit of seeing Sir Henry Edwards when he came here?—Always.

18,789. And I suppose you were grateful for the aid he gave to the election of the pasture masters, were not you, you felt grateful to him for it?—I did not care anything about it.

18,790. Do not tell me that, you are a pasture master?—I am.

18,791. You did care about it then?—I beg your pardon, I did not.

18,792. Perhaps you were elected then against your will?—Not against my will.

18,793. Were you grateful to him for the aid he gave you by advancing 100*l.* to his agent for the election of the pasture masters?—I had nothing particular to be grateful for.

18,794. Were not you, why should not you be, you were getting 100*l.* towards the expenses?—I should not have been at any expense myself.

18,795. Did you express to him how grateful the town ought to be for it?—I never spoke to him on the subject.

18,796. Did you tell him how obliged the town was for what he had done?—I never spoke to him on the subject.

18,797. The 50*l.* which he gave in '68 was very close on the parliamentary election?—Very.

18,798. You got the 50*l.*?—Yes.

18,799. And you gave 25*l.* to this gentleman?—From 20*l.* to 25*l.*

18,800. Where did the rest go?—I did not know it until I heard Dawson's evidence; I believe I gave him some money to pay for canvassing.

18,801. How much?—3*l.* or 4*l.*

18,802. And the balance?—I returned it to Wreghitt.

18,803. Why did not you tell me that before?—Well, upon my word I did not remember it.

18,804. Upon your word you did not remember it?—I am sure I did not.

18,805. Do not tell us about your word here?—Well, I am on my oath.

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18,806. Yes, do not mention your word, you are upon your oath?—Well, on my oath then.

18,807. You seem to treat your word very lightly?—I do not treat it lightly at all.

18,808. Now, on your oath, did you remember it?—On my oath I did not.

18,809. Here you were up before us with full notice that you would be asked every possible thing you knew about it. This occurred in March '68, and that is the explanation you give us now, when we find out that this gentleman got 20*l.* Now, do you adhere to your answer?—It is the truth.

18,810. How much did you return to Wreghitt?—Well, I think about 20*l.*

18,811. Did you take a receipt from him?—I did not.

18,812. Did you tell any of the other pasture masters that you had returned that 20*l.* to Wreghitt?—I do not remember having done so, I might.

18,813. I venture to say you did not, if you did name it to any of them, name any person you ever told before to-day that you returned that 20*l.* to Wreghitt?—I cannot name anyone.

18,814. Name any person in the world, man, woman, or child, whom you ever told before to-day that you returned that 20*l.* to Wreghitt?—I think I mentioned it to the chairman of the pasture masters.

18,815. I ask you did you?—I will not swear it.

18,816. Had you any conversation with Wreghitt upon the subject of your evidence here?—About my evidence here?

18,817. Yes?—I was talking to him last night.

18,818. I thought you saw him last night?—But it did not alter me.

18,819. Where did you see him?—In his own yard.

18,820. Had he sent for you?—No.

18,821. Did you go to him for the purpose of seeing him?—I did.

18,822. For the purpose of seeing him?—For the purpose of seeing him.

18,823. Did you recollect at the time when you saw him that you had returned him some of the money?—Yes.

18,824. I thought so, and I think you said this to him; just follow me; did not you say, Do you recollect, Mr. Wreghitt, I returned you some of the 50*l.* in '68? You said something of that kind to him?—Yes.

18,825. And he said, Oh, yes, Burrell, I remember very well you did, you paid me four-and-twenty pounds, or something like that; did not he tell you that?—I do not remember the words.

18,826. It was somewhat of that kind?—Yes, a conversation of that kind.

18,827. Did not he say, Why I have it in my book, I have a memorandum here, there it is?—I never saw a book at all, I was talking to him in his yard.

18,828. But did not he tell you he had made a memorandum of it at the time?—He did not.

18,829. How long after the election in March did you return it to him?—Oh, I should think it would be a day or two after the election.

18,830. Not so soon as that, would it?—I think it would.

18,831. Did you give him any account of where the rest was spent?—I told him the money was expended, and whatever the sum was I brought back that that was the balance.

18,832. You cannot tell me what the particular balance was?—I cannot; it was something like 20*l.*

18,833. Was that all in silver?—No, I think not.

18,834. Did you change the 50*l.* that you got into half-crowns and florins?—I did a great portion of it.

18,835. You changed it all, did not you?—I do not think I did.

18,836. All which you gave at the pasture masters' election you changed?—I do not think I did.

18,837-8. In what bank did you change it?—In the Beverley bank.

18,839. Is that where Forge is?—Yes.

18,840-1. Did you take notes or a cheque from Mr. Wreghitt?—He gave me bank notes.

18,842. Bank of England notes?—I would not swear whether they were Bank of England or provincial bank notes.

18,843. You went to the Beverley bank; was it the Saturday before the election; it would be the 29th?—I think it would.

18,844. Whom did you see at the bank?—I think I saw Mr. Forge.

18,845. I think so too. You told Mr. Forge, did not you, that you wanted as much silver in half-crowns and florins as he could afford you?—Yes.

18,846. I suppose he made no inquiry as to what you wanted it for?—I am sure I cannot say whether he did or not.

18,847. Were not there clerks there?—There were.

18,848. Did you ask to see Forge in particular?—I do not remember.

18,849. I think you did; did you ask to see Forge in particular?—I do not remember it, I might

18,850. I am calling your attention to it. You would go with Bank of England notes to a clerk to change them into silver; is Saturday a busy day at the bank?—Generally.

18,851. I do not think the manager would come to you unless you had asked for him. Now I ask you, calling that to your attention, did you ask for Forge, the manager?—I do not think I did; I went into the bank to get some silver to the best of my recollection.

18,852. He gave it to you?—Well, it is possible I might go after banking hours to get silver there. It was a market day, and it is possible I might go to Forge's private house through to the bank.

18,853. Oh, you went through his private house?—Yes, into the bank.

18,854. Into the bank through his private house?—It might be so.

18,855. Had you done that when you got the 100*l.*?—It might be so, I cannot tell.

18,856. Did you in a day or two return the silver which remained over, the florins and half-crowns, into Wreghitt's hand?—I do not think I got 50*l.* in silver from the bank.

18,857. Whatever amount there was?—Yes, I gave the balance to Wreghitt.

18,858. That is the remaining florins and half-crowns?—I do not think it was; I do not think I had silver.

18,859. Now 100*l.* originally was spent?—In '63 it was.

18,860. Did you take any interest in municipal elections. Now give us all the information you can?—Council choosing? Yes.

18,861. Were you on that severe contest for council choosing, I think the severest?—I was on the last.

18,862. We have traced the whole 800*l.*; we have gone to the Beverley bank, but I mean besides that before the last?—I am sure I cannot tell, there have been so many.

18,863. Were you in the habit of waiting on Wreghitt before those contests came on?—No.

18,864. Did you ever wait upon him before a municipal election?—No, I think not.

18,865. Just recollect yourself, in '66 or '65 did you ever wait upon him, or did you not?—I think not. I do not remember having done so.

18,866. You distributed money before the last election, at the municipal elections?—Yes. I have got money from persons who have had it, and who have been intrusted with the money, the bulk, from head-quarters.

18,867. Who did you get the money from?—I am sure I cannot tell you. I have been engaged in the work from year to year.

18,868. You received money from persons who had got it in the bulk from head quarters?—I should think so.

18,869. Tell me. Had you any money in '67 to distribute ?—Not that I am aware of.

18,870. Why you would know it ?—I rather think I should, but I do not remember it. I have been engaged in money matters at all the municipal elections.

18,871. We know from whom you got it in '68, because Lowther told us ; from whom did you get it in '67 ?—I do not know that I got any in '67.

18,872. You said that you had been engaged in all ?—Yes, I had got money from persons interested, who gave the money in the same way as Mr. Carrington to pay voters.

18,873. From whom did you get it ?—I cannot tell, I am sure ; perhaps from Kemplay, or perhaps from Nutchey, they have generally been engaged in those transactions.

18,874. From whom have you received money ?—I received it from those, I do not remember anybody else.

18,875. You say perhaps Nutchey or Kemplay in '67 ; in '66 from whom did you get money ?—The same.

18,876. How much did you receive ?—No, I have taken a voter. I have gone to get money.

18,877. You were a town councillor ?—No, I never have been ; I never aspired to be one.

18,878. From '62 have you been engaged in the same way ?—From '62 up to the present time I always have been.

18,879. Taking the municipal voters up to be paid ?—Yes.

18,880. And were Nutchey and Kemplay the only men you received money from ?—I would not swear that I received from them, but those are the only persons I think it would be likely I should receive from.

18,881. You do not know anyone except Nutchey and Kemplay except Lowther ?—Never a penny from Lowther that I am aware of ; I was always engaged in the other ward.

18,882. From whom did you get it last year ?—From Wreghitt for the pasture masters.

18,883. But for the council in '68 ?—I got it from Norfolk.

18,884. Did you know or inquire at all of whom Mr. Kemplay or Mr. Nutchey were receiving the money. Did you know from whom Nutchey or Kemplay, or those men who were handing you the money, where they got it from ?—I did not know ; the general report was that they got it from Wreghitt.

18,885. And you believed that ?—Yes, I did.

18,886. What public-house do you keep ?—The "White Horse."

18,887. The heads of the party used to meet there occasionally ?—Many of the Conservatives did.

18,888. Now, I will call your attention, and I know you will be very careful because it is very important, do you remember when Baron Martin was coming down here ?—Yes.

18,889. Do you recollect a meeting at your house a little before Baron Martin came down here, when Norfolk was one of the men who were present ?—Mr. Norfolk comes into my house half a dozen times a week.

18,890. A particular meeting, I mean when Norfolk was there, and when there was a good deal of discussion about how Norfolk should give his evidence before Baron Martin. I know all about it ?—You know more than me then.

18,891. Do you recollect that ?—I do not.

18,892. Will you swear there was not a meeting at your house with Norfolk and others when the subject of the discussion was about his evidence, about the evidence to be given before the Baron ?—I will swear I never heard it discussed.

18,893. Did you ever hear of any cheques being received, did you ever hear how the money was raised ?—I never knew.

18,894. Did you know before Baron Martin came how the money was raised ?—I did not.

18,895. Will you swear there never was a meeting of the kind ?—I will swear there have been several meetings at my house.

18,896. Where Mr. Norfolk and other members of the Conservative party were present before Mr. Baron Martin came down ?—Both before and since.

18,897. I mean before ?—Yes.

18,898. How many days before Baron Martin came down was the last meeting ?—Every night.

18,899. Tell me who they were that used to come to your house every night before Mr. Baron Martin came down ?—They were all Conservatives.

18,900. Do not call them Conservatives ?—I will start with Mr. Findlater.

18,901. Was Mr. Norfolk never there ?—Mr. Norfolk, yes, Mr. Findlater, Mr. Dawson.

18,902. The pasture master ?—Yes, and perhaps half the pasture masters, and some members of the corporation, and tradesmen.

18,903. I want the members of the corporation ?—Mr. Lowther has been there.

18,904. I mean when you have been talking upon the subject of Baron Martin's visit to this borough ?—It was common talk in every public-house that you went into.

18,905. Tell me the last meeting that you had ?—We had meetings every night.

18,906. For what ?—For the purpose of having a pipe and a glass of grog, and discussing the subjects of the day.

18,907. Stop, Baron Martin was coming down to make a very searching inquiry here ?—Yes, and they were talking about their having spent 7,000*l.* at Bradford.

18,908. And you met every night, and your object was to have a glass of grog ?—Yes, we discuss things in that way.

18,909. At that time you were in perfect ignorance of how the money was raised ?—Yes.

18,910. Norfolk gave you 200*l.* I suppose you thought you might be examined before the Baron ?—I was subpœnaed to be.

18,911. Was that never mentioned, or did you say to Mr. Norfolk, where did you get all the money from ?—I do not remember.

18,912. Come, come, we know human nature. You were to be examined before Baron Martin, the thing was pressing on your mind, you had 200*l.* from Mr. Norfolk, and do you mean to say you never asked him about it ?—I never did.

18,913. You were all there ; he had all the men that he distributed the money to around, and the subject you never mentioned ?—It might be.

18,914. I want to know ?—I do not know.

18,915. I know it might be as well as you do, but was it ?—I could not remember it ever being mentioned at all.

18,916. I wish I had some memory test. I ask you again, the thing was pressing on your mind, you were not examined before the baron ?—I was not.

18,917. Did you ever inquire of Mr. Norfolk where he got the 200*l* ?—I never did.

18,918. Never mind Bradford, leave that out, but what were you discussing about, the evidence you were to give here ; to tell as little as you could, was not that the common resolution ? I will put it boldly to you, to tell as little as ever you could ?—It was in my own mind.

18,919. And you communicated your mind to the minds of others ?—I do not remember.

18,920. Did you not say it would be a very bad thing for the borough if all came out ?—I do not remember.

18,921. You do indeed ?—You know more than me.

18,922. Did you not think it would be very bad ?—

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That was the common talk ; I should most likely join in it.

18,923. And that was the common expression ?—Yes.

18,924. And then you in your own mind made up your mind to tell as little as you could, and did not Norfolk and other men that came there of the Conservative party, are you not aware they came to that determination ?—I am not aware they did.

18,925. Did they not tell you the less that was known or discussed or told the better it would be ?—I never heard such a thing mentioned.

18,926. You had only your own determination ?—I had only my own determination.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

18,927. Mr. Burrell, you say there were some errors in your former evidence as to the time when you received the 50*l.* ?—There were.

18,928. And that you received it in 1868 ?—I did.

18,929. I have been referring to your former evidence, and I find you say in your former evidence that you think that the 50*l.* came from Sir Henry Edwards ?—I got it from Mr. Wreghitt, and I have every reason to believe it came from him.

18,930-1. Your answer was, "I thought it came from Sir Henry Edwards"?—Yes.

18,932-3. That refers to the 50*l.* that you received in 1868 ?—It does.

18,934. You are sure now about the date ?—I am.

18,935. You think that the 50*l.* that you received in 1868 came from Sir Henry Edwards ?—I got it from Mr. Wreghitt, but I thought it came through the members.

(*The witness.*) There is one matter I should like to explain. Mr. Nutchey in his evidence on Saturday stated that I went to him after 1 o'clock on the last municipal election day, and told him he was to "pay on." I wish to state to the Commissioners that I think Mr. Nutchey is wrong in making that statement here, because it can be proved by the slips of paper that after half-past 12 o'clock on the municipal election day in St. Mary's Ward only 28 persons were polled, and there are the names on these slips of paper, and it is quite impossible that I should say that when there are only 28 persons polled in St. Mary's. I left home from half-past 11 to 12 ; I saw the election was won ; I went home and had my dinner ; I was away an hour, and I was quite content that the paying should be stopped. I think Mr. Nutchey is wrong in giving that evidence.

The witness withdrew.

18,936. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Carrington.*) Were you employed at the pasture masters' elections by Mr. McCoy ?—No.

18,937. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who were you employed by ?

18,938. (*Mr. Carrington.*) I was employed with other clerks.

W. Sturdy

WILLIAM STURDY sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

18,939. Are you a freeman ?—No.

18,940. Your name is William ?—Yes.

18,941. What are you ?—I am in the carrying trade.

18,942. You are a carrier ?—Yes.

18,943. Have you a vote ?—Yes.

18,944. As a householder ?—Yes.

18,945. Have you had a vote long ?—The first election that I voted was for Mr. Walker.

18,946. Are you a 10*l.* householder ?—Yes.

18,947. Have you ever received money for your vote ?—No.

18,948. Have you ever been employed to distribute money for votes ?—Yes.

18,949. From what period ?—Only on one occasion.

18,950. When was that ?—At Edwards and Sykes' election.

18,951. That was 1865, was it not ?—Yes.

18,952. First of all, from whom did you get the money ?—Mr. Lowther.

18,953. He gave you what ?—20*l.*

18,954. And how was the money to be expended ?—In getting of votes.

18,955. For whom ?—For Mr. Sykes. I believe he distinctly told me, he did not say anything about Mr. Edwards.

18,956. He said more especially to get voters for Mr. Sykes ?—Yes.

18,957. Tell me as nearly as you can what you did with the money ?—I voted ten with it, I gave them 2*l.* apiece. I gave an account to Mr. Lowther the next day of the whole of the money I had given and who I paid it to.

18,958. We shall not see that account ?—I can give you five or six of them.

18,959. That is just what I want you to do. When did you make this out ?—Partly this morning. I found one this morning. I could not make it out, it was one I found out this morning. I wrote it down in pencil as I came.

18,960. *The Secretary* (*reading from a paper the witness handed in.*) William Armstrong, John Hoggard, H. Freberry, William Abbott, Robert Bielby, and George Foster. There are a number of Bielbys.

18,961. (*The witness.*) It is Bielby the gardener, I believe he lives in Hall Garth Lane. It is in Beckside.

18,962. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) George Foster was the man you remembered this morning ?—Yes.

18,963. You cannot remember the other four ?—I do not ; that is all I made out. I gave Mr. Lowther an account at the time, and he said that was all perfectly right.

18,964. That is the only time you have given money to voters for their votes ?—Yes.

18,965. Either before or after the election ?—I never received nor paid none, only that.

18,966. You never paid any at former elections ?—No.

18,967. What was your own remuneration for this service ?—Not a penny. I never got a penny in my life. I did not expect anything at all to have done with it, I merely met Mr. Lowther, he said, "You must come and help us a bit," and I said, "Have you got anything to do with it," and he said, "Yes, come along."

18,968. What is your occupation ?—I am a carrier.

18,969. Oh yes, you told me. Have you ever done anything of the same kind with regard to municipal elections ?—No, I have generally voted Conservative. I voted Conservative last time and the time before.

18,970. Have you ever had anything to do with giving money for the election of pasture masters ?—No.

18,971. Do you remember the trial of the election petition in 1859 ?—Yes.

18,972. Did you attend as a witness ?—No.

18,973. Were you not summoned on the inquiry ?—I never heard tell of it.

18,974. I mean the election petition 10 years ago, 1859 ?—What election was that ?

18,975. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The petition against Walters ?—No, I was up with Mr. Vickers, but I never had nothing to do with it, I was merely sent to London.

18,976. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What were you sent to London for?—I believe there was a man said that I offered him 9*l.*, and when I got to London I never was asked.

18,977. Who said so?—I believe they call him Loft. There was no money passed through my hands at that time, not a penny.

18,978. What did this man say, he gave evidence that you bribed him?—No, he never gave no evidence, only he said so, I believe it was the Liberal party in Beverley, they summoned me to London, but I never was asked.

18,979. Who was this man?—I do not know, only that it was Loft, I heard by accident, I do not know the reason I got there.

18,980. What did they say you had?—I was given to understand that he said I offered him 9*l.* I might have chaffed him a little, but I was in no position to pay or even offer him 9*d.*

18,981. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you served with a Speaker's warrant in 1860, on the petition against Walker?—Yes.

18,982. On whose part?—By the Liberal party.

18,983. And they never examined you?—No, they never examined me.

The witness withdrew.

George Cleaver sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

G. Cleaver.

18,984. Are you a member of the town council?—I was returned but on account of the *quo warranto* case I was thrown out.

18,985. You were one of the candidates in 1866?—Yes.

18,986. Was that a sharp contest?—I believe there were a very great number polled on our side; I cannot say what was on the other, and they were polled under the greatest possible disadvantages, one of which I may say was that a printed placard was placed in each of the polling booths and in other parts of the town, stating that any person who voted for us after a certain time, his vote would be null and void.

18,987. How long did you sit?—I sat twice, but against my will, because when I was going to be sworn in I believed it would be no good.

18,988. Well, I will first ask you about the town council election, you are a freeman, I think?—No, I have been a resident in Beverley 11 years on the 1st of November next, as a householder.

18,989. How long have you voted?—At every election both municipal and parliamentary since I became eligible; at every election I have voted since then on the Conservative side.

18,990. Have any monies passed through your hands?—Never, I have never been a bribee or a briber.

18,991. Has any money ever passed through your hands?—Never, I am utterly ignorant of anything in that way.

18,992. At the parliamentary election?—At any election.

18,993. Do you remember at the last parliamentary election you took some part in it?—I did, I know, from religious motives.

18,994. I do not ask you as to your motives. You compel me to ask some other questions. Did you know that money was going at the last municipal election?—Never till after I had a transaction in it.

18,995. What transaction?—Perhaps you will allow me just two minutes to explain what I did in it. I took some six men who appeared before Mr. Baron Martin.

18,996. To receive money?—Not that I knew of. I voted as early as I possibly could in the morning myself. I took two hours' walk into the country and came back to know what was the state of the poll, and at Dickinson's I saw Thirsk at the shop, and I asked him how the poll was going on. He said we were progressing very nicely, and he said would I just see six men and show them where they were to vote. I went over, not knowing they were to receive anything or nothing, and I did not know that a penny had been given until I returned with the men to Dickinson's door.

18,997. I have not the slightest reason in the world to believe you did. You tell me you did not know till after the men had voted?—I may state that when I got back to the door, I was leaving them to go home, and the man who I find out since was the leader of them, he said to me, "Why Mr. Thirsk has bargained with us for 17*s.* 6*d.* a man;" I said, I have had nothing to do with it, I merely promised to see you over to vote, and I have done that, and you must look after that yourself. At that moment Thirsk was coming, and I said to him, "These men say you bargained "with them at 17*s.* 6*d.* a man;" he said, "It is quite "right, but I am still very busy, and you will still "oblige me if you will divide this amongst them." He handed me the money, and I was silly enough to do so; no, I did not do so; for the first time in my life, I felt a peculiar sensation which I did not like in the handling of gold, and I turned to the leader of them, and I said, Now, this is what Mr. Thirsk has given me for you, distribute it amongst yourselves; it was a momentary entrapment.

18,998. You have a perfect right to say so. Tell me about the election of 1860, was money spent to your knowledge?—I had no knowledge whatever of a farthing being spent, and not a farthing never came out of my pocket. I had been asked to stand as a councillor before, but I never would give a penny.

18,999. Had you any knowledge that money had been spent?—There must necessarily be a trifle. I had no idea of any moneys being given to anyone.

19,000. I mean bribery?—No.

19,001. There is always some expenditure, but had you any knowledge that bribery was going on?—I fancy, not for this reason, that the opposition party very soon gave up.

19,002. You say it was a momentary entrapment?—It was a momentary entrapment and nothing more, and such an entrapment as I think I never shall be caught in again, and by no party whatever. In the following parliamentary election I took considerable part.

The witness withdrew.

John Bird called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Bird.

19,003. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

19,004. Are you a freeman?—No.

19,005. 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

19,006. How long have you been in Beverley?—I came at the end of 1857.

19,007. Have you been a 10*l.* householder ever since?—Yes.

19,008. You have been pretty active in elections?—Not always.

19,009. But you have often been active in elections?—Once or twice.

19,010. In what elections have you been active, parliamentary elections first?—The first time that I should vote would be at Walters' election.

19,011. Did you take any active part in that election?—No.

19,012. Not?—No, except in voting.

19,013. You did nothing but vote?—No.

19,014. You did not take a man to the place in Toll Gavel?—Not one.

19,015. Were you in the house yourself in Toll Gavel?—No.

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19,016. You know what I mean by that?—Yes, perfectly.

19,017. The next election would be 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I should vote for Gridley.

19,018. Did you take any part in that election?—None whatever.

19,019. We know money was going, had you anything to do with the distribution of money?—Nothing whatever.

18,020. Or the receiving of money?—Nothing whatever.

19,021. The next election was in 1865?—Yes.

19,022. I believe you were active in that?—Yes.

19,023. You made a communication to our secretary about it?—Yes.

19,024. I will not go into that at present. Then in the parliamentary election of 1868 I suppose you had nothing to do with the payment of money?—Nothing whatever.

19,025. Now, then, the council choosing, what council choosings have you been active in?—Only the last.

19,026. Only the last?—That is all.

19,027. We know that you paid several voters at the last election?—Yes.

19,028. And you must have got some money to pay them with; where did you get that money?—What I paid I found myself.

19,029. Do you mean you found it yourself in the sense of finding it in your shop?—No.

19,030. How did you find it?—Well, half a dozen men accosted me in the square about half-past 10 in the morning.

19,031. That is not what I mean; we will go to that afterwards; where did you get the money from that you paid the voters with?—The money was my own that I had in my pocket at the time.

19,032. Was there any agreement for a subscription among the Liberal party to pay money?—Not to my knowledge.

19,033. You never heard of any of the party agreeing to contribute?—I never heard a sentence about it at all.

19,034. Now then about this money, how much did you pay away?—I should pay 3*l.*

19,035. Tell us how you paid it?—There is a list of the names that I gave it to. Four of those I believe spoke to me.

(*The witness handed up a paper as follows:*)

"List of names receiving money at the municipal,
" 1869.
" Ralph Walgate.
" Michael Pearson.
" Will Witty.
" Carling.
" Francis Greenhough.
" James Campey.
" All received 10*s.* about half-past 10 o'clock.
" JOHN BIRD."

19,036. Was that all the money you paid?—Yes.

19,037. You were not a candidate yourself?—No.

19,038. What made you pay that money?—Well, I have no other reason except that I am a strong partisan, a strong Liberal myself, and I knew that money was going very extensively on the other side. When I went into the square these men asked me for some; they said they had so much offered on the other side. I said they were not giving anything to my knowledge; they said they were paying messengers and such like, and they would vote for 10*s.* if I would give it. After a time I said, I will give you 10*s.* But I had not anything from anyone; there was not any going to my knowledge. I gave it out of my own pocket.

19,039. Have you received that 3*l.* from anyone since?—No.

19,040. Not in any shape?—No.

19,041. You swear before us that you paid that 3*l.* out of your own pocket, and that you did not expect to receive it from anyone?—Never, never agreed with anyone.

19,042. Is that the only council choosing you have had to do with?—Yes.

19,043. Do you hold any office in the borough of any kind?—I am auditor.

19,044. Auditor of what?—Of the corporation.

19,045. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Corporation accounts?—Yes.

19,046. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you been churchwarden, or candidate for churchwarden?—Yes, for St. Nicholas once.

19,047. Were you elected?—Yes.

19,048. Was there any money paid either on your behalf or on that of your opponents?—Not to my knowledge.

19,049-50. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you know who was the conducting agent for the Liberals at the parliamentary election?—What election?

19,051. The last parliamentary election?—Who was the conducting agent; was it the gentleman here, Mr. Hind?—Mr. Hind had to do with it.

19,052. You know you had advanced 3*l.* a little before the day of election?—Yes.

19,053. Did you not expect, I do not say you applied, did you not expect that you would not be left at a loss for that 3*l.*?—It is not the first I have lost.

19,054. Did you not expect that you would not be left a loser by that 3*l.* You expected it would be repaid to you in some way or other?—None whatever.

19,055. You made no application; did you tell anybody at all, any of your own party, that you had advanced 3*l.*?—No, not anyone.

19,056. When did you first tell it?—I do not know that anyone knew it till the men told now that have been subpœnaed.

19,057. Did you tell Mr. Hind, senior?—No.

19,058. He is the active man on the same side?—Yes, he is.

19,059. Did you not have a conversation with him and tell him you had advanced the 3*l.*?—None whatever.

19,060. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say that is not the first money you have lost; when have you lost any before?—Not to that amount.

19,061. What have you lost besides?—Well, I have given 1*s.* sometimes at an election when I have been asked; at a municipal election.

19,062. But have never lost any larger sums than that?—No.

19,063. Did any of the party ask you before you gave this 3*l.* to assist them in that sort of way?—None whatever.

Mr. J. Gray.

Mr. JOHN GRAY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

19,064. Are you a member of the town council?—Yes.

19,065. Which ward?—Minster Ward.

19,066. You have taken an active part in various parliamentary elections, have you not?—Yes.

19,067. First of all, are you not a freeman?—No.

19,068. How long have you had a vote?—For 30 years.

19,069. What, as a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

19,070. You have taken an active part in parliamentary elections. I must ask you, have you ever received money for your vote?—Only once.

19,071. When was that?—When I voted for Hogg and Fox; the first time I voted.

19,072. What did you get?—I am sure I cannot exactly tell you.

19,073. It was a good bit of money?—I never went for it.

19,074. How much was it?—It would be 12*l.*, the same as the rest; but I never went for it; it was sent to my place. I never mixed up in that election at all; I was almost a stranger.

19,075. Is that the only election at which you ever got money for your vote?—Yes.

19,076. That you say?—Yes.

19,077. You have taken an active part in other elections?—Yes.

19,078. You know what I mean by taking an active part?—I have done all I can for the members.

19,079. Something more than that, I think?—No.

19,080. You are sure?—I am sure of that.

19,081. Never had anything to do with the pecuniary matters?—No.

19,082. Never once?—Never once.

19,083. Do you remember William Dixon's evidence before Baron Martin?—Yes, I do.

19,084. You know what he said?—Yes.

19,085. He said he got money from you?—That was at the municipal election.

19,086. Then what I understand is that you have given money at municipal elections, but not at parliamentary elections?—I gave him 5*s.* that afternoon.

19,087. Do I understand, first of all, that you pledge yourself that you have never given money at parliamentary elections for voters?—Yes.

19,088. Now, with regard to the municipal elections, what municipal election have you given money for votes?—I never gave any but at that election.

19,089. Which one was that; the last municipal election?—It would be in 1867.

19,090. It would be in 1867, as I read this evidence with the context. The question is, "And you got it "the year before, did you?" The answer is, "Yes, "tailor Gray paid me." That I apprehend was 1867?—Yes.

19,091. In 1867 you gave Dixon how much?—Five shillings.

19,092. In 1868 did you give money for any vote?—Not a farthing.

19,093. At a municipal election?—Not a farthing.

19,094. At the election of pasture masters?—I am not a freeman.

19,095. But you may have given money to voters?—No, I never interfered with that, not in the least; I thought I had no business there, and so I did not go.

19,096. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is this 5*s.* you gave Dixon the only money you have ever given at council choosings?—Yes.

19,097. How came you to give it to Dixon then?—It was when Mr. Wreghitt put up, and I thought we were running in pretty tight, and I did not care much for a shilling or two if we could turn him out; that was the reason.

19,098. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I forgot to ask you, where did you get that 5*s.* from?—From my own pocket, my own money.

19,099. Did you give that entirely on your own account?—Yes.

19,100. Without consultation with your party in any way?—I never asked anyone about it.

19,101. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know of any other money being given on your side at that election?—I never saw any.

19,102. Do you know of any other money being given on your side at that election?—No.

19,103. Did you hear that any money was spent on your side in that election?—I never saw any, and do not know that anybody paid any.

19,104. My question was, did you hear of any money being paid?—No.

19,105. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. Gray, what are you?—I am a tailor and draper.

19,106. Did you take an active part in the election of 1865 on the part of the Liberals, in Keane's election?—Yes, I went canvassing with Mr. Keane.

19,107. You took an active part?—Yes, as a canvasser.

19,108. Who were the conducting agents for him? what local men? was it a solicitor from Beverley, or a solicitor from Hull?—I think it was Mr. Todd, of Hull.

19,109. You went round with Mr. Keane canvassing?—Yes, and with several other gentlemen.

19,110. Did you see Mr. Keane's brother, a solicitor from London, taking an active part?—Yes, I saw him.

19,111. I suppose you were aware (it does not seem to me to have been at all kept secret) that money was going?—It was very much; but I never saw any.

19,112. You knew money was going on both sides then?—I never saw any money going.

19,113. I do not say you did; but you knew as well then as you do now, after the revelations that have taken place, that money was going on both sides?—Well, it was reported in the town; that is all I know.

19,114. There was no secret made of it, men went to the Mechanics' Hall. Did you warn them, or tell them in any way whatever, that it would be dangerous to spend money?—I never interfered with the money.

19,115. Who had the money? Who was paymaster?—I am sure I do not know.

19,116. Who was paymaster?—I never saw anybody pay anything, and I was never at the Mechanics'.

19,117. Did you get many men to vote?—I asked many men.

19,118. Did many men promise you on your canvassing for Keane to vote?—Some promised and some refused their promise.

19,119. Had you a canvassing book?—No, I am no scholar.

19,120. But did you take any part in the last election, 1868?—Yes, the same as usual.

19,121. Went round as canvasser?—Yes; I went round with Mr. Maxwell.

19,122. Do you know a man named George Jewisson?—Yes.

19,123. What is he?—I think he works on the roads.

19,124. Is he a freeman?—I am sure I do not know.

19,125. Do you recollect canvassing him at the last municipal election, asking him for his vote?—No, I never did.

19,126. Just recollect?—No, I never asked him for his vote.

19,127. Did you ever give him or promise him any money to vote?—Never in my life; that I swear on my oath.

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19,128. What are you in the bank, Mr. Hill?—The manager.

19,129. Manager under Mr. Forge?—No.

19,130. I thought Mr. Forge was manager?—No; it appeared in the evidence. In one instance I saw his name as manager. He called himself cashier; he is cashier.

19,131. He is cashier, not manager?—Not manager.

19,132. You recollect this transaction of Norfolk's. First, we want you to see these cheques. (*The same were handed to witness.*) These cheques seem to be taken out of a cheque book of your bank?—Yes, they appear to be so.

19,133. Do you produce the cheque book from which these were taken out?—No, I have no cheque book of it.

19,134. Why?—I do not know where these cheques came from.

19,135. Who would know?—I presume Mr. Norfolk would be most likely to know.

19,136. Mr. Norfolk says he does not?—They

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might not have been torn out of a book; they might have been taken out of a pan from the cheques which are on the counter for the customers when they come into the bank. There were loose cheques in the pan.

19,137. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The more we go into this transaction the more we are puzzled.

19,138. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you observe that these edges are serrated. There has been a perforation?—Yes; we have cheques that are never bound up for the use of the counter. I do not say those were some; they may have come out of a cheque book.

19,139. But you see those perforations?—I see them. These loose cheques have that too; they never are bound up; but whether those came out of a book or not I cannot say.

19,140. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have counterfoils to these?—Yes.

19,141. Where are they?—They are never kept; the counterfoils are torn off before they are put into the pan. These are odd cheques, loose cheques. Mr. Norfolk holds a cheque book of the bank; he has a cheque book belonging to the bank.

19,142. Belonging to your bank?—Yes, being joint trustee with Mr. Forge to draw cheques.

19,143. This is what Mr. Norfolk says in a letter to the secretary: "Mr. Forge gave me the blank "cheques at the bank." Very queer if Mr. Norfolk had your cheque books that Mr. Forge should give him blank cheques. "I never saw any other part of "them, and have nothing more in reference to them "than the cheques which I sent you." That is what he says?—Those three cheques, I presume, from that letter.

19,144. Therefore it won't do to put Mr. Norfolk upon us?—No.

19,145. You are the manager. We saw a book yesterday that seemed to have been made up the day before to the 31st of December?—Yes.

19,146. Is there any entry of these cheques in any of your books except that?—No, there would be no entry.

19,147. Except that?—Except that.

19,148. No entry in any shape or form?—No.

19,149. When had you a knowledge of this transaction brought to your mind?—I do not know. I was not here in the morning of the 2d of November, and I think it was in the afternoon of that day that I saw the cheques in the drawer. I did not know anything at all about it.

19,150. Do you think you saw them? Look at them now, and consider well whether you saw these cheques?—I cannot say.

19,151. These identical cheques?—I cannot swear that they are the identical cheqnes.

19,152. Look at them now. You are the manager of a bank, and you see these cheques are drawn "To self or order." Look at the back; did you ever see a cheque drawn in that form before, and paid without an endorsement upon it?—There were three cheques, certainly, I saw in the drawer. I cannot say whether they are the identical cheques.

19,153. I have no doubt you saw three cheques in the drawer. My question was, did you ever see bankers' cheques in your bank drawn to order paid and no endorsement?—I cannot say that I do remember.

19,154. You know such a thing could not occur with a bank. Now put them in your hand again. Just look at them. I ask you if you look at these cheques, would not the circumstance that they were to order and not endorsed call your attention to them. If you saw three cheques not endorsed amounting to 800*l.*, could that circumstance have escaped your notice?—I certainly should have expected to have found the endorsement at the back.

19,155. You would?—Yes.

19,156. And if you did not find the endorsement you would immediately have called the attention of Forge to it?—Yes.

19,157. It would be your duty as manager, and I am satisfied you would perform it; you would have called immediate attention to it?—Yes.

19,158. Then does not that enable you to say to the best of your belief that these were not cheques you saw in the drawer that day?—I am not aware that I took the cheques up in my hand that day.

19,159. But you saw them afterwards?—I do not know that I ever handled them. I might take them up in this way (*showing*), and I might have noticed that they were not endorsed, and I might never have looked at them.

19,160. I am only saying that if you had looked at the back it is perfectly clear you would have called Forge's attention to them?—That there was no endorsement upon them.

19,161. When can you say that you first saw these three bits of paper?—It would be on the afternoon of the second.

19,162. Those three in your hand?—These.

19,163. Have you ever seen them before?—I cannot tell whether they are the same or not.

19,164. The three bits of paper, the three cheques that you saw in the drawer on the 2nd of November, when next did you see them; did you speak to Forge about them?—I asked him about them, what they were; I thought them large sums, and he said they were all right.

19,165. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You thought they were large sums?—Yes.

19,166. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you tell him so?—I do not know that I told him so.

19,167. He said they were all right; he said more, did he not?—No, he did not say anything more.

19,168. I think Sir Henry Edwards called at the bank a day or two after he came into the town?—Yes, he was there.

19,169. Did you see him?—Yes.

19,170. I believe Mr. Forge saw him?—Yes.

19,171. In his private room?—No, I do not recollect that he did in a private room.

19,172. Are you sure whether he did or not in a private room?—I do not remember any private room; he stood talking in the bank.

19,173. I will call your attention, and I am sure you will answer me. When he said it was all right did not you say to him, "How is it all right"?—The amount?

19,174. Did he say it was for election purposes?—No, the amount.

19,175. 800*l.*?—Yes.

19,176. Did he tell you what purpose it was for?—No, I looked to Mr. Norfolk, the person who drew the cheques.

19,177. If you looked to the man who drew the cheques you would see whether they were endorsed or not. You knew nothing of Mr. Norfolk, I suppose?—I did not know much of him.

19,178. Had you heard before that he had been——?—I knew nothing of his circumstances.

19,179. You had heard that he had been unfortunate in business?—No, not until after Baron Martin was here.

19,180. When next did you see the cheques after the 2nd of November?—These cheques?

19,181. Or bits of paper? You do not identify them?—I cannot say.

19,182. Did you ever see them afterwards?—I cannot say that I did.

19,183. We hear now from the partners that they were never aware of such a transaction taking place till after Baron Martin was here. Did you audit the accounts, take stock, or whatever the banking language is, at Christmas; did you up to the 31st December take stock?—Yes.

19,184. Then of course you would look at what was in, and examine minutely the cash?—The cash?

19,185. The securities and everything of that kind, because you were then making your report to the partners?—The accounts up to the end of the year.

19,186. You were making a report to the partners?—Yes.

19,187. So much in gold, is it not?—I do not know that I particularized in gold.

19,188. In cash, gold, and bank notes?—Yes.

19,189. So much in securities?—So much in securities.

19,190. You would examine the till to see that they were all there?—Yes, to see that they were all there.

19,191. What did you say would represent the 800*l.*, "in cash"?—To represent it? The cheques.

19,192. Do you mean you did not look at the cheques then to see what they were?—It would be one of the clerks that calculated the interest, or passed them through.

19,193. I am not speaking of the interest. Who was the clerk that you deputed, do you mean you deputed your clerk to go through your securities and your cash? Do you depute a clerk to do that?—He would be dealing with these cheques.

19,194. No, he would not be dealing with them. You are reporting to the partners, you, the manager of the bank, telling them what cash you have in your bank on the 31st December, is not that so?—Yes.

19,195. Do not talk about the clerk, then. Tell me, did you see those cheques then?—I cannot pretend to say that I went through every cheque myself to look at them.

19,196. Did they appear under the head of "cheques"?—Yes, they would appear there.

19,197. Under the head of "cheques"?—In a book; yes.

19,198. Under the head of "cheques." Now, be cautious. Do you mean they would appear under the head of "cheques"? I do not want to entrap you in any way, and I will tell you what was said; it was said that they were counted as cash?—I cannot say that they were under the head of "cheques."

19,199. Why did you say they were, then? I do not wish to entrap you at all, because we should have called for the bank books, and they would not appear. Have you any book in your possession in which they were entered as cheques?—Not as cheques.

19,200. Have you ever reported that they were entered as cheques? Did you ever give a report that they were entered as cheques?—No.

19,201. Then you never saw them after the 2d of November?—I may have seen them, you know.

19,202. But you have never seen them so as to attract your notice?—No.

19,203. Now did you never call Mr. Forge's attention to the fact that those cheques were not paid? You knew that he had advanced 800*l.*; did you ever call his attention to the fact? He says himself he advanced it, it might be a temporary thing, it might be paid in a fortnight, or three weeks, or a month; did you ever call his attention to it?—I do not remember having done so.

19,204. Did you know when Baron Martin came down here that these things had not been paid?—Yes.

19,205. You did know it?—Yes.

19,206. When did you know they had not been paid? What was the last time you knew before Baron Martin came down?—I cannot say when the last time was when I saw them.

19,207. Did you ever apply to Norfolk?—I never did.

19,208. Did you ever instruct Forge to apply?—No, I never told him.

19,209. And he never told you he applied?—No, he did not.

19,210. In fact, Mr. Hill, you had no misgiving upon it, believing it was a party transaction in which the bank would not be allowed to suffer? Is not that the real meaning?—I looked to Mr. Norfolk. I did not know.

19,211. You what?—I looked to Mr. Norfolk to pay it. I cannot say further.

19,212. If you did that you would have an irregular transaction. Will you take these in your hand again (*handing the cheques to witness*). You are a man of the world. Will you show me how you could fix Mr. Norfolk with the responsibility of any one of these? Is there any indication, anything whatever to show that Mr. Norfolk ever received a farthing of that money?—No, there is not.

19,213. Very well. Did you know, did Mr. Forge tell you when it was paid?—No, he did not. I saw it paid.

19,214. You were present when it was paid?—Yes, I was standing at the counter. I saw Mr. Norfolk hand in the bank notes. I believe I may say I saw the cheques handed over to him.

19,215. It is surprising to me, if you relied upon Norfolk. Did you ever ask him for any security?—No.

19,216. He had no account at your bank?—No.

19,217. And you cannot tell anything about the counterfoils?—No, I cannot.

19,218. Do you see that 1, 2, 3, marked there?—Yes.

19,219. Whose handwriting is that? Do you know in whose handwriting the whole thing is? Did you know Mr. Norfolk's handwriting, the filling up?—I should say they are Mr. Norfolk's.

19,220. The filling up, 1, 2, 3?—Yes; the cheques I should say are Mr. Norfolk's handwriting.

19,221. That 1, 2, 3, is not that rather a banker's clerk's handwriting? Is there any clerk in your office who writes like that?—No, I cannot say that.

19,222. What do those figures intimate to you?—The 1 is drawn first, 1, 2, 3.

19,223. That would be an indication of what?—Of the way they are drawn.

19,224. (*Mr. Barstow.*) On the 2d of November when you looked into the drawer were there any other cheques in the drawer?—I cannot remember that I saw any other. They would be sorted alphabetically at the end of the day. I am not aware that there were any cheques on that day at all except these, drawn in that way.

19,225. No other cheques that day except those drawn in that manner?—Except those drawn in that manner.

19,226. Drawing a cheque in that manner, is that a usual thing?—It is a transaction for a short time for an amount advanced.

19,227. That is not my question. Would it be a common thing to advance money on a cheque in the same way as you have done with these cheques?—We should advance money to a person we knew.

19,228. To a person you did not know?—No, certainly not.

19,229. That was the case here: Norfolk had no account at your bank?—No; but he was looked upon, and every one believed he was a good man for it.

19,230. What sort of sums do you advance in this manner I should like to know?—Not such a large amount as this? perhaps 10*l.*, 20*l.*, or 30*l.*

19,231. I suppose it is quite an exceptional thing to advance anything like that amount?—It is. I never recollect a case before since I have been here.

19,232. May I ask now what, as far as you remember, is the largest sum you have ever advanced in that way?—I cannot say, I am sure.

19,233. 100*l.*?—I should think 100*l.* has been advanced.

19,234. I ask the question because I rather understand from you and Mr. Forge that that is the way you advance money to a friend who is not a customer, who happened to come and wanted money for a day or two?—Yes.

19,235. That is the ordinary way?—That is the ordinary way.

19,236. Therefore I take it this would be a very exceptional thing indeed; in fact you say it is quite exceptional, a solitary instance?—Yes, such a large amount.

19,237. And for such a long time?—Well, it is for a large amount like that. It is a case that never came before me before.

19,238. That being so, it being for so large an

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amount in a case that never came before you before, did you not take any step as a man of business to procure a settlement of the transaction?—I did not myself. Forge had lent the money, and when he said to me it was all right he knew Mr. Norfolk better than I did.

19,239. You say you did not?—I did not.

19,240. I now ask you your reason for not doing so?—I cannot say, I do not know that we should apply before in any ordinary case.

19,241. I think I may assume that you would. I did not ask you that. I suppose in any ordinary case, if you lent 800*l.* without security, and it remained unpaid for a considerable time, for five or six months, you would be pressing for payment?—If he was safe and secure we should not perhaps be pressing for it.

19,242. You say this was quite an exceptional transaction?—It seems to me so from the amount.

19,243. You think 100*l.* would be a very large amount?—I should think 100*l.* about the maximum.

19,244. Here we have a sum of 800*l.*?—Yes.

19,245. I think you observe that these cheques are not cancelled?—They are not cancelled.

19,246. That is rather an exceptional circumstance also?—We do not cancel these signatures when they are kept in this way.

19,247. Yes, that have been paid?—They are paid.

19,248. Then you cancel them?—They are cancelled.

19,249. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Paid cheques are cancelled?—Yes, cancelled. We cancel them at the end of the day.

19,250. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We know how that is done. These are not cancelled?—These are not cancelled.

19,251. What would that indicate?—I do not know.

19,252. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say that on the 2d of November you saw these cheques in a drawer.

19,253. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Not "these cheques," cheques.

19,254. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Cheques, you saw cheques in a drawer?—Yes.

19,255. What drawer was that?—It is where we keep notes.

19,256. A sort of cash drawer?—It is not the regular cash drawer. It is a drawer where we keep Bank of England notes, and other country notes that are not of our bank.

19,257. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a bank of issue?—Yes.

19,258. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You issue your own notes?—We issue our own notes.

19,259. On that 2d of November when you saw cheques in that drawer did you see any others?—No, I do not remember seeing any others.

19,260. There were no other cheques in that drawer?—There were no other cheques that I remember.

19,261. You were struck by the largeness of the amount?—Yes.

19,262. Do you mean to say you did not take up those cheques and look at them?—I might have taken them up.

19,263. Did you?—I cannot say whether I did or not.

19,264. At all events you saw enough of them to see that they were for a large amount?—I did.

19,265. Will you swear that you did not see some irregularity in those cheques?—No, I will not swear that I saw any irregularity in them.

19,266. You took them up?—I might have looked at them in that way and seen the amount; I cannot say that I really took them up.

19,267. Forge told us here that he had authority he considered from the partners to advance money to the extent of 1,000*l.* at his own discretion, that he might at his own discretion advance money to an applicant on personal security to the extent of 1,000*l.* You say that the maximum would be 100*l.*?—No, not 100*l.* on cheques. But if we get a promissory note it might be a larger amount.

19,268. At all events he would not have a discretionary power?—I do not consider he had.

19,269. You are manager, and you ought to know more of his power than anybody else. Now you of course took the accounts at Christmas, and I understood you to drop this observation that it might appear in a book that those cheques were there. Now what book was that?—It would be the interest book where you saw the interest calculated in, yesterday.

19,270. Would that be the only book in which you enter cheques?—That is the only book in which these cheques appear.

19,271. Outstanding cheques?—Outstanding cheques.

19,272. That would be the only book in which outstanding cheques would be entered?—The only book in which outstanding cheques would be entered.

19,273. You know that book does not show that these were cheques. That book we have looked at, and there is nothing in that book referring to or identifying the cheques?—I think it is headed on the top of that page, "cheques."

19,274. The book is not here and I will not speak of it. Now you took the account at Christmas, of course, to ascertain the cash in your possession; and these cheques, the story is told us, were entered as cash. You say that a clerk might have looked at the cheques?—He would have the adding of the cheques and calculating the interest, or assisting in the work.

19,275. Just keep your mind apart from interest at present. Of course, at Christmas, when you are wanting to balance your accounts, in order to balance the accounts you must ascertain how much cash is in your possession?—Yes.

19,276. That is common sense?—Yes.

19,277. Now who ascertained that fact?—I cannot say now who counted the cash up.

19,278. Did you?—No, I did not.

19,279. Whose duty would it be?—It would be the cashiers, one of the cashiers.

19,280. Forge is one cashier. Who is another?—Mr. Boyes.

19,281. Is he the only other cashier?—He is the only other cashier.

19,282. Then one of these two must have counted up the cash at Christmas?—Yes.

19,283. Did that take place under your supervision?—I cannot say that I saw them doing it.

19,284. One of your partners was here and told us that you were responsible for making a report to the bank at Hull as to the state of the Beverley bank?—Yes.

19,285. That that was conducted under your superintendence?—Yes.

19,286. Did you superintend this operation of cash taking?—No; I cannot say that I did superintend it.

19,287. Were you present in the bank at the time?—I cannot say.

19,288. How could you make a report about facts which you took no trouble to ascertain. You were to ascertain that the bank accounts were all regular and correct?—It would be impossible to go through every identical thing myself.

19,289. No, but such a matter as ascertaining how much cash the bank has got, surely that is a matter you would be responsible for. You, as manager of the bank, it is nonsense to tell me you would not consider yourself responsible at the half-yearly taking of the accounts to ascertain how much cash the bank had in their possession?—I should be looked to for it.

19,290. There is no doubt you would be responsible for it, and you would ascertain in some way what cash the bank had got in their possession at Christmas. Did you do so or not?—I should see the amount; I did not count it.

19,291. How could you ascertain it without counting?—It would be entered in a book.

19,292. How would you ascertain what cash you

had without looking at it?—I could not unless I counted it.

19,293. Was not this cash counted under your eye?—No, I cannot say that it was. I do not remember seeing it.

19,294. And you took no trouble to ascertain what cash you had got at Christmas. You trusted to other people?—I had confidence in the clerks to do it.

19,295. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You treated it as cash in hand?—As cash in hand.

19,296. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is the other gentleman's name?—Boyes.

19,297. Boyes is the other cashier?—Boyes is the other cashier.

19,298. One of those two must have been present. Who counted the cash?—I did not see them, but I should certainly expect it was one. I did not see them do it.

19,299. But banks are a little more careful about their money, according to my experience, than you give me an idea of at present. You told me first of all that you, the manager, were responsible for ascertaining how much cash the bank had got at Christmas?—Yes.

19,300. And you delegate the duty of ascertaining that to somebody else, that very serious and important duty, so seriously affecting banks. I ask you who that somebody else was?—I cannot say that I particularly told Mr. Forge or Mr. Boyes to do it.

19,301. Was it one or the other?—I am certain it must have been one.

19,302. Is that your answer? You are certain it must have ceen one of those two?—I do not know who else it could be; I was not there to see it done.

19,303. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you a copy of the report you sent to Hull on the 31st of December?—Yes; I expect we shall have a copy of the note.

19,304. Copy of the report?—It was a note; and the private books they come over to look at.

19,305. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It was either Boyes or Forge who took that account?—Yes.

19,306. And they immediately reported to you that there was so much cash?—They entered it in the book.

19,307. And you trusted to their statement?—I did.

19,308. Do you say positively you were not the person who counted the cash?—I did not count it.

19,309. You say that now?—I did not count it.

19,310. You never said that before. Then it rests between Mr. Forge and Mr. Boyes?—Yes.

19,311. Now, will you tell us positively that you have never complained to Forge all these four months of December, January, February, and March, up to the beginning of March, did you never complain to him of this money not being paid?—No, not until after Baron Martin was down here.

19,312. Did you never complain during those four months?—No.

19,313. Never complained to him?—No.

19,314. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What entry have you in your book of the payment of the 800*l.*?—It would appear in the cash book.

19,315. What would be the form of entry?—As cash received.

19,316. As cash received from whom?—From Mr. Norfolk.

19,317. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Does this report to your partners contain any reference to this transadtion?—No; I should simply write to say the accounts are closed, showing so and so. And when they come over they see the ledger.

19,318. I am speaking of the Christmas report?—The Christmas report.

19,319. Did the Christmas report refer to this money being outstanding?—It was included in the account.

19,320. Was it specifically mentioned as being outstanding?—No, it was not; it was treated as cash. It would not be specially mentioned.

19,321. It was not specially mentioned?—No.

19,322. You say this transaction was not specifically mentioned in your report?—No.

19,323. It was not?—No.

19,324. Did you refer in your report of Christmas to the advance to Norfolk?—No.

19,325. Is that report in existence?—It went to Hull; I do not know whether they kept it or not.

19,326. (*Mr Serjeant O'Brien.*) It could not be cash received, because there was no account of cash paid to Mr. Norfolk; I suppose it would be "account closed," or something of that kind?—"Account closed." The cheque was not destroyed, it was given to Mr. Norfolk.

19,327. Did you see the cheques handed to him when he paid the money; now be cautious?—Well, I cannot swear that I did.

19,328. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Now you said you saw him pay the money?—I was casually standing at the door and saw him pass the money over.

19,329. Did you see anybody pass anything over to him?—No, I cannot swear that I did.

19,330. Did you?—I cannot swear that I did.

19,331. Norfolk repaid it to Forge himself, did he?—I am not certain whether it was Mr. Forge or Mr. Boyes that took it. I think they were both standing at the counter.

19,332. It was one of those two that he repaid?—It was one of those two.

19,333. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You never saw a document pass from them to him?—I cannot swear that I did.

19,334. What was the reason, or had you any reason why you did not press Norfolk for the money?—I had no reason, except that it was good, and it had not been out half a year.

19,335. It was paid in April. Have you any account of the interest money from January till April?—The interest has been paid.

19,336. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It has been paid?—It was paid either yesterday morning or before.

19,337. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In June you make up the half-yearly interest, do not you?—Yes.

19,338. Show me now in any of your books an entry charging Mr. Norfolk with interest from the 1st of December to the 10th of April; is there any entry in your book?—I must look at the book before I can answer that question.

19,339. Bring the book and let Mr. Boyes come here after the adjournment, if you please, and you come also, and bring that book with you. The interest is made up to the 31st of December, therefore interest would be running on till the 10th of April. Therefore when the June half year comes the interest was paid, when?—I think either yesterday or the morning before.

19,340. How much?—17*l.* odd; I cannot say exactly without referring to it.

19,341. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When is Forge coming back?—I expect him on Saturday morning.

19,342. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The interest was paid up to April?—Yes.

19,343. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you keep a copy or memorandum of your Christmas report?—I have only the private ledger.

19,344. You copied the report from that?—Yes, the report itself is the private ledger.

19,345. That of course would include this transaction?—Yes, it is included in the amount entered there.

19,346. Can you bring that and show us that?—I cannot produce the private ledger.

19,347. Why?—It is the private property of the partners.

19,348. All I ask you to show us is this one transaction?—It is not particularised in the private ledger.

19,349. You must show us the item under which this is included. That we must look at. We will take care not to embarrass you, but you must show us

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the item under which the sum is included?—I should prefer the partners producing the private ledger.

19,350. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We shall be satisfied if you yourself copy out the entry from the private ledger.

19,351. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You know there is a way of producing a book of that kind, sealing up parts that do not affect the matter. You may adopt that course if you like, you may fasten up and cover those parts of the book that do not relate to this matter, but we want to see the part.

19,352. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You may depend upon it we shall not look at anything else?—There would be only the sum total in the private ledger.

19,353. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You must bring that.

19,354. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You say it will give us no information at all?—It will give no information with respect to that.

19,355. I should like to see the entry where the interest is calculated up to June?—You want to see that book?

19,356. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I do.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. W. Train.

Mr. William Train sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

19,357. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

19,358. How long have you been a freeman?—Since about 1830 or 1832.

19,359. Do you fill any office in this borough?—Yes.

19,360. What office?—I am the market keeper and the toll collector.

19,361. What do you collect the tolls of?—What we call the borough tolls.

19,362. You are appointed I suppose by the town council or by the mayor?—By the council.

19,363. How long have you filled that office?—Since 1862.

19,364. Who filled the office before you?—I believe Mr. Burton.

19,365. How came he to resign or to be removed?—I think his time was out. He had taken it for a certain period and I think his time was out.

19,366. Had you to bid for it? Did you bid for it?—No, I did not.

19,367. Were there many candidates for it in 1862?—Four or five.

19,368. And you were elected?—Yes.

19,369. Well, now tell me, did you vote at the first Towneley election?—Yes, in 1841.

19,370. Money was going we know then pretty freely?—Yes.

19,371. What did you get?—12*l.*

19,372. For whom did you vote?—For the Tory party.

19,373. Hogg and Fox?—Yes.

19,374. The next election did you vote?—I have voted always ever since for the Tory party.

19,375. In 1847 what did you get?—I have never got a farthing since that time.

19,376. You got 12*l.* at the election of Towneley, Hogg, and Fox; the next was Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid?—Never got a farthing since.

19,377. I believe some money passed through your hands?—Not since that time in parliamentary elections.

19,378. Some money passed through your hands, you disbursed some of the money?—Not at parliamentary elections at any time, not since 1841.

19,379. Besides receiving the 12*l.* in 1841, did any other money pass through your hands?—Nothing at all.

19,380. After any of the elections were you employed to pay bills?—No.

19,381. Now about the municipal elections. We understand there was something said about money passing through your hands; how about that?—What time would that be?

19,382. You can tell me yourself. When did money pass through your hands at the municipal election?—For these last nine or ten years I have taken no part at all in them.

19,383. No money passed through your hands in that time?—No money passed through my hands till 1865.

19,384. I am speaking now of the municipal election; what money did you receive in 1865?—I received 18*l.* in two instalments.

19,385. From whom?—Mr. Lowther, 12*l.* and 6*l.*

19,386. At the municipal election?—In 1865; no, begging your pardon, at Keane's election, the parliamentary election. I had nothing to do whatever in 1865 with the municipal election.

19,387. You received 18*l.* at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

19,388. From Mr. Lowther?—Yes.

19,389. In two instalments?—By two instalments, 12*l.* and 6*l.*

19,390. You were then filling the office of toll collector?—Yes.

19,391. Was Lowther a town councillor then?—I am sure I could not say whether he would be in 1865 or not.

19,392. You fill a confidential office under the corporation?—So far as that goes, I do.

19,393. When did you receive the 12*l.*?—On the election day morning, 1865.

19,394. Where did Mr. Lowther meet you?—I saw him at a shop in the Market Place. I believe Mr. Upsall's shop. I think it was that.

19,395. And he spoke to you?—Yes.

19,396. You did not know of course he had any money?—I did not know anything at all about it. It was through Robert Oxley, butcher; he induced me to go there.

19,397. He told you to go to that shop?—To pay some few men they were going to pay.

19,398. What did Mr. Lowther say you were to do?—He never said anything about it in any shape; I knew what it was for.

19,399. You got as many as you could?—I never went to seek them.

19,400. They were there?—There were some went there that I had to pay. I never went to look after a man.

19,401. When did you get the second instalment?—Soon after.

19,402. From Lowther?—Yes.

19,403. Himself, from his own hands?—From his own hands.

19,404. The same day?—The same day and within a very short period; within two hours.

19,405. Did you give Lowther an account afterwards of how you laid that out?—I believe I did, to the best of my knowledge.

19,406. You put the names down?—I have them all here, and every man's living I believe at the present time. (*The witness handed a list to the learned Commissioner.*)

19,407. I will read it. "Received of Mr. Lowther "the sum of 18*l.* by two instalments, 12*l.* and 6*l.* Paid "same time to Benjamin Moore for three men 6*l.*, "Francis Barnet 3*l.*, John Ellekar 3*l.*, James Trushell "2*l.*, John Blyth 2*l.*, William Spence 2*l.*; total "18*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*" ?—They are all living, sir.

19,408. I suppose you are a hardworking man, collector of the tolls?—I have plenty to do for my money.

19,409. And of course you would be paid for your extra work on this day?—I never received a farthing for that.

19,410. How do you account for that?—I never made application for any.

19,411. You did not speak to any of the town councillors?—Nothing at all; never mentioned such a thing to them.

19,412. I suppose you would not like to do so?—I did not do so. I never thought of such a thing.

19,413. About how long were you engaged on that job, the greater part of the day?—No, I had not the money in my hands not very little more than two hours altogether.

19,414. They were rather hungry?—Oh yes, they are always looking out for that.

19,415. Do the freemen generally look out for money at such times?—I think they have been in the habit of doing so for some time.

19,416. Since 1841?—I think so, yes.

19,417. You have been engaged, have not you, at the council choosings?—Not for this last eight or ten years.

19,418. You have been engaged, I think, in the elections for pasture masters?—I have not, not for the same period for the pasture masters.

19,419. You have not?—No, I have not.

19,420. Did you pay any money for voting at the pasture masters?—No, sir, not within the period I have stated. I paid nothing to the best of my knowledge, not a farthing.

19,421. Before that you did?—Yes.

19,422. I am reminded by my brother commissioners that you are the only witness who has given us a full and fair account of the way in which all the money you received was expended?—I have done so as far as lays in my power. I do not know that I have concealed anything.

Mr. Charles Arnott sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

Mr. C. Arnott.

19,423. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

19,424. I think you are one of the pasture masters, are you not?—I am.

19,425. How long have you been a pasture master?—From 1859.

19,426. How long have you been a freeman?—About 23 years.

19,427. And have voted frequently at the elections?—I should think at every election when there has been a contest during that time.

19,428. Would that go back to Towneley, Hogg, and Fox?—No, to the election after that.

19,429. Fox, Towneley, and Goldsmid?—Yes, at that election.

19,430. Did you vote then?—Yes.

19,431. Did you get anything for your vote?—I was offered 3*l.* to vote for Goldsmid, and I voted for Fox. I believe he was elected on a purer system.

19,432. In 1852, when Lawley, Wells, and Glover put up, did you vote?—Yes.

19,433. Did you get anything for your vote?—Nothing. In fact, if it will save time I will tell you that I never received a bribe in my life for anything.

19,434. Now tell me, have you ever been employed in giving money?—Yes, I have.

19,435. Now tell me when?—At Edwards and Sykes' election, in 1865.

19,436. Is that the first time you were so employed?—The first and the last.

19,437. What money did you receive then?—I cannot tell you.

19,438. About?—Well, I should thinkt 50*l.* from James Lowther.

19,439. Where did you receive it?—In Old Waste, that is near to the Market Cross, near the Cross Keys I may say.

19,440. As far as you can tell me what you did with that money?—I cannot tell you. If you will allow me I will tell you the reason why.

19,441. Well, go on?—I received about that amount from him. I will not say that it was 50*l.*; it might be more or it might be less, but I kept an account of the parties to whom I paid it, with the intention of rendering that account to Mr. Lowther. But after the close of the poll, a little after 4 o'clock, I was set on by ten or a dozen men. I daresay there are many in the court will remember the circumstance. I had to run from that attack for my life I ran from the Market Place to the "Cross Keys" and there fell and lost my hat, and in the lining of the hat was the statement of the men I had paid the money to. I was only sorry I could not render that account to Mr. Lowther. I resolved from that time I never would take money for such a purpose again. I feel the matter more in consequence of not being able to render that account than I do of the bribery itself.

19,442. Never mind all that; did you spend all the 50*l.*?—I did, every penny,

19,443. What did you pay apiece to the men?—2*l.*; in one case I paid 2*l.* 10*s.*

19,444. Then it must have been a couple of dozen men you paid?—Something like that.

19,445. Then that being only four years ago you must remember the names of some of the men?—I do. If I said I did not remember any I made a mistake.

19,446. Oh no, you did not say so. Now tell us the names of some you remember?—I think you have some names; to a certain extent they are correct. There is Samuel Cook; that I think you have in evidence. William Cook, a brother of his; that I believe you have not got.

19,447. That is new; where is he of?—He is a Beverley freeman; I do not know where he resides.

19,448. What is he?—An elector, a freeman; I cannot tell you what trade he is. I think a labourer; I think so.

19,449. Who else?—Patrick Lyon. I paid him 2*l.* He teased me very much, and I gave him 10*s.* extra to get rid of him. I remember the circumstance.

19,450. Go on?—And Peter Duncan, William Rippon, that is the individual I just wished to make a remark about.

19,451. I wish you would give me the list of names first of all?—That is all I can give you.

19,452. That is a small amount?—I am sorry I cannot give you a better statement.

19,453. Do you remember giving any money to John Gawan?—I do not remember that. I see in the evidence that he states I gave it to him, and a man also of the name of Richard Burton, but I certainly do not remember giving it to those men. I may have given it. I won't say I did not give it to them.

19,454. Then you see you have given me only five names out of two dozen?—I think I gave it to others, but I cannot be positive. I think of individuals, I fancy I gave it to certain persons who I know, but I could not be certain; therefore it is no use giving their names.

19,455. Did you give the money to these men or to others to distribute it?—I gave it to these men themselves.

19,456. And it is your answer you cannot remember?—That is my answer.

19,457. Those are the only men you can remember. Now you say that that is the only election at which you gave money?—The only election.

19,458. We have heard a different statement?—I am aware of that.

19,459. Do you know what statement I refer to?—Yes.

19,460. What is it?—There is a man of the name of Loft, who says I gave him 4*l.* at Major Edwards' first election; that is in 1857. Well, I deny that, and I tell you I think if you will allow me just to make a remark it will rather put an impression upon your minds. In the same sentence that he mentions it he says in evidence that he met Jacolina Wilkin on the morning of the election, and he offered him 3*l.* to vote for Wells. He afterwards saw Charles Arnott, and he gave him 4*l.* to vote for Edwards. I just draw attention to the way in which Jacolina Wilkin has voted. He votes for Edwards, and it seems a very unlikely thing that he would offer him 3*l.* to vote for Wells and then vote himself for Edwards. I just wish to draw attention to that. I have no knowledge whatever of giving him 4*l.* I do not believe I did.

19,461. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That would be

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very easily accounted for ; he might make a mistake as to the person for whom he was to vote ?—He did not get 4*l.* of me.

19,462. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you ever have any talk with him about money ?—Never to my knowledge. I was utterly astonished when I heard him make that statement here.

19,463. Did you have any conversation with Loft about money ?—He was a man I was not acquainted with at all. I do not know that I ever had any conversation with him, and I was very much surprised when I heard his statement.

19,464. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is no answer ?—What do you wish me to answer ?

19,465. You speak to men you have never seen before at elections ?—Perhaps you may sometimes.

19,466. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you swear you did not give money to Loft ?—To the best of my recollection I did not.

19,467. That is not in direct conflict with him ?—It is a long time since. I should not like to perjure myself. I do believe I never did give him anything, for another reason, namely, that I was not in the habit of handling money. I never handled it at any time but the election I have mentioned to you.

19,468. If you had done such a thing as to give Loft money it would hardly escape your recollection. You speak only as to belief of recollection. Loft makes a positive statement. You must surely recollect one way or the other ?—I think I should recollect if I had done so. That is what I say. I do not recollect. That makes me believe I did not do so. I think I should remember a matter of that sort, particularly as there is 4*l.*

19,469. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Never mind ; we cannot get any more as to that.

19,470. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. Lowther must have known that you would distribute money, or he would not have applied to you ?—Mr. Lowther did not know till he met me in Old Waste. It was quite a casual matter, as far as receiving that.

19,471. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Now, with regard to the election of pasture masters, you knew very well of money being given at these elections ?—I do.

19,472. You have given some of that money ?—I was elected in 1859. I was one of the old pasture masters. If you will allow me I will just tell you.

19,473. I would rather not ?—I would rather you would allow me. I think it is information that might be valuable to you.

19,474. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have nothing to do but to answer the questions.

19,475. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You have given money for the election of pasture masters ?—I have. No, I beg to say I never have.

19,476. You know which you mean ?—I have given money in a lump sum, but I have never dealt it out to individuals.

19,477. You have given money in a lump sum, what money have you given ?—I gave about 7*l.* at my first election out of my own pocket.

19,478. That was when ?—1859.

19,479. There was a great contest in 1863 ?—There was.

19,480. Were you mixed up with that ?—I was.

19,481. What did you have to do with that ?—Nothing more than getting up voters.

19,482. But you gave money, did not you ?—Well, yes. I should give some trifling money. There was money paid at that election.

19,483. Where was that money paid ?—I cannot say.

19,484. But you saw it paid ?—I cannot say that I saw it paid.

19,485. How do you know it was paid ?—They said it was paid. I think it is very likely I should see it paid ; I do not remember.

19,486. It is most extraordinary not remembering things of that kind. Will you say you did not pay any of it yourself ?—I know it was a very sharp contest.

19,487. Do you say you did not pay any of it yourself ?—I paid a certain amount of money of my own, in addition to what was given in a regular way. There was a certain amount given, and I spent a little more.

19,488. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Don't talk of a "regular way."

19,489. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was the next contest at which money was given. However, now come to 1868. There was money spent then we know in the election of pasture masters ?—Yes, in small amounts.

19,490. What money did you spend ?—I cannot tell you.

19,491. Just think ?—I did spend money on my own account.

19,492. And money that was given you you spent ?—Yes.

19,493. How much money was given to you to spend ?—I cannot say. From the statements that have been made there was 50*l.* given.

19,494. Never mind about statements ; how much did you spend ?—Perhaps 2*l.*

19,495. Was there only 2*l.* given to you ?—It was not given to me at all.

19,496. To spend ?—To spend. I spent 2*l.* out of my own pocket.

19,497. You told me just now money was given to you to spend ?—If I said so I made a mistake. I daresay there was money passed to the pasture masters to be spent for their election.

19,498. How much of that money did you distribute ?—Not any. It was distributed, but I did not distribute it.

19,499. Did you not receive any money ; we know where it came from ; from Mr. Wreghitt. Did you receive any of that money ?—I did not.

19,500. 50*l.* came from Wreghitt ?—I am aware, and I believe it did.

19,501. At this pasture master's election in 1868 ?—Yes.

19,502. And you did not receive a penny of that ?—I did not. I said before I never received anything, with one exception. That was not for a bribe ; it was to pay voters, and I felt justified in doing so in consequence ; if you will allow me——

19,503. You must answer my questions, and then if there is any material explanation you shall make it afterwards. Did you superintend the distribution of any of that 50*l.* ?—Certainly not.

19,504. You had nothing to do with it ?—Nothing to do with it.

19,505. Now this last municipal election that took place in November. Did you receive any money to pay voters then ?—No, I had nothing to do with it.

19,506. Nothing to do with the payment of voters ?—Nothing to do with the payment of voters.

19,507. You knew voters were paid ?—I heard they were paid.

19,508. Did you take any voters up to vote ?—I believe not.

19,509. Well, come ?—No, I did not.

19,510. You did not take any voters ?—I was not in the neighbourhood at all.

19,511. Do you mean to say you were not here in November 1868 ?—I was not in the neighbourhood at all. I took part in the election I must tell you.

19,512. You must tell me shortly ?—Not in the way of paying money, but I canvassed in the neighbourhood of Willow Grove. I spent the whole of the day there in order to get voters to come to the poll, but I had nothing to do in the way of giving money.

19,513. Did not you promise money ?—No.

19,514. You held out to them no hope of getting money ?—Nothing at all.

19,515. Did not you tell them there would be likely to be money going ?—I do not remember that I did.

19,516. Did you or not ?—I believe not. To the best of my recollection I did not.

19,517. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where did you spend the day ?—In Willow Grove, quite the other end of the town.

19,518. To what hour ?—I remember being on the work at 1 o'clock, up to 1 o'clock. It would not be after 1 o'clock.

19,519. When did you commence?—I think the poll is open at 9 o'clock.

19,520. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When did you begin canvassing?—Not before 8 o'clock.

19,521. You were there from 8 to 1; is that it?—From 8 to 1.

19,522. What men did you see there?—A man of the name of Mead.

19,523. Did not you tell that man that there was money going?—No,

19,524. Did you make no reference to money?—Not to my knowledge. I do not remember that I ever made any reference whatever to money.

19,525. Which is it? First, no, you did not, and then, secondly, you don't remember whether you did?—I can say I did not.

19,526. How many men did you canvass there?—I should think four or five.

19,527. Did you make any reference to money to these men?—No.

19,528. Did not you tell them they would be paid their expenses?—No.

19,529. That would be at the rate of one an hour?—I might mention it to more, I cannot say.

19,530. It would be a very slow process?—It is near to my residence. I was not on the ground all the time. When I thought I was likely to see the parties, I went from my own house to the place where I was deputed to look after them.

19,531. You say you spent the day there?—Well, it was in the neighbourhood, of course. It is a very few yards from my own residence.

19,532. Did you not take any men up to vote?—No.

19,533. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You were going to say something about the election of 1865?—I was going to say I met with Mr. Lowther casually in the Old Waste about 10 o'clock, and he asked me to assist them with the election, as Keane had been paying 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall the night before the election, and commenced early in the morning with 2*l.*, and unless there was something given Mr. Sykes would lose his election. And I told you before, and I say again, that I felt less remorse at the bribery than I did at not being able to give the accounts.

19,534. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do I understand you ceased to pay any part of the expenses of your being elected pasture master from 1859?—No, you must not understand it in that way; for about three years.

19,535. For about three years you paid your own expenses?—For about three years I paid my expenses, and after that I paid them in part.

19,536. And the rest came from where?—I believe from Mr. Wreghitt.

19,537–8. You knew very well where he got it from?—I did not, with the exception of the last year, 1869, when we paid our own expenses.

19,539. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You came here to contradict Loft?—I came because I was subpœnaed.

19,540. But you do contradict Loft's statement that you paid him 4*l.*?—To the best of my knowledge.

19,541. You will not swear that you did not pay Loft 4*l.*?—I will not swear I did not, but I believe I did not.

19,542. If you paid Loft 4*l.*, where did you get the money with which you paid him?—That is what puzzles me; I cannot tell you. I had no handling of the money at all, and I believe he has made a false statement.

19,543. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Don't say that, he may have made an incorrect statement.

19,544. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You do not contradict him?—I cannot beyond what I say.

19,545. If you had not paid him it is perfectly plain you would be in a position to deny you had paid him?—I do deny it as far as that.

19,546. You do not deny it upon your oath?—I do not.

19,547. If you did not pay Loft, did you pay any other person in 1857. At the parliamentary election did you bribe any person except Loft in 1857?—Certainly not.

19,548. That you do swear?—I do swear.

19,549. And you positively deny that you bribed any person except Loft, but you will not positively swear you did not bribe Loft?—To the best of my recollection.

19,550. Is that so or not? You positively swear that you did not bribe anybody else?—To the best of my recollection.

19,551. You positively swear you did not bribe anyone except Loft?—To the best of my recollection I did not bribe anyone.

19,552. Will you answer the question. Do you swear positively that you did not bribe anyone except Loft?—I do not.

19,553. You do not swear?—No.

19,554. You are a pasture master now?—Yes.

19,555. Have you ever taken freemen to be paid at the pasture masters' elections?—Yes.

19,556. Have you done it frequently?—Not very frequently, because there have not been contests.

19,557. Has there been any contest at which you have not taken freemen to be paid?—I don't recollect. There is another matter I just wish to correct. There is a statement of William Rippon's which you will see in his evidence. He states I gave him money in Old Waste and in Green Dragon Yard. Now I can tell you that refers to one and the same thing, for I remember that circumstance. I have given you the name of William Rippon I believe, and he asked me for the money in Old Waste, and there was a good many wanting it at the same time, and Liberals that I did not choose to give it to. I told him to go down a back street.

19,558. And then you went and paid him?—I paid him in Green Dragon Yard.

19,559. Rippon says these two payments were at different times?—Yes, it is not so.

19,560. Then you contradict Rippon as well as Loft?—I do.

19,561. You say you only paid him once?—I never handled money at any other time than 1865, I believe it is, in Edwards and Sykes' election.

19,562. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who did you say was paying the money at the election for pasture masters?—I believe Carrington.

19,563. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you ever see anyone except Mr. Carrington?—I think not.

(The witness withdrew.)

Mr. James Boyes sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

19,564. You are a clerk in the Beverley bank?—Yes.

19,565. What kind of clerk? What do you call yourself?—Cashier.

19,566. Sub-cashier?—Yes.

19,567. You produce some books there?—Yes.

19,568. What books are those?—Books belonging to the bank.

19,569. What are the names of them?—A cash balance and a premium book, and interest charged at the end of each half year, an interest book.

19,570. Those three books?—Yes.

19,571. Do you produce any other book?—The stamp cheque book.

(*The witness then took the books to the Commissioners and explained the entries to them.*)

19,572. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Can you show me any entry of money due upon that cheque in any book?—I cannot.

19,573. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was the entry of Norfolk's account not carried further than the 31st December?—I could not possibly get hold of that. The cheques were in the drawer in December; in

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June they were not there, consequently they could not be entered in this book.

19,574. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In any book anywhere?—If it had been entered anywhere the cash ought to have been received before the voucher was given out.

19,575. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Cash for interest ought to be paid before the voucher was given out. This is an extraordinary transaction, different from an ordinary business transaction, different from any transaction I know?—It is different from any transaction I have known. In the ordinary way when the cheque was given up the interest would be received.

19,576. Is it your business to look to the cheques in the drawer?—Yes.

19,577. Every day do you do that?—Not every day. When a cheque is paid it is usually marked.

19,578. Looking at that book any of your partners can see the state of the cash balance. When did you first see these cheques in the office?—I saw them on the Monday, the 2d.

19,579. Should you know the cheques again if you saw them?—I cannot say that I should.

19,580. Where did you see them?—I saw them in the cash drawer.

19,581. Who handed over the counter the cash for those cheques?—I think Mr. Forge. I did not.

19,582. On Monday morning you saw cheques in the cash drawer (*the cheques were handed to witness*). Look at those cheques?—They were either these or some like them.

19,583. Upon your oath, are those the very cheques that you saw on the 2d of November in the cash drawer?—I cannot take an oath on it, because there is no mark behind.

19,584. There ought to have been a mark behind?—There ought to have been a mark by the person who cashed them.

19,585. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What mark?—That is the way Mr. Forge marks his (*producing a cheque*).

19,586–8. Different bankers have different ways of marking them?—Some put the date, some initials.

19,589. (*Mr. Barstow.*) If cash had been paid on those cheques in the ordinary course of business they would have been marked on the back in the same manner as that?—It does not follow, because Mr. Forge does not mark all his cheques; he very often forgets to mark his cheques.

19,590. If it was in the ordinary course of business they would have been marked?—They ought to have been.

19,591. Is not it a rather singular thing that those very three cheques should have escaped being marked?—I do not consider it particularly so.

19,592. They are not endorsed?—The cheque is not regular in any way.

19,593. They are not cancelled?—No.

19,594. I think you may say they are irregular in every possible way that cheques can be after they reach your hands?—They are.

19,595. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They have the appearance of never having passed through a banker's hands?—They have. They did pass through. They were presented in this form. I think I read something about them not being presented. They were presented in this form: No. 1 cheque was presented first, No. 2 cheque was presented next, and No. 3 cheque presented last.

19,596. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Will you swear that the money was paid over the counter of your bank on these two cheques on the 2d of November?—You mean on these two vouchers?

19,597. On these two documents?—I will swear money was paid for either those two, or two like them. I cannot swear it was paid on those two.

19,598. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you say that the 150*l.* on the Monday was paid before the 300*l.*, or the 300*l.* before the 150*l.*?—We have it entered here as first.

19,599. Which first?—The 150*l.* paid first.

19,600. Do you know from your knowledge?—I cannot say, because I did not cash them; therefore I cannot say.

19,601. Does the book represent the order in which they are paid?—Not necessarily. It depends on the order in which they were placed in the drawer.

19,602. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I should like to ask a question, whether, when the cash taking was at Christmas, you remember seeing three cheques in the drawer for cash then?—I entered them from the cash here in this book.

19,603. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are those the very cheques?—That I cannot say. They were either those three cheques or three like them.

19,604. Did you examine the cheques at the time you made that entry in the book on the 31st December?—I should examine the date and name, and so on.

19,605. You did not otherwise examine them?—No.

19,606. There is nothing by which you can tell that those are the same cheques?—No, there is not.

19,607. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Would you know whether the counterfoils are lost?—He might obtain cheques at the counter; in that case there would be no counterfoil.

19,608. Here there have been counterfoils. The edges are serrated. What has become of the counterfoils in that case?—We have a certain number on the counter, and take the counterfoils off. They are no use.

19,609. And destroy them?—Yes.

19,610. You see the one cheque is dated the 31st October and two are dated the 2d November. Now, could he take three cheques from that counter on the 31st October and fill them up at his leisure?—Yes, Mr. Forge could have given him three cheques over the counter.

19,611. And he could have taken them home and filled them up. Would that be according to your practice?—The head cashier can give cheques to whom he thinks proper.

19,612. Would that be an ordinary transaction?—Oh, yes.

19,613. I suppose the person drawing the cheques would number them, would he not?—Yes.

19,614. Why are they numbered?—It is not necessary that they should be numbered.

19,615. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Supposing you were to look over these books, all the books you have in your possession, could you discover from them that any interest was due from Mr. Norfolk? Is there any document or book in your possession which, if you took and examined on the 1st of August would show you that there was one farthing of interest due from Mr. Norfolk?—No, with the exception of the 31st December.

19,616. There is nothing in your books, if anyone were to examine them on the 31st of August, that would show you; in fact, anybody who examined your books and knew book-keeping would come to the conclusion that there was nothing due?—He would.

19,617. Would not he come to that conclusion?—With the exception of that 31st of December.

19,618. At the closing of the transaction interest would be paid, and that would appear?—It would.

19,619. Instead of 800*l.* appearing here it would be 817*l.*?—Yes.

19,620. Because of course interest would appear in the receipt?—Yes.

19,621. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know of any application having been made to Mr. Norfolk for the payment of this money?—Not of my own knowledge.

THOMAS DUFFILL sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

19,622. You are the Thomas Duffield of Highgate, Beverley?—Yes.

19,623. What are you by occupation?—I was a landlord, a publican.

19,624. Have you been a landlord of a public-house?—Yes.

19,625. Do you keep a public-house now?—No.

19,626. How long have you ceased to do so?—Nearly 10 years.

19,627. Are you a voter for the borough?—Yes.

19,628. Did you vote as a freeman?—No, as an occupier.

19,629. How long have you been an occupier?—Since 1852.

19,630. How often have you voted?—Every time since.

19,631. Have you received money for your vote?—No, sir.

19,632. Never?—Never.

19,633. You have never been paid at any of those elections for your vote?—Never.

19,634. Have you ever received money to pay voters?—Yes.

19,635. In 1852, did you receive money to pay voters then?—No.

19,636. In 1854, Gordon and Hastings' election, did you receive money to pay voters then?—No, I did not.

19,637. Or after the election?—No.

19,638. You will understand my question always means either before or after the election?—No, I did not, either before or after.

19,639. In 1857 did you get money from anyone to pay voters then?—Who were there?

19,640. Denison, Glover, and Wells?—No.

19,641. Did you vote then?—Yes.

19,642. For whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells.

19,643. You voted for the Liberals?—Yes, I always have voted for the Liberals.

19,644. When Major Edwards came also in 1857, Edwards and Wells, who did you vote for then?—Wells.

19,645. You voted for Wells?—Yes.

19,646. Did you pay money to people then, either before or after the election?—No.

19,647. Did you take an active part in it?—Yes.

19,648. You did?—Yes.

19,649. Did you canvass?—I do not know that I did.

19,650. Did you go and ask voters to vote?—I do not know that I did.

19,651. What active part then did you take?—I was getting voters up to vote.

19,652. Do you know of any of these voters getting money afterwards?—No.

19,653. In 1859 Walters, Edwards, Walker and Glover, for whom did you vote?—For Walters.

19,654. For the Liberal?—Yes.

19,655. Did you take an active part then?—Yes.

19,656. What was it?—In getting up voters.

19,657. Paying voters; did you pay voters?—None at all, I mean to say a man made a mistake, for I never paid a man a penny at this election.

19,658. Who was that man?—They call him Brigham, it was the election following.

19,659. You began the operation the election following, in 1860?—Yes.

19,660. That was the first year in which you began to take action?—It was the first year at which I paid a parliamentary voter at an election and the last.

19,661. Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

19,662. First of all about this Brigham, what is his mistake?—It was at Gridley's election I paid that one man.

19,663. Only the mistake of a year?—Yes.

19,664. You also took an active part in 1860?—Yes.

19,665. How much money did you pay away?—It was 6*l.* for three men.

19,666. From whom did you get that money?—From John Westerby.

19,667. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He is dead?—He is.

19,668. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is that all?—No, I should go once or twice after that. When I got voters I went to him for money.

19,669. How much?—Only what would pay for a voter 2*l.* at a time.

19,670. Should you say the whole sum was about 10*l.* that you get from him?—I should say that would be the utmost.

19,671. Do you know who the men were? Do you know the names of the men?—There was a man they called Charles Turner, and a man they called George Duffit, but he is dead, when I should go to fetch the money I should give the name to Westerby.

19,672. Did you give them 2*l.* apiece?—Yes.

19,673. That you say is all the money you had?—I believe I gave it to Thomas Tindall, who kept the public house I formerly had, the "George and Dragon."

19,674. Is he alive?—No, he died, I think, a week ago.

19,675. In 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you then poll?—Yes.

19,676. For Mr. Keane?—For Keane.

19,677. Did you take an active part in that election?—Yes, in getting voters up.

19,678. I believe there was a good deal of money spent at that election?—There was money spent.

19,679. You know that?—Yes, on both sides.

19,680. If it is fair to ask how much did you spend?—Not a farthing.

19,681. That you say?—That I swear, not a farthing.

19,682. You have been active also at the municipal elections?—Yes.

19,683. And pasture masters?—Yes, I have; I have assisted at all the elections as well as I could.

19,684. The last in 1868?—I daresay I was assisting in getting voters up.

19,685. You voted them as it is called?—Yes, I took them up to vote.

19,686. After you had voted them, did you take any of them to get money?—No, I should very likely pay them myself.

19,687. In 1868 at the election of pasture masters have you paid men to vote?—Very likely, yes.

19,688. That was in March '68, whom did you pay?—Upon my word I could not tell you.

19,689. Tell me one or two?—I could not.

19,690. Tell me one?—I could not tell you one.

19,691. How much did you pay?—From a shilling to three shillings, three shillings was the highest.

19,692. I am talking of the election of 1868 for pasture masters, and you paid from one to three shillings a man?—Yes.

19,693. How much did you pay in the whole?—Perhaps a sovereign.

19,694. Who did you get it from?—From the same man, we always had it from the same man Westerby.

19,695. I hope you do not misunderstand me, I am talking of the election of pasture masters in 1868 the year before last, and you said you spent about a sovereign?—Yes.

19,696. Where did you get it?—I always got it from Westerby.

19,697. Was Westerby alive in March 1868?—Yes.

19,698. You got that money from Westerby?—Yes.

19,699. And you cannot recollect a single person you gave it to?—I cannot I am sure.

19,700. Now as to the town council election of last year, you were active then?—Yes.

19,701. How much did you get then?—5*l.*

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19,702. You got more ?—Not this last time, I got 5*l.*

19,703. You only got 5*l.* ?—Only 5*l.*

19,704. Are you sure of that ?—I am sure of that.

19,705. From whom did you get the 5*l.* ?—From Daniel Boyes a little after 9 o'clock.

19,706. How did you spend it ?—I will tell you (*handing up a list of names to the court*).

19,707. How much did you give to each man ?—I should think from 7*s.* to 10*s.*

19,708. There are nine names here, that would not make up the full amount at 10*s.* ?—No.

19,709. You have given nine names and I will read them ; John Downs, William Farnley, Alfred Gleed, William Robinson, Michael Harrison, Robert K. Taylor, William Clough, Thomas Rippon, and Richard Burton ?—Burton and Rippon have been here.

19,710. Those are all you can remember ?—Those are all the names I can remember.

19,711. Can you tell me this, did you or not spend the whole of the 5*l.* ?—Yes ; I believe I had 10*s.* of my own in my pocket.

19,712. Then according to you you spent more than the 5*l.* ?—Yes, I did spend more than the 5*l.*

19,713. This does not account for the whole of the 5*l.* ?—No.

19,714. What has become of the remainder ?—I cannot remember the other men, perhaps if you call some of those men they may mention the other names.

19,715. You got this 5*l.* you say from Daniel Boyes ?—Yes.

19,716. At what time of the day ?—It would be a little after 9 o'clock.

19,717. And when did you pay these men ?—I think the last man I should pay then would be about half-past 10 o'clock.

19,718. That was the last you paid ?—Yes, that was the last I paid ; I may state I remember two other men coming to vote, but I said it was of no use coming to vote as we had given over.

19,719. And your money was over ?—Yes, my money was over.

19,720. So that it was of no use their coming to you ? Did you spend any money at public-houses ?—That day ?

19,721. Yes, I mean that day, the day of the election, did you ?—No, not a penny.

19,722. Did you ever spend any money at those other elections at public-houses, you kept an inn for some time ?—I did keep an inn for some time.

19,723. Did you ever keep open house on any occasion ?—Never.

19,724. You never had your house open, how is that, had you ?—No, never.

19,725. That you say ?—Yes.

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19,726. In 1859, Walker's election, were you about the house of Pool's in the Toll Gavel ?—Yes.

19,727. Were you inside the house or outside of it ?—I dare say I should be inside as well during the day.

19,728. What were you doing inside the house ?—I should be going through when I got a voter.

19,729. Going through the mill ?—Going through the mill as they called it.

19,730. How many voters did you put through the mill ?—I could not say.

19,731. There were so many ?—I daresay I should take as many as anyone else would.

19,732. Well tell us, you are a man very well known, it is no secret ?—Not a bit.

19,733. I should like to know some of them. In the first place I should like to know what is your present estimate of the numbers that you took ?—I could not say.

19,734. About ?—I could not say.

19,735. You know I think, if you had been a perfectly candid witness you would have told my friend this when he examined you ?

19,736. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I asked you over and over again about this election ?—I said I took an active part in all elections.

19,737. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You have been most uncandid I consider.

19,738. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You never told us about the house in Toll Gavel.

19,739. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I asked you most carefully over and over again ?—I did not hear you.

19,740. Then you are the only person in court who did not ?—I have no occasion to come here to tell you an untruth.

19,741. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It is not telling an untruth, but not telling the whole truth, that is what I object to.

19,742. (*Mr. Barstow.*) About how many men did you take ?—I could not say ; I should say 20 at least.

19,743. So should I, and a good many more ?—I would not say how many ; I could not say.

19,744. Will you swear you did not take as many as 50 ?—I could not say.

19,745. You will not swear at any rate you did not take 50 ?—I will swear I did not take 50.

19,746. Will you swear you did not take 40 ?—I will swear I did not take 40, not through the mill as you were talking of.

19,747. By that I mean taking them to the room where Boyes was, and he passed them in to Robert Taylor. How many did you take ?—I should say 20 at the outside.

19,748. Now, having taken 20 men, can you tell me any of their names ?—No, upon my word I cannot.

19,749. On that occasion did you take Brigham ?—Not that I am aware of.

19,750. Or Turner ?—No.

19,751. Or Duffitt ?—Not that I am aware of ; yes, I believe I did take old George Duffitt.

19,752. On your oath, cannot you tell us any name of any person but George Duffitt, whom you took to be paid to the "Toll Gavel ?"—No, I am sure I cannot.

19,753. You are sure ?—I am sure.

19,754. On your oath, you cannot ?—On my oath, I cannot.

19,755. I will take it so, though it is a very strange statement. Pray in any other year did you take voters ; in '57 did you take voters in this way ?—No.

19,756. In 1857 did you take any part beyond voting ?—Yes, I took some up to vote.

19,757. Having taken them to vote, did you take them anywhere else ?—No.

19,758. What is the use of taking a man up to vote ?—That is, you take them up to vote after they have been paid sometimes.

19,759. Then, those men had been paid for their vote before, and you went to see they performed their part of the contract ?—Yes.

19,760. You did that in '57 ?—I did that, of course.

19,761. You say of course ; I should not have thought it of course if you did not say so. Now, can you tell us about how many people you took in this way in '57, men whom you knew had been paid, and you took to vote for the side on which they had been paid ?—I could not say. I know the last lot I took told me they had not got paid. I took a cab lot up, and they complained they had not been paid, and they have not been paid to this day.

19,762. Are you one of the men who welched ; you know what I mean, you did not pay the man whom you had promised ?—I do not know, I am sure.

19,763. Some men complain that they have been welched ?—Burton said that I had promised him 10*s.*, which that was a falsehood.

19,764. You cannot say the names of the men you took up in '57 ?—No.

19,765. There were as many as you took up in '59, perhaps ?—Yes.

19,766. That is to say, men whom you knew had been paid ?—Yes, or promised.

19,767. Can you tell me the first election in which you were employed in this manner ?—'57.

19,768. That is Major Edwards' first election ?—No, it was not Major Edwards, it was in Gridley's election ; that was the first.

19,769. No, Gridley's was in 1860 ?—Well, that was the first election that ever I took anybody up to be paid.

19,770. You took them to be paid, and after they were paid you took them to vote ; did you do that at Edwards' election ?—Not a man.

19,771. Or at Walker's election ?—No.

19,772. Then in Major Edwards' elections you never took a man ?—Not that was paid that I know of.

19,773. You did not take any voter ?—Not that was paid.

19,774. Or promised to be paid ?—No.

19,775. Just remember '57 ; is the first election in which the contest was between Edwards and Wells. Now did you take anybody to vote on Wells' behalf, I mean, not Edwards' ?—Oh yes, I should take some voters up.

19,776. Who would be paid, or promised to be paid ?—No, never been paid or promised.

19,777. Then could you tell me the use of taking a man up ?—Why, you know there are some that will not go to vote unless somebody goes with them.

19,778. Yes, and we know what sort of men those are also. Those are men who either expect to be paid, or have been paid, or have been promised to be paid ?—Some won't go unless they are paid.

19,779. Those were the class of men you took to vote ?—No, not that time.

19,780. Then that time you kept your hands clean from anything of the sort ?—Yes.

19,781. Now, in 1860 you paid voters, as you told us in Walker's and Gridley's election ?—Yes.

19,782. In that year did you take voters in the same way you have described to vote for Gridley ?—Yes.

19783. Men that had been paid or promised ?—Men that been paid or promised and men that I paid myself.

19,784. What number of men did you take altogether that had been paid can you give us a number ?—I could not say.

19,785. Were you busy all day taking them up ?—Yes.

19,786. Whom did you pay in '60 ?—George Brigham.

19,787. Who did you take to vote in '60, you paid Brigham, Turner, and Duffitt ?—All those.

19,788. Who besides, who did you take to poll whom you knew had been paid ?—I could not say, I am sure.

19,789. I suppose you were waiting at the door at the house in the Toll Gavel to see the men come out ?—No, I was all over the town.

19,790. Generally useful. In 1868 you paid men for voting, was that the municipal election, or the pasture masters ?—The municipal.

19,791. And you got 1*l.* from Westerby ?—No, that was for the pasture masters.

Mr. H. Cox observed that at the last municipal election the witness had received 5*l.*

19,792. (*Mr. Barstow.*) On what occasion was it you got the 1*l.* from Westerby ?—I believe it was the pasture masters. I would not be positive.

19,793, The pasture masters' election of '68 ?—Yes, I believe it was.

19,794. Have you on any other occasion got money from Westerby ?—Small sums.

19,795. You have got small sums from Westerby from time to time ?—Yes.

19,796. To pay money for council choosing and the pasture masters ?—Yes, to pay for council choosing as well.

19,797. Do you know where Westerby got the money ?—I do not know.

19,798. But he used to give money to you ?—Yes.

19,799. He was a sort of banker on your side from whom you got money to spend ?—He was what you might call the managing man.

19,800. He had the money ?—He had the money.

19,801. Did he ever mention to you where he got the money from ?—No.

19,802. Did you ever get any money from Daniel Boyes on any occasion except the last ?—Only the last.

19,803. He never paid you any money on any other occasion ?—No.

19,804. He is a friend of yours ; I have heard your names mentioned together ?—Yes.

19,805. He has been very active in this way ?—It was before my time.

19,806. You know as a friend he has been very active in this way, it is a matter in print which you can read ?—Just so.

19,807. He has never given you any money except on this occasion ?—No.

19,808. And he never employed you in any way ?—No.

19,809. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you take anybody through the mill in '65, "Edwards and Sykes" ?—In Keane's election ?

19,810. Yes ?—No, not a man, I never was in the Mechanics'.

Examined by the Chief Commmissioner.

19,811. Pardon me for asking you a question or two. You were employed, were you settled with after the election was over ?—No.

19,812. This is work that a respectable man will not take very willingly ?—I assure you I do my work always for nothing for the party and I have done so ever since I could do anything. I have been a great deal of money out of pocket.

19,813. You knew money was going ?—There were always plenty to take without me.

19,814. You puzzle me ; you knew money was going ; for example, who was up in 1860, Gridley ; you knew Gridley was a wealthy man, or whoever there was you knew they had money ?—Yes, but he never gave me any.

19,815. Do you know who was the conducting agent ?—I am sure I do not know.

19,816. In Keane's election you knew then money was going ?—Oh yes, everybody knew it.

19,817. Did it not appear strange to you that you were not employed on that occasion ?—No, not at all.

19,818. Did you canvass ?—I believe I did.

19,819. Did you take up voters ?—I did.

19,820. About how many voters did you take up to the poll ?—I could not say.

19,821. About ?—Well I should think 20 at least.

19,822. How many of them do you think found their way to the Mechanics' Hall ?—I should think the greatest part of them.

19,823. Then you were engaged in Keane's election in the very same way. I thought you were, you yourself took care not to go into the Mechanics' Hall, you did not go in there I venture to say ?—No, I did not.

19,824. You knew perfectly well what was going on there ?—Everybody knew.

19,825. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you remember the questions I asked you just now, and do you remember you have been sworn not only to tell the truth but the whole truth ?—I am telling you the truth as far as I know.

19,826. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You took up the men and saw them go in to be paid, but you say you never received any money yourself ; did you receive any little token ?—No, never.

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19,827. And you are out of business ?—Yes.

19,828. And you received nothing for your distribution of money municipally in '68 from Boyes ?—No.

19,829. Did you learn from Boyes where he got the money ?—No.

19,830. He was not a candidate was he ?—No.

19,831. It was a curious thing, why should he have any money, where did he give it you ?—In his own house.

19,832. You went there ?—Yes.

19,833. What took you there, did you go there by accident ?—It is very seldom that I miss a day.

19,834–5. It is the "Angel Inn," I think ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

T. White.

THOMAS WHITE sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

19,836. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

19,837. How long have you been a voter ?—15 or 16 years.

19,838. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

19,839. What are you by trade ?—I am a cabinet maker.

19,840. Where do you work ?—At the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company.

19,841. Who is the foreman of your department ?—Of my department ?

19,842. Yes ?—John Bentley.

19,843. The man who has been examined here. Now what was the first parliamentary election you voted at ?—I believe it would be Wells and Denison.

19,844. In the early part of '57, for whom did you vote ?—Wells and Denison.

19,845. What did you receive ?—Not one farthing.

19,846. Who was then over the ironworks ?—Well, I cannot say, I was not there then.

19,847. Do you know money was going ?—I do not know it.

19,848. When was the next election you voted at ?—Well, I could not really say ; if you will remind me I will tell you.

19,849. I will tell you. The next election was in the same year, "Edwards and Wells "?—I voted for Wells.

19,850. What did you get ?—Not one farthing.

19,851. The next was in '59, Walters and Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote ?—I voted for Walters and Edwards I believe, or Walters and Walker, I could not say which.

19,852. What did you receive ?—I received 2*l.*

19,853. From whom ?—From a man of the name of Taylor, he went by the name of Pump at that time.

19,854. Where ?—At this house in this street here, I have forgot the name.

19,855. Who had promised you then to pay you ?—Nobody promised me.

19,856. Who took you up to the poll ?—I went by myself.

19,857. How did you know where to go to ?—I got it before I voted.

19,858. Who paid you ?—Taylor.

19,859. He paid you beforehand ?—Yes.

19,860. Did you vote in '60. "Walker & Gridley "?—Yes, I voted for Walker.

19,861. How much ?—Not one farthing.

19,862. How was that, who took you to the poll ?—Well, excuse me, I got I believe a sovereign for my expenses in coming from Hornsea.

19,863. Who paid you ?—Either Vickers or Nathaniel Kemplay, they were both together. Vickers paid me I believe.

19,864. Do you mean Hornsey in London ?—No, not Hornsey Wood, Hornsea near here, about 14 miles off.

19,865. Did you get anything after ?—No.

19,866. You got your expenses ?—That was for my expenses.

19,867. In '65 where were you working ?—Which election was that ?

19,868. When Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up ?—I was here.

19,869. And working where you are at present ?—At the very place.

19,870. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

19,871. How long had you been at work there ?—I have been there perhaps this last 10 or 11 years.

19,872. How much did you get in 1865 ?—2*l.*

19,873. From whom ?—Luke Hind.

19,874. I thought Luke Hind was acting for somebody else ?—Yes, I got it for men employed in our place.

19,875. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Sykes.

19,876. Upon what condition did you get the 2*l.* ?—I fetched it for two men, I will tell you their names.

19,877. For whom ?—William Hobson and Billy Dove.

19,878. Of course you gave it them ?—Yes.

19,879. 1*l.* each ?—1*l.* each.

19,880. What did you yourself get ?—Not one farthing.

19,881. Who canvassed you ?—I could not say positively I am sure.

19,882. You had been a Liberal, had not you at one time ; when did you change your politics ?—Well, let me see, I could not say exactly; I could not say positively.

19,883. About 10 years ago ?—Well, I do not know exactly, I am sure I could not say.

19,884. Now that brings us down to the election of 1868, Edwards and Kennard ?—Edwards and Kennard I voted for.

19,885. Most of your men do vote for Edwards and Kennard, most of your companions ?—A good deal of our men voted for them. There are men that have not voted for them all the time we have had the establishment, they have not voted for the Liberal party I mean.

19,886. You are about three to one ?—No, I do not think so many.

19,887. I suppose you got nothing for that ?—Not a farthing.

19,888. Who canvassed you ; well, you were under Mr. Bentley, that will do for me. Did you at all take any part in the municipal elections, I suppose you are a voter ?—I took a part only on my own account.

19,889. Did you vote ?—Yes.

19,890. Did you receive anything ?—Not one farthing.

19,891. Did you canvass any person ?—No, not any.

19,892. What do you mean by taking a part on your own account ?—I mean the day of the municipal election.

19,893. What part did you take ?—I took up voters to the poll.

19,894. Who employed you ?—No one.

19,895. Did not Bentley speak to you ?—No.

19,896. You know Bentley was very much interested in it ?—He never mentioned a word to me about the concern at all.

19,897. Who did ?—No one belonging to the establishment.

19,898. Did you know Norfolk was up ?—Yes.

19,899. Then you volunteered your services ?—Yes.

19,900. What class of men did you take up to the poll ?—I took a good many.

19,901. And where did you take them to then ?—I took them to the "Golden Ball."

19,902. Why did you take them to the "Golden Ball ?"—Of course I took them to receive what little money there was.

19,903. Had you told them that they would get the

money there ?—Yes, I told them that they would get the money there.

19,904. Who told you that they would get the money there ?—Well, it was generally known they would get it, I volunteered my services to do the best for the party.

19,905. Who told you ?—They would not need telling, it was generally known. I wanted to do the best for the party. I did not lay any trap myself.

19,906. Who told you ?—I do not know that anyone told me exactly, it was the general talk, the Liberals were talking about giving this and that and the other and there was money going on both sides.

19,907. Who told you ?—I do not know that anyone did.

19,908. Did you take up any to vote that you did not afterwards take to the "Golden Ball." Did every man that you took up to vote go with you afterwards to the "Golden Ball"?—Yes, I believe they did.

19,909. How many were there ?—I could not say, perhaps 30.

19,910. And perhaps more ?—Yes, perhaps more and perhaps less ; I could not say to a few.

19,911. Had you been taking them up to 2 o'clock or after 2 ?—I could not say to an hour.

19,912. Do you recollect how many you took up after dinner ?—No. I do not I am sure.

19,913. How were you paid, you got so much a week ?—Yes, I get generally five or six and thirty shillings a week.

19,914. This way on a Monday ?—I believe it was.

19,915. I suppose you did not lose your day's wage on that occasion ?—I lost it on that occasion.

19,916. You gave that up for the good of the party ?—I lost it, I lost the day's wage.

19,917. You are losing your day's work; you a workman at 36*s.* a week ?—In general we work at piece work such men as me.

19,918. Here you are losing your day's work, 9 till when ? Well, say 9 till 2 or 3 ?—I lost my day's wage.

19,919. Then you were at work there ?—No.

19,920. But you were bringing up these men ?—Yes, that day.

19,921. Did you get nothing for refreshment ?—I did not get as much as a glass of ale.

19,922. Strange ?—Only at my own expense.

19,923. Where did you treat yourself ?—At different public-houses in the town.

19,924. Had you any money at all to give to voters ?—Not one farthing.

19,925. You are a freeman ?—Yes.

19,926. Have you often voted for the town council choosing ?—Well, I have only twice.

19,927. Have you been paid on neither occasion ?—No, on neither occasion.

19,928. Have you had any money pass through your hands ?—No, not one farthing.

19,929. I suppose you also voted for the pasture masters ?—Yes.

19,930. Did any money pass through your hands on that occasion ?—No.

19,931. Have you been paid ?—I do not think I ever was.

19,932. We will take that as an answer, that you were I think ?—I cannot say that ever I was paid on pasture master choosing.

19,933. But you cannot say you were not ?—I believe I could positively.

19,934. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were you paid at the last election for pasture masters ?—No.

19,935. I do not mean in 1869; in 1868 ?—I do not believe I ever was paid for any pasture master choosing.

19,936. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You know Monkman ?—Yes.

19,937. Have you been in company with him today ?—Yes, I was a few minutes ; we went out just as you were closing the business at lunch.

19,938. You have been in his company you say ?—Yes.

19,939. Have you seen the person we have employed to deliver messages and serve notices ?—Yes.

19,940. Have you been in company with Monkman and followed him about ?—We met in the passage ; we merely saluted each other.

19,941. What did you say ?—We asked him how he was going to pay the money back that he had borrowed from Sir Henry Edwards ; that is some years since. That is all that passed. Vickers walked on.

19,942. Did anything else pass ?—Nothing else.

19,943–5. We cannot allow anyone to interfere with the action of a person we employ.

19,946. (*The witness.*) I never did in the least. I only asked him a civil question.

19,947. (*Mr. Vickers.*) They used threatening language, and most obscene language, both of them, both he and Monkman.

19,948. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) All I can say is, if it is repeated again we shall examine Mr. Vickers ; we must put him into the box.

19,949. (*The witness.*) I beg your pardon, Mr. Serjeant O'Brien, I asked him when he was going to pay Sir Henry Edwards' money that he got some years back, and I think my word will go further than his.

19,950. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Well, we accept that denial of yours.

The witness withdrew.

George William Davis sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

G. W. Davis.

19,951. What are you ?—A fitter and turner.

19,952. At the Old Foundry ?—At the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company.

19,953. Who is the foreman of your department ?—Thomas Daniels.

19,954. Was he foreman of your department on the 2nd of November last ?—Ever since I worked as a boy in 1852.

19,955. How did you vote at the municipal election ?—For Mr. Usher and his colleagues.

19,956. Were you paid ?—Yes.

19,957. How much ?—15*s.*

19,958. Who did you get it of ?—Anthony Levitt.

19,959. Is he foreman in your place ?—Yes, in the smith department.

19,960. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Edwards and Kennard.

19,961. That is the first parliamentary election you have voted at ?—Yes.

19,962. You have voted for council choosing ?—Yes, once or twice.

19,963. Have you paid any money ?—Never a farthing in my life on any occasion.

19,964. Were you active ?—I do not think I took any to vote in the manner it has been stated this afternoon.

19,965. Did you take anyone to the "Golden Ball" ?—No, I never knew there was a mill there till after the day.

19,966. Till after the day ?—No.

19,967. You voted for the town council once or twice and was never paid on any occasion at all ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

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W. Watson.

WILLIAM WATSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

19,968. What are you?—A painter.

19,969. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

19,970. How long have you been a freeman?—I have since 1857.

19,971. Had you taken an active part in the elections?—Not in the parliamentary.

19,972. Have you voted at several of the parliamentary elections?—Yes.

19,973. And have got money for your vote?—No, only one.

19,974. Let us hear which that is?—I think it was in 1857, I believe.

19,975. Was that the election when Major Edwards came the first time?—I believe I made a mistake, I think it was 1847.

19,976. Fox, Towneley, and Goldsmid?—Yes, that was my first.

19,977. What did you get?—30*s.*

19,978. From whom?—For Goldsmid.

19,979. At any of the other elections did you get money for you vote?—No.

19,980. In 1857, when Edwards and Wells were the candidates, did you get any money for your vote then?—No.

19,981. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election?—No.

19,982. In 1860, when Walker and Gridley put up?—No.

19,983. In 1865, when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane put up?—No.

19,984. You got no money for your vote?—No.

19,985. Neither before or after the election?—No, only that one election.

19,986. Did you ever have money to give away to others?—None but the last municipal election.

19,987. Not at any of the parliamentary elections?—Not one.

19,988. At the last municipal election, what money did you have to give away?—I only, when voters were come up to the poll, I took them to Mr. Kemplay and he gave them what money was requested for their voting, but sometimes they handed the money to me to give.

19,989. How many did you take up to Kemplay?—Six or seven, they are all in the list that I know of that Mr. Kemplay has given to you. I believe there would be five or six that I gave money for Kemplay, for I handed the money to the parties.

19,990. Have you ever been engaged in the election of pasture masters?—No.

19,991. The election of last year, 1868, for pasture masters?—I have never been engaged in any election at all.

19,992. Did you vote at the election of pasture masters in March 1868?—I believe I did.

19,993. The last election but one?—I believe I did.

19,994. Did you have any money to distribute then?—No.

The witness withdrew.

T. Ireland.

THOMPSON IRELAND sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

19,995. Are you a freeman?—No.

19,996. When did you become a voter for the borough?—I have not been one yet.

19,997. You never have had a parliamentary vote yet?—No, but I am on for the next time if we have one.

19,998. Have you been a municipal voter?—I am not a voter at all except for churchwardens and guardians.

19,999. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you any relation of the same name?—No, I have not a relation of the same name in the town; I am the only man who is alluded to in the paper.

20,000. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you employed on the last council choosing?—I was not employed, I was employed at the parliamentary, but not the municipal, to carry circulars out and bills and the like.

20,001. Were you employed at the municipal?—No, there is a man of the name of Tattersall made mention of me.

20,002. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you go with any of those men?—I went with two of them.

20,003. And you saw them paid?—I saw them paid and I saw them vote, and I had nothing more to do with it.

20,004. You did not get anything?—No, nothing, except my allowance, a glass of ale.

The witness withdrew.

S. Bishoprich.

SAMUEL BISHOPRICK sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

20,005. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

20,006. And you are a freeman?—Yes.

20,007. How long have you been?—25 years I think.

20,008. What was the first election you voted at?—It was Goldsmid's 1847, I think.

20,009. What did you get?—Nothing at all; I had a chance of 4*l.* from Mr. Stather, and I might have got 2*l.* for Towneley, but I voted for Fox for nothing.

20,010. You were offered 4*l.*?—Yes.

20,011. From whom?—Goldsmid.

20,012. Who offered you it?—A man of the name of Stather, he was an auctioneer.

20,013. The next election was 1852, that was Lawley, Wells, and Glover?—I should vote for Glover.

20,014. Did you get anything then?—No.

20,015. Have you before had money at a parliamentary election?—Never, but one.

20,016. Which election was that?—That was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, I believe.

20,017. What did you get then?—I got 3*l.*

20,018. Who gave it you?—David Nutchey.

20,019. And you voted I suppose for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

20,020. Now I must ask you are you clear in answering that you have never been bribed except at that election?—Yes.

20,021. What made you, who had abstained from taking money so many years when it was going, take it in 1865?—So many were getting it at that time that I thought I had as much right as they had.

20,022. The same remark applied to the others?—Yes.

20,023. Why did you not take it before?—Because I did not wish to look after it.

20,024. You had voted as a disinterested man for years, and then you took it this time?—Yes, that is the only time.

20,025. Have you been busy at elections?—Yes, I have been employed as a messenger.

20,026. Have you ever what they call "voted" people?—Yes, I have taken people to vote.

20,027. Was that in all elections?—Not in all, but a good many of them.

20,028. You were employed as a messenger?—Yes.

20,029. What remuneration did you get?—Perhaps 30*s.* for seven or eight days.

20,030. You must have had some rate of pay?—There was no stated amount mentioned, but they gave us what they liked at the finish.

20,031. What was the first occasion that you were a messenger?—Very nearly them all I think.

20,032. What sums have you been paid as a messenger?—33*s.* has been the highest.

20,033. You voted for the side you were a messenger?—Yes.

20,034. Where were you paid?—Generally at Mr. Bainton's office.

20,035. Who paid you?—Mr. Bainton's clerk, Mr. McCoy in general.

20,036. Did Mr. Bainton ever pay you himself?—I do not think he did.

20,037. Was there a day fixed at which you went to be paid at Mr. Bainton's?—Yes, it was generally a week or so after.

20,038. And you were all there together I suppose?—Yes, pretty nearly all together.

20,039. What time were you paid?—Sometimes at 7 o'clock in the evening.

20,040. The same hour was fixed for you all to be paid?—Yes.

20,041. I suppose, being pay day, you pretty nearly all came?—Yes.

20,042. What number of men were there?—I am sure I have not any idea.

20,043. You have an idea; what is your idea?—Perhaps 20.

20,044. May I say perhaps 30?—Perhaps 30.

20,045. At at any rate over 20?—Very likely, perhaps they would not all be there together.

20,046. What did you do when you were a messenger?—I took messages backwards and forwards from different places.

20,047. Thirty messengers or even 20 is a large number?—Some were taking bills out.

20,048. In point of fact you did not work hard?—Yes, we did anything we could, anything we were ordered.

20,049. Nothing was said about it?—I do not know that there was.

20,050. Am I to understand that at the election in 1865 you got 3*l.* besides being paid as a messenger?—No, I was not a messenger.

20,051. That is the reason you got 3*l.*?—Yes.

20,052. You have been a freeman, and I suppose you have voted at pasture master elections?—Yes, ever since I could vote.

20,053. I suppose you generally got a little when there was a contest?—Yes, 2*s.* 6*d.* or 3*s.*

20,054. Have you voted for council choosing?—Yes.

20,055. You generally got a little bit then?—Yes.

20,056. Have you voted for churchwardens?—Yes.

20,057. Have you got anything then?—I have got a little sometimes, but I have had money to give away at churchwarden elections.

20,058. How much was that?—I cannot tell you, I had a sample bag of silver that Mr. Vickers gave me.

20,059. You do not know the amount?—No.

20,060. Do you know whether it was 10*l.* or 5*l.*?—I should think there was better than 5*l.* in it.

20,061. That was in the election of churchwardens?—Yes.

20,062. What parish?—St. Mary's.

20,063. Can you give me the date?—I am sure I cannot, it was when Mr. Vickers was a churchwarden.

20,064. How much silver do you think there was in the bag?—There would be better than 5*l.* I should think, but I never counted it.

20,065. What did you do with it?—I distributed it amongst the voters.

20,066. What sort of sums?—2*s.*, 2*s.* 6*d.*, and 3*s.*, perhaps a little more in some instances.

20,067. In some instances more?—Very likely, it is a good many years since.

20,068. Where did you distribute it?—In the street.

20,069. And where did this election of churchwardens go on?—In the church.

20,070. You did not like to pay in the church?—No.

20,071. I be bound to say you did?—I do not think I paid one in the church.

20,072. Who were the candidates?—I do not know who else but Mr. Vickers I am sure at that time.

20,073. Mr. Vickers I suppose then was on your side?—Yes.

20,074. And who was on the other side?—I do not know; I fancy James Watson the painter.

20,075. Who we have heard just now?—No, that is William Watson.

20,076. Was it made a political matter?—Yes.

20,077. Do you know what the object was of making such an office a political matter?—No.

20,078. All you know is that it was decided by political feeling?—Yes, Mr. Vickers sent to me and gave it to me to distribute, and I did the best I could with it.

20,079. Do you know whether there was money paid on the other side?—Yes.

20,080. Do you know where the money came from?—No.

20,081. I think in 1868 that is in the council choosing of last year you had something to do with that?—Yes.

20,082. I forget in what way?—I was a messenger then.

20,083. Had you anything to do with paying people?—Not at all.

20,084. You got something for yourself?—Yes.

20,085. You got 1*l.* I think?—Yes.

20,086. Who gave it you?—Mr. Burrell gave me 1*l.* about a week after the election.

20,087. Is that all you can remember at the moment?—I think it is I am sure. I do not know of anything else I can tell you.

Examined by the Chief Commissioners.

20,088. When you were not employed as a messenger you got 3*l.*?—Yes.

20,089. I suppose you would not have voted that year if you had not got the money?—Oh yes, I should.

20,090. I think not. Can you tell me when did Burrell pay you the 1*l.*?—About a week after.

20,091. How many days before the parliamentary election?—I cannot say, perhaps a week.

20,092. Did you not ask to be employed as a messenger for the parliamentary election?—No, I spent a week over it for nothing.

20,093. That is very strange, you spent a week over it?—Yes, for nothing.

20,094. After you got 1*l.* for the municipal?—Yes.

20,095. Did you commence work then?—No, I did not start work then exactly.

20,096. Did you ever get anything else except this 30*s.* as messenger?—I did not.

20,097. Never?—Never.

20,098. Never any thing from Walker's fund?—Yes.

20,099. That is what I mean?—Yes, I got 2*l.* from Walker's gift about a twelvemonth ago.

20,100. What was the 2*l.* for?—I lost two pigs, and I applied two or three times before I got it.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

9th September 1869.

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R. Whiting.

9 Sept. 1869.

RICHARD WHITING sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

20,101. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

20,102. How long have you been a freeman of Beverley?—For 30 years.

20,103. Are you a town councillor?—Yes.

20,104. How long have you been a town councillor?—I was first elected in 1851; I have been three times town councillor.

20,105. You are a voter and a freeman of over 30 years; whom did you vote for at the last election?—Maxwell and Trollope.

20,106. I believe you have voted on that side generally?—Yes; my first election was Towneley's, and I never voted in my life but for the Liberals; I never gave a Tory vote in my life.

20,107. Money, we well know was given at Towneley's election?—Yes.

20,108. Was any portion of that money given to you to distribute, or had you any portion of it?—I never took a bribe in my life.

20,109. I did not ask you that?—I had nothing to do with the money.

20,110. Were you employed in any way at that election?—No, I was not.

20,111. Did you take an active part in it?—No more than voting myself and inducing others to vote.

20,112. That I call taking an active part. Did you tell them where money was going?—No; they knew that without.

20,113. You knew it and they knew it?—Yes.

20,114. Did you take them where they got the money?—No.

20,115. Did you direct them where to go?—No, I told them who I thought were the likeliest men to do their country good, the Liberals.

20,116. Do not talk in that way of men who were giving money and receiving money as a bribe; men who are receiving 10*l.*, 12*l.*, and 20*l.* But what inducement did you hold out, if you held out any?—I never took a man to receive money in my life.

20,117. Did you tell them where to go to get it?—Never.

20,118. Did you know where the committee rooms were?—Yes.

20,119. Did you know where they were paying money?—Yes; they were paying money in Walker Gate.

20,120. Did you go to Walker Gate with any of them?—Never.

20,121. Did you tell them to go there?—No.

20,122. Was there more than one place where they were paying money out?—I believe not.

20,123. Who were paying them?—Mr. Westerby, the tallow chandler, but he has been dead many years.

20,124. Who was the agent?—I do not know; I voted Liberal on every election.

20,125-6. You voted for Towneley in 1841?—And in 1847 I voted Liberal.

20,127. Did you take an active part at that election?—No, I did not, no more than voting.

20,128. You knew money was going in 1841 and 1847?—I did not know that it was going in 1847; I never troubled my head about money, for I never wanted any and never took any; I never did.

20,129. In 1852, did you vote then?—Yes, for Lawley and Wells.

20,130. Money was going then?—It was.

20,131. Where was their committee room, do you recollect?—I am sure I do not know, but at the Reform Rooms I should think. I should think it very likely to be the Reform Rooms.

20,132. I should think very likely too, that was where the money was paid?—I do not know, but very likely.

20,133. What was the rate then?—I cannot say.

20,134. Were 2*l.* or 3*l.* going then?—I think so.

20,135. On both sides. Come, it is of no use trying to conceal the matter?—I will tell you all I know, but I hope you will not expect me to tell you an untruth.

20,136. No, we do not expect that from anybody. Did you vote at Glover's election?—I never had anything to do with Glover; I took no account about that.

20,137. The next is 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—That was the only election I abstained from voting at. I did not take any part in that.

20,138. Were you in the town?—I was in the town, but my party and myself did not exactly agree, and I took no part in that election.

20,139. Denison and Wells?—Yes.

20,140. Had you any particular motive for abstaining?—Nothing corrupt.

20,141. Nothing corrupt?—No.

20,142. Had you been spoken to by the Glover party?—No, they had no control over me. I will tell you the reason. Mr. Denison was brought forward instead of Mr. Gordon. I thought Mr. Gordon was a very good member, and therefore I would not take a part in it, and did not vote.

20,143. Well, that is a very substantial reason, if true. Edwards and Wells, did you vote for Wells when Glover was turned out in 1857? It was a single-handed fight?—Yes.

20,144. You voted for Wells?—Yes.

20,145. There was money going then?—I do not know; I do not think there was.

20,146. In 1857, when Edwards came here, was there not money going then?—Plenty, I should say.

20,147. Did you take men up for Wells?—I did not, and if I did it was only in the market place, to induce them to vote; but I never took a bribe.

20,148. The market is a place where things are expected to be sold; are these exceptions?—There are scores of people who would not vote at all unless they were asked by some party or other, scores of them.

20,149. That is true. Used you take down their names?—No; I knew them pretty well by sight, and all their names. I knew the voters pretty well.

20,150. Used you to go up to the poll with them?—Yes.

20,151. And used you to give their names to anybody?—Never.

20,152. After they left the poll somebody would go with them?—I do not know. I never took a man that I know of that got a penny, except at one election.

20,153. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You said one?—Yes, and I will explain that when you ask me, but you have not asked me.

20,154. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—I should vote single-handed, certainly.

20,155. There was a great deal of money going at that election, was there not?—I did not know it.

20,156. Did you know anything of Walters? He was a perfect stranger here; he came from the

North, from Northumberland; a lawyer and a stranger, entirely unknown?—He was not an unknown man to me or to any person who reads the papers; I could see the papers.

20,157. He came here only a day or two before the election, and with plenty of money?—I do not know that. I never wanted money from anybody.

20,158. Was not money very plentiful at that election?—I do not know that it was.

20,159. Did you take men to the poll?—I took all I could on the Liberal side.

20,160. How many did you take?—Perhaps 50, or 60.

20,161. Tell us some few of the names of the men you took in 1859?—I cannot.

20,162. Where was the money in 1859?—It was rumoured at the Reform Rooms.

20,163. Were you a member of the Reform Rooms?—I was a member of the Reform Rooms; but I do not know that I went into it at the election time.

20,164. You did not go into it?—I might be in during the election, but I had nothing to do with taking a man in.

20,165. You said you did not know you went into it?—If I did say so I will stick to it; I do not know that I was in.

20,166. Do you know who was paying the money?—No, I know who they said was.

20,167. Who was it they said?—I think it was said Robert Taylor was paying money.

20,168. How much?—I do not know.

20,169. Two or three pounds?—I am sure I do not know; I had nothing to do with money transactions.

20,170. Did you know an empty house near the Reform Room?—No, I did not know it.

20,171. There was a house conveniently empty, and Mr. Taylor there?—I did not know it.

20,172. Who was Taylor; was he a friend of yours?—Yes.

20,173. Was he a member of the town council?—I think not.

20,174. Do you mean to say you did not take any men to get money at the Reform Rooms?—I do.

20,175. Or that you did not take them into the empty house?—No.

20,176. Or direct them to go?—No.

20,177. I should like to know the name of any one man you induced to vote?—I should probably try to induce a good many; I always tried to do.

20,178. We can't go through the whole list of voters; but tell us some few names of persons you induced to vote?—I cannot; it was a general run with me.

20,179. I do not like general runs; give us one name?—I cannot.

20,180. I don't know what you believe people will think of your evidence when they read it, taking people or inducing persons to vote at all those elections, and not knowing the name of a single person?—When you are going with a crowd of 10,000 people and asking first one and then another, you have not time to remember.

20,181. And, seriously, out of all these elections you cannot give us one man?—I had an uncle who is dead.

20,182. Ah, I thought we should have to go to the grave. Can you give us another?—Yes, I will tell you another. I went to Northallerton after an old man. I got to Thirsk, and I found Straker the Conservative agent was going after him. When I got to Northallerton I took the man to my lodgings and kept him a week, and then took him to vote.

20,183 ?—He is dead, I suppose?—Yes.

20,184 ?—Give us a living man?—I will try to pencil them down, if you like, and give you them some other day.

20,185. We cannot wait now. Walker and Gridley in 1860; there was money going then?—I am sure I do not know; I got no money. I would not have voted for money if a thousand pounds had been offered.

20,186. I do not like boasting. Can you give us any names?—I cannot.

20,187. Do you happen to know who was Mr. Gridley's agent?—I am sure I do not know.

20,188–90. Was it Mr. Leeman?—I do not know.

20,191. We come down now to 1865?—Yes.

20,192. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

20,193. You remember 1865?—Yes.

20,194. And you took an active part for Mr. Keane?—I did not very much.

20,195. I thought he was very popular here?—Very.

20,196. Did you vote for him?—Yes, but I was not very well at the time, and stayed at home a good deal. I went upon the hustings the day of the election, and I never was off the hustings till I left to go home.

20,197. Was that the election when money passed through your hands?—No.

20,198. There was one election, I think you said, when money passed through your hands?—Yes, there was one, and I will explain.

20,199. When money passed through your hands for Mr. Keane?—No.

20,200. After the election?—No; no money passed through my hands for Mr. Keane at all.

20,201. Were you employed to pay any bills after the election?—No.

20,202. You were saying something about the hustings, what has that got to do with it?—I said I was there on the hustings. I had been ill at Mr. Keane's election, and all I did was I went to vote, and having voted I remained on the hustings. Alderman Arden was there, and many others.

20,203. You knew where they were paying money then?—I did not know, only by rumour.

20,204. Was it rumoured they were paying at the Mechanics' Hall?—It was rumoured, but I knew nothing of it.

20,205. Were you at the Mechanics' Hall that day?—I was not.

20,206. Tell me which election it was that you paid money?—It was the election of Lawley and Wells.

20,207. I asked you particularly as to Lawley and Wells?—You asked me if I had bribed, and I said I never had but at one election, and that I would explain when you asked me.

20,208. Well, it may be so; what election was that?—It was at the election of Lawley and Wells.

20,209. I asked you about Lawley and Wells in 1852, what occurred then?—I voted for Lawley and Wells. I did take one solitary instance in bribing them.

20,210. What! were you entrapped into it?—Well, I think I almost was.

20,211. Tell me, how did it occur?—Well, I bribed a man to vote for Lawley and Wells. I gave a man two sovereigns or four to vote for Lawley and Wells.

20,212. What is the man's name?—Watson.

20,213. What has become of him?—He is dead you know.

20,214. Who gave it to you?—I should almost think Tigar did at that time.

20,215. You know he did?—I almost think so, I would not be certain.

20,216. It is difficult for me to appreciate what is the state of mind in which a man almost thinks, you know perfectly well that it was Tigar gave it you?—I do not, but I think it was.

20,217. Who is Tigar?—The collector of the beck dues for the corporation.

20,218. I dare say you were a common councilman then?—I am sure I cannot say.

20,219. You were, you told me you had been, and were again. You were a common councillor when Tigar was the collector?—He was not the collector then, he was afterwards.

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20,220. What is he now?—He is collector of the beck dues.

20,221. He has become collector since you have become a councillor?—Yes, he was chosen after that.

20,222. Did you tell them as a recommendation to them that he had given you that money?—Perhaps I might, I do not remember that I did, I should think that I really did not, I do not remember it; it would be very unlikely.

20,223. How soon after he gave you the money was he chosen?—I really do not know I am sure.

20,224. He gave you a little more than 4*l.* or 2*l.*, people do not come up with solitary instances of only 2*l.* or 4*l.*, I daresay you returned it, but you must have had more?—No, I did not want it.

20,225. I did not say you did want it, that is not an answer at all. How came Tigar to give you 4*l.*? We will go to the date first. I will call your attention to it, it was in July 1852. Now where did Tigar give you the money?—I should think very likely at the committee room, I would not say, I do not know.

20,226. Do you mean the Reform Rooms?—I think the committee rooms would be there.

20,227. In the Reform Rooms?—Yes, but I am not certain of it.

20,228. How much was it?—2*l.* or 4*l.*

20,229. I think it would be more, recollect yourself, it was a good deal more than that?—No.

20,230. What did he say to you, I will judge of that, and Tigar is living. I call that to your mind, and he will be here, that may refresh your memory a bit?—Not a bit.

20,231. What did Tigar say to you?—He said I should think that I should go and try to get all the votes I could, and I got one.

20,232. But 4*l.* would go a very short way in getting all the votes you could?—It would go a long way with me.

20,233. Did he give you the money when he asked you to get all the voters you could?—No, he did not.

20,234. When did he give you the money?—I should think when I told him I had got one, I do not know, it is so long since, and I am not practised in these sort of bribery transactions, I cannot remember.

20,235. You say so?—I do.

20,236. But if it was a solitary instance then it must remain in your memory, the practised man might not remember the details, but if it was a solitary instance, and you were entrapped to bribe it would remain fixed in your memory. How much did you get?—4*l.*

20,237. How many men did you get?—I could get a number to vote.

20,238. We will judge of that. A man with money in his hand from Tigar going to canvass men?—I had not money in my hand. I only brought one up.

20,239. How many did you bring up?—I brought one up for money.

20,240. How many men did you bring him. He told you to go and get as many as you could?—I got what I tell you.

20,241. How many men did you bring up; did you bring up a dozen?—Very likely I did.

20,242. Can you give me the name of any one?—No, I cannot.

20,243. Did you give Watson the 4*l.*?—Yes, I gave him it.

20,244. I thought 2*l.* was the tariff; then you gave him 4*l.*?—I think it was 4*l.* I gave him.

20,245. You will not swear you gave him 4*l.*?—No, I will not, but I think it was 4*l.* I gave him for a single vote; that is, for two halves; that is, for Lawley and Wells.

20,246. You took no part in Keane's election except voting?—No.

20,247. Did you vote last election?—Yes.

20,248. Are you a town councillor now?—Yes.

20,249. When were you elected?—I was elected a long while before I took my seat, and I was elected in 1866.

20,250. Were you a town councillor in 1861 when there was a great riot?—No.

20,251. You came in by *quo warranto*?—I think from 1864, and I was in before.

20,252. You had been in several times?—Twice before.

20,253. Were you in 1861?—No, I was not.

20,254. Were you in 1862?—No, I have not been. I was in 1866. It was from 1864 to 1867, and my time expired then, and I was not elected till 1866.

20,255. Was there a contest in 1864?—Yes, if I was elected there was a contest.

20,256. And there was a contest in 1857, was not there?—Yes.

20,257. Who supplied the money on your part in 1867?—I always supplied my own.

20,258. Was there a common fund?—No, I never was in with the common fund, nor ever wish to be.

20,259. How much did you subscribe in 1857?—Nothing; I paid what I could myself. I certainly have in those cases bribed a little in council choosing.

20,260. What used you to pay?—Oh, sometimes 6*d.* or 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.*, just as you could manage your customers; we were always low in pocket—the Liberals; we had to make it go a long way.

20,261. Do not talk about the Liberals. What used it to cost you bribing in that way in sixpences or shillings or eighteenpences out of your pocket?—About 3*l.* or 4*l.*

20,262. Now in 1866 how was it going on?—Oh, we did not spend a penny hardly.

20,263. It cost you nothing?—Our expenses for six of us was six guineas, and two out of my six colleagues thought it rather too much, and they would not pay, and I paid for them.

20,264. How much?—I had to pay two other guineas.

20,265. You paid three guineas?—Yes, and that included 2*l.* for bell ringing when we got the news of their being defeated some twelve months after being elected.

20,266. Tell me in 1868 were you a candidate?—No, I am in now.

20,267. Did you take a part in the election?—For the council, yes.

20,268. An active part?—Yes.

20,269. There was some money going then; we know there was?—Yes, there was a deal going.

20,270. Did you distribute any of it?—Well, I did a little.

20,271. How much?—Well, I think it would be about some 5*l.*

20,272. From whom did you get the money?—From my own pocket; I never ask anybody for money on these occasions.

20,273. I can understand a man paying, I mean his own expenses, and paying the expenses of his colleagues who canvassed with him; but what had you to do with the candidates then. You had nothing to do personally with the candidates who were up?—Yes, I had personal friends, and they were of the same principles that I was.

20,274. Who were they: the three men you paid 5*l.* out of your pocket for?—There was Pottage.

20,275. What is he; is he well to do in the world?—He is a chemist and druggist.

20,276. Well to do?—A very decent tradesman.

20,277. Who else?—Whitton was another.

20,278. Is he well to do in the world?—Yes.

20,279. Go on?—I do not remember the other.

20,280. We will take them as well-to-do tradesmen?—Yes, or else they would not be put up.

20,281. Well able to pay their own expenses?—Yes.

20,282. Tell me how did you expect to be recouped or repaid the 5*l.* you advanced?—I never did.

20,283. You cannot think I will believe that any

tradesman put his hand in his pocket and took out 5*l.* for three men as well-to-do as himself. You would not go with your hat in your hand and say, "Pray, sir, will you accept 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* from me." That is what you say now; it comes to the same thing. Where did you get the 5*l.*?—I never expected to get it again, and I never shall.

20,284. Where did you get it from first?—I really cannot say where I got it from first. I am very rarely without money in my pocket.

20,285. Tell me where you got the 5*l.*?—I cannot say.

20,286. You cannot tell me where you got the 5*l.*?—No, I have five or six or seven 5*l.* notes in my pocket now. I often have them. I cannot tell you where I got it from.

20,287. You did not pay them in 5*l.* notes?—No, but I can reduce them into less compass.

20,288. I want to know where you got the 5*l.* from. Do you keep books? What class of business do you follow?—I am a farmer. I keep an account of everything I spend.

20,289. I do not think that 5*l.* is down?—Yes, it would be down. I shall find I received some money at that time.

20,290. Very likely you would, but it would not be down in your expenditure?—No, it would not; it would be a sort of a sum I could not account for at the year's end.

20,291. If you did not get it from anyone, did not you expect to be recouped?—I am sure I did not.

20,292. You know money was going elsewhere; did you give it to anybody?—Yes.

20,293. To whom?—I gave to a man named Thomas Wallis, 2*l.*; they are all dead now, you know.

20,294. This is last year?—Yes.

20,295. Well, I never knew a man so unlucky. You gave Wallis 2*l.*?—I think so.

20,296. He is living now, you know?—Yes.

20,297. How could you make any mistake about what occurred in November last?—Oh, very easy. I make daily mistakes.

20,298. To whom did you give the remainder of the money?—I gave, I think, 30*s.* to Elwell.

20,299. Where?—In the street.

20,300. Go on, that is 3*l.* 10*s.*?—That is 3*l.* 10*s.* Now then, sir, I will tell you the history of the other two 10*s.* There is a man that has worked for me a great number of years, and has always been a very good Liberal, and has voted without a penny. He came up town, and got his voting paper at that time, and I got him his voting paper filled up, and he said, "I shall not vote unless I get 10*s.*" "10*s.*, what do you mean?" "Well," he said, "they are giving 10*s.* "and 15*s.* the other side, and I could get 15*s.* given "to me." I said I would not. Well then, sir, he would not go without, and I took and tore his paper up in pieces, and said, "Now you may go and do as you like, I shall not give you a penny."

20,301. Do not tell us all this; that is not what I asked you?—No, but I am going to tell you. I never spoke to him no more until I saw him two or three hours after, and he said he had voted, and lost 15*s.* by obliging me, and I said, "Well, you shall not "do that, I will give you 10*s.*; I will not stand "indebted to you," and I gave him 10*s.*

20,302. Well, I hope there will be more farmers come before us?—I hope they will; I have set them a good example which I hope they will follow.

20,303. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was this man's name?—Neville Stephenson.

20,304. He worked for you?—Yes, he has worked for me above 20 years.

20,305. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is 4*l.*; now we have another 1*l.* to account for?—There was another man with him just in the same predicament; his name I will give you, it is James Fox.

20,306. Where did the other 10*s.* go?—Well, I had it. I think I spent 5*l.* I must tell you that man brought me the money back next day; when he found out we had no money to spend he brought it back to my farm, his conscience made him, and I said, "No, you may have it, I will not take it, you may "keep it and welcome to it."

20,307. Who was the chief man on the side of the Liberals in that municipal election?—Oh, we are all chief men alike; I am as big a chief as any; we are all chiefs together.

20,308. I think you saw Mr. Hind that day?—I have seen him many times.

20,309. I think you told Hind you had advanced 5*l.*?—I never saw him till after the close of the poll.

20,310. No, I believe you did not, but I think you told him that you had advanced 5*l.*?—I think I did not, and if I did I know he would not pay me.

20,311. You are running to the effect of my question; I ask you did you?—No, I did not.

20,312. To whom did you mention it?—Oh, I can be very still. Until now, you know, this has not come out; it is all voluntary what I have done.

20,313. Did you canvass for Maxwell and Trollope when they came into town?—Well, I was returning from the mayor's breakfast, and after meeting the mayor I met with Maxwell and Trollope when coming down street with Norfolk, and I met Norfolk, and I joined Maxwell and Trollope.

20,314. By accident?—No, not by accident; I was very glad I met them, I approved them.

20,315. It was not by appointment?—No.

20,316. Then you met them by accident in the street?—I did.

20,317. Then you went with them?—Yes.

20,318. Did you canvass along with them?—That would be about two or three o'clock. I think I canvassed while four till they broke up canvassing, or five, perhaps. It was on the 9th of November.

20,319. You canvassed on that day?—Yes.

20,320. That was the day of the election of the mayor, was it not?—Yes.

20,321. And I dare say you met some of these men that you gave the money to?—No, I did not; I did not go to any of them; if it were not so I would not tell that in the town with five men against me.

20,322. I am not impugning that. Did you meet any of the men you gave the money to?—No, I did not.

20,323. These men you gave the money to had parliamentry votes?—Yes.

20,324. Well, I think you met those men?—I am sure I did not.

20,325. Why not?—Because they were good Liberals if they had no cash in hand.

20,326. You knew that before?—One never had a vote before for the Parliament; no, neither of them had.

20,327. But did you speak to them at all?—I do not think I ever did.

20,328. But, tell me, did you?—I think I did not.

20,329. Do you know the "Angel Inn?"—Yes.

20,330. Do you think you were in there on the day of the municipal election?—Oh yes, I am sure I should be.

20,331. Was it there you gave the money to these men; I call your attention to it, I think it was?—Well I think it would be outside one and the other in the street. I was there very frequently; I often go; I shall go from here there, very likely.

20,332. Was it not there you gave the money?—I think to one, I think I gave to Wallis the 2*l.* there.

20,333. Who was there; did you give the 2*l.* in the room?—No; I do not know who was there.

20,334–5. You went there for the purpose of giving it?—I went in because the election was on and being hearty in the good cause. We must meet somewhere, and I called in there to get a glass of ale perhaps.

20,336. Who did you see there?—Why, I should see Mrs. Boyes, and Miss Boyes, and Mr. Boyes, and perhaps a few like myself, the candidates.

20,337. I do not want to know about the family,

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but those other persons you saw are the persons we want; who were they?—I think Pottage, the candidate, I do not know; he was there that time. I did not go there to meet him.

20,338. No, I do not say you did?—I did not go there to meet anybody; I had not an appointment.

20,339. Was anybody else there besides Pottage?—I do not think he was there, but he might be there; I do not think he was there; I think I saw him some time during the day there.

20,340. I am asking you who you saw there?—Well, I am sure I do not know.

20,341. I am quite certain you did not go there to see Mrs. Boyes?—No. Yes, I called in to see her this morning and last night; I have a very great respect for Mrs. Boyes.

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20,342. Now, you saw Pottage at Boyes'?—I think I did some time during the day.

20,343. When you say you think, you mean us to understand you are sure?—No, I do not.

20,344. Did you see Pottage there?—I should see him some time during the day.

20,345. Had you any talk with him about this money?—No, I am sure I had not.

20,346. You were in the same boat, you know you were candidates together?—I was not a candidate.

20,347. No, you were not a candidate, but you assisted him, at all events, and he was a candidate?—I see him several times before, and I said I would do all I could to get him in; certainly I did, and I always did do so.

20,348. Had you any conversation with him about the money?—No.

20,349. You had a difference with your party when Denison came forward?—I thought Gordon was brought forward without my sanction.

20,350. You mean Denison; you say Gordon?—Yes; Denison was brought forward instead of Gordon; he was a very good member, and therefore I did not approve of it, and I did not vote.

20,351. What was the reason that Gordon did not come forward again?—Because the Liberal party chose Denison.

20,352. Gordon being a very good Liberal member according to your account?—He was.

20,353. The Liberal party chose Denison?—Yes.

20,354. Cannot you give me any reason why the Liberal party chose Denison?—I am sure I cannot; I was not consulted in the matter, and I thought I ought to be, being an independent party, and I felt aggrieved, and I told Mr. Wells that if my vote would get him in I would vote for him.

20,355. You have told us you cannot give the reason why the Liberal party superseded Gordon by Denison?—I am sure I cannot.

20,356. You are sure you cannot?—I am quite sure I know nothing about it.

20,357. If I suggest to you a reason, will you tell me whether you know or not?—If you suggest any reason to me I will readily tell you if I know.

20,358. I believe Gordon spent no money here?—I am sure I do not know.

20,359. You are sure you do not?—I do not, indeed. I have told you all the elections I have had to do with.

20,360. I mean you know by report?—Yes, I might do so. Mr. Gordon, I believe, did not spend much money, I believe there was not much money, and I very much approved of it. I thought him a very good member, and I meant to stick to him.

20,361. You thought he meant to contest the borough on pure principles, and you meant to stick to him?—Yes.

20,362. Do you think the determination of his to contest the borough on pure principles was dissatisfactory to his party?—No, I think there were others quite as good as me.

20,363. Answer my question. Do you think they were dissatisfied; do you think that his intention of conducting the election on principles of purity was distasteful to the Liberal party in Beverley?—No, I do not think so, and I will tell you why. I think it was considered by the party that there was more influence to get Denison in, and they brought him forward.

20,364. What do you mean by more influence to get him in?—He was the son of a nobleman in the neighbourhood.

20,365. But Gordon was the son of a nobleman, too?—Yes.

20,366. And a distinguished nobleman?—He was, but there were many Conservatives all round about here who would vote for Denison as being a neighbour, and be favourable to his election.

20,367. Was it not a matter of fact that Denison had not the same scruples as Gordon?—I am sure I do not know, I was not in his confidence. I had nothing to do with these matters. I can tell you nothing at all, or I would tell you at once.

20,368. But that is inconsistent with the rest of your evidence. You have had to do with the other candidates, by your own admission?—Only one time. I told you I never was in confidence only the one time I had this money.

20,369. You have told us you have bribed people for the council choosing?—Yes.

20,370. You know your hands are not so very pure?—I wish they were as pure as they ought to be.

20,371. Why do you tell me you had nothing to do with the money of the candidates?—I had not for the parliamentary election.

20,372. That must have been by accident, you had no scruple on the subject?—Yes, I had.

20,373. Then your scruples were overcome?—Yes.

20,374. Now these men you said you took to the poll, do you repeat the assertion, that they were not men whom you went with to see they voted after they were paid?—I am sure they were not.

20,375. Can you tell us the reason for going to the poll with men?—Yes.

20,376. What!—Because, if a man was going to poll, very likely if he intended to vote for one party, the other party would snatch them and get them up, if they could, and therefore we like to see them safely delivered.

20,377. You went to see the other party did not snatch them up?—Yes.

20,378. Knowing their habits, I suppose?—Yes.

20,379. How do you suppose the other party would get them?—Oh, there are those weak-minded kind of people who would vote for anybody; they would vote for anybody who took them by the shoulder, or got hold of them by the arm and took them into the square.

20,380. Would they offer them something?—Oh, I should think they will; they have done a deal of that here.

20,381. I suppose, if they did offer them anything, your being with them would not have prevented that?—Yes, I think it would, they would not have been so barefaced as that; they would have been rather more cautious than that.

20,382. Now I want to ask you a question. You tell us you are a great stickler for purity, are not you?—Yes.

20,383. Are there many of your kind in Beverley?—There is not enough.

20,384. You mean not enough like yourself?—No, there are not.

20,385. Are there any considerable number of influential people in the town who would prefer seeing the elections carried on on pure principles?—I think the influential body of the town has been the means of the grossest acts of bribery.

20,386. That is not my question. Are there any

number of influential people in the borough of Beverley who, in your opinion, sincerely wish to see the elections carried on on principles of purity?—Well, perhaps after this.

20,387. No, no; cannot you answer the question?—Well, they are very rotten, sir, I cannot say a deal about them.

20,388. You cannot say they are?—I cannot say anything in favour of them, they are as rotten as can be.

20,389. May I take it in your opinion there are none who wish to see the elections carried on on principles of purity?—There are some, but not many, because they know that Beverley is a Liberal town; if we had only the ballot, and people could vote as they liked ——

20,390. Never mind that, that of course is a matter of controversy. Then you answer there are only very few?—Very few.

20,391. Can you tell me whether there has been any meeting of those few with the view of endeavouring to bring about a better state of things in the town?—We have often endeavoured to conduct elections on purity principles and have not succeeded.

20,392. Has there been any meeting or any endeavour of any kind of these few people you mention who wish to see elections purely carried on, to bring about a better state of things in the town?—We have also at meetings decided to go on purity, and have done it, but we could not succeed.

20,393. When you say we, who do you mean?—Me and my friends.

20,394. "Me and my friends"?—Yes, the Liberal party.

20,395. Do you understand my question? Are these few pure men that you speak of exclusively on your side?—Well, I do not know none of the other.

20,396. You do not know any of the other side?—I do not, I am sure.

20,397. Do you know any on your side?—Yes.

20,398. Who besides yourself?—The respectable portion have not taken any part with political affairs.

20,399. Who besides yourself?—Mr. Hodgson, I should think, has been very much disgusted for years.

20,400. You mean Mr. Hodgson, the tanner?—Yes.

20,401. Anyone else?—Mr. Stephenson, the brewer.

20,402. Anyone else?—And all the respectable part of our side.

20,403. And yourself, of course?—Yes.

20,404. Have you made any public effort? have you ever invited the other side to concur with you in putting a stop to the disgraceful state of things which we know now exists in Beverley?—We have not held any public meeting.

20,405. Now I will ask you again a portion of my question, which you have never answered. Have you ever invited the other side to concur with you in putting a stop to this disgraceful state of things which exists in the town?—Not publicly.

20,406. Not publicly?—No.

20,407. Have you privately?—I have privately.

20,408. You have gone to somebody yourself?—Yes.

20,409. I do not know whether I ought to ask what you have privately done; but to whom have you gone, for instance; Wreghitt, perhaps?—Oh dear no! he is the last man I should go to; he always had the bag.

20,410. Well, I do not care whether you have gone privately or not; but what I want to know is whether there has been anything done publicly?—No, I think not.

20,411. On either side?—No.

20,412. The way to do it would be for the heads of both parties to meet together to determine to put a stop to the thing, then it could be done; but that has not been the case?—No.

20,413. Nothing of the kind has been done?—No, never to my knowledge.

20,414. Never to your knowledge; you have had 30 years' experience; you were one of the pure men?—Yes.

20,415. We will accept it that you were entrapped when you bribed this man?—Thank you, sir.

20,416. And also when you bribed at the council choosing?—Yes, thank you, sir.

20,417. You are a pure man?—Thank you, I am much obliged.

20,418. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are one of those sitting on the council by the effect of the *quo warranto*?—Yes.

20,419. Who was your attorney in the matter of the *quo warranto*, the legal proceedings?—I can inform you if you will allow me to ask Mr. Hind.

20,420. Certainly?—(*The witness communicated with Mr. Hind.*) Mr. Chester, of Hull.

20,421. I presume Mr. Chester, of Hull, did not work for nothing?—No.

20,423. What about was the amount?—I cannot say; I know there was some over and above the taxed costs.

20,424. That came after. You got the costs out of the other party ultimately, but of course while the *quo warranto* was in motion there were expenses incurred from time to time, and Mr. Chester was supplied with money?—Yes.

20,425. Do you know to what amount?—No.

20,426. Who paid the costs?—On the other side?

20,427. I will not say paid the costs, but who kept Mr. Chester supplied with money?—Mr. Hind.

20,428. You know that Mr. Hind did?—I think so; but he is here, and can say.

20,429. Well, in proper time we shall call upon him. Were you called upon to contribute?—Yes, I was determined to carry it out.

20,430. Do answer my question. Were you called upon to contribute money, I asked?—Yes, I was called upon, but I did not. I was ready at any time, but I was not asked.

20,431. You gave a guarantee to do so?—Yes.

20,432. You took certain men up to the poll who were doubtful?—Yes.

20,433. Was that at the parliamentary election as well as the municipal?—They are always doubtful till you get them voted.

20,434. Was it at the parliamentary as well as at the municipal?—It would be at the parliamentary.

20,435. All those you took up, I suppose, you thought to be Liberals?—Certainly.

20,436. Any that you knew to be Conservative?—I think I did not; but if I could get a Conservative vote I should, I am sure.

20,437. You say that you canvassed with Maxwell and Trollope after the municipal election?—Yes.

20,438. What day was that?—It was on the 9th of November, on the Saturday, in the corn market, amongst the farmers.

20,439. But that was not on the 9th?—It was on the market day in the corn market on another day. The Saturday after I came to the market, and they were in the corn market, amongst the farmers.

20,440. Which day was that you saw Norfolk?—The 9th of November, coming from the mayor's breakfast.

20,441. And you consulted with him afterwards another day?—Yes, the Saturday in the Corn Exchange.

20,442. The following Saturday?—I think it was; it was before the election.

20,443. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then it would be the 14th?—I think so.

20,444. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you speak to them about the municipal contest, to either Mr. Maxwell or

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R. Whiting.

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Mr. Trollope about the municipal?—No, I never entered into conversation with them.

20,445. You did not speak to them?—I did not.

20,446. You had some conversation, you said, with Norfolk, when you went to canvass with them?—Coming down the street with Catterson and many more.

20,447. What was your conversation with Norfolk about?—I did not speak to him no more than bid him good day at that time; I had some conversation with him previously.

20,448. What was the conversation about. Where was it at?—I met him on very many occasions.

20,449. You had some conversation with him about the municipal election?—Yes.

20,450. When was that?—That was on the Saturday, the 7th of November, at the Farmers' Club.

20,451. What was the conversation about?—When we met in the room he sort of jeered me, and told me the position we should be in at the council; that we should lose.

20,452. That could not be on the 7th?—Yes, the 1st of November was the council choosing.

20,453. But the 7th you are talking of?—Yes.

20,454. That you would lose. The election was over?—He sort of jeered me, that I did not believe him that they would get in, and that I now ought to be satisfied of the position we were placed in. I said "Well I do not envy your position, Mr. Norfolk."

20,455. Did you say anything about money?—Yes.

20,456. What was that?—He said he knew nothing. I said there had been bribery, and they had spent 1,600*l.*; he said he knew nothing about any bribery at all, that he was asked to stand as a candidate, and he had given 20*l.* and that was all that he knew about it; I says, "Then your friend Mr. Wreghitt has robbed you, because there is not another of the candidates that spent a penny." He said "If that be the case I will soon have it back again."

20,457. You understood him to say that he had spent only 20*l.*?—He said he had not spent a penny; he had given 20*l.*

20,458. To whom?—I think he said to Mr. Wreghitt; I will not be certain; to the party he subscribed 20*l.*, and that was all.

20,459. Did he say that was all?—Yes; and I said, Well, your friend Wreghitt has behaved very ill, for there is not another that has spent a penny.

20,460. Did you tell him how much you had spent?—No, I did not.

20,461. He gave you his confidence?—But I was not obliged to give him mine.

20,462. You kept your own council?—Yes.

20,463. You were not so communicative as Norfolk?—No.

The witness withdrew.

T. Harris.

THOMAS HARRIS sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

20,464. What are you?—A manure manufacturer.

20,465. Where do you live?—Cartwright Lane.

20,466. You were busy at the last council choosing?—Yes.

20,467. Did you get some money from Mr. Lowther?—Yes.

20,468. How much?—4*l.*, I think.

20,469. What did you do with it?—Spent it

20,470. Who did you give it to?—Different parties. I cannot exactly say all that I did give it to, although I did give Mr. Richmond a list of the parties.

20,471. Do answer the question. I want to know to whom you paid money?—I paid chiefly parties in Keldgate. There were some parties that I do not know Here is a list (*the witness here handed in a list of names*):—Powell, Laverack, Grassby, Houghton, Johnson, Noble, Sheperdson, Scruton, G. Osgerby, E. Osgerby, Hopkinson.

20,472. I am glad to have the list, but I wish you had added the sums paid; did you pay them all the same sums?—No.

20,473. About what sums did you pay?—From 10*s.* to 15*s.*, and 17*s.* 6*d.*

20,474. There are eleven names. How many men did you pay altogether; were there more than this?—Those were in the morning.

20,475. Did you pay more than eleven?—Yes.

20,476. But you only remember eleven?—I only know them parties.

20,477. How many did you pay in the morning?—I cannot say, I am sure.

20,478. About?—Upwards of 20.

20,479. You paid upwards of 20 in the morning?—Yes.

20,480. And then did you pay any in the afternoon?—Yes.

20,481. How many do you think you would pay in the afternoon?—Perhaps seven or eight.

20,482. Did you pay about 27 altogether?—Yes, very near it.

20,483. How much money did you get altogether?—I got some from Mr. Richmond.

20,484. How much?—He gave me money as I took men in the morning to vote.

20,485. Now, I think, I see; you had 4*l.* from Mr. Lowther, and that you gave to men with your own hand, and the other men you took up to be paid by Richmond?—No, I took the other men, and he gave me the money, and I gave it to them.

20,486. You handed it over to them?—Yes.

20,487. And you paid about 27 altogether?—Yes.

20,488. Have you often voted for council choosing?—Yes.

20,489. Do you generally employ yourself that way?—I have taken active part in it, but never to pay any money before.

20,490. You never paid any money?—Not before this.

20,491. Did you ever get a little for yourself?—No.

20,492. Are you a freeman?—No.

20,493. Are you a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

20,494. How often have you voted?—Twice.

20,495. You voted in 1865?—Yes.

20,496. For whom did you vote?—Major Edwards.

20,497. And Mr. Sykes?—Yes.

20,498. Had you nothing to do with paying voters then?—No.

20,499. Nothing?—No.

20,500. No money passed through your hands before or after?—No.

20,501. Did you pay any bills after the election?—No, I never took any men up to vote.

20,502. Was there anyone ever paid at your house?—No.

20,503. Did you get anything for your vote from Edwards or Sykes?—No.

20,504. Do you keep an inn?—No.

20,505. Or anything of the kind?—No, a private house.

The witness withdrew.

H. Usher.

HENRY USHER sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

20,506. What are you?—An iron moulder.

20,507. Where do you work?—At the Old Foundry.

20,508. Who is your foreman?—William Crosskill.

20,509. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

20,510. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1865.

20,511. Have you voted at any of the elections?—Yes.

20,512. Which ?—The last.

20,513. Which way did you vote?—For Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Kennard.

20,514. Did you vote in 1865 ?—No.

20,515. Did you take up your freedom by birth or servitude ?—Servitude.

20,516. What did you have to pay ?—*2l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, I believe.

20,517. Did not some one pay that for you ?—Yes.

20,518. Who was it ?—Herdsman found me the money.

20,519. Did you know where it came from ?—He gave me it.

20,520. Did you know where it came from ?—I believe from Mr. Wreghitt.

20,521. How was that managed, getting it from Mr. Wreghitt ; what took place ?—Herdsman came to me in our shop and says, had I got my freedom taken up, and I said "No," and he said he could get it me taken up, and I was to meet him such a night and he would go with me ; so I went with him, and he went to the back way of Mr. Wreghitt's house, and came out and gave the money to me.

20,522. Did he go into the house ?—He went into the yard ; I do not know whether he went into the house or not.

20,523. He came back and handed you the money ?—He came back and gave me the money.

20,524. How much ?—*2l.* 10*s.*

20,525. Was it expressed at that time what they expected for that ?—No, there was not a word said to me about it.

20,526. You said that Herdsman came to you and said he could take your freedom up ?—He could get it taken up.

20,527. He gave you some idea why it should be taken up ?—No, he did not.

20,528. A man comes to you and says he can get you a present of *2l.* 10*s.*, and do you mean to say that a man does not tell you what the *2l.* 10*s.* is for ?—He never spoke to me a word ; of course I understood what it meant.

20,529. What did you understand ?—That he would expect me to vote for the party ; but if he had not taken it up I should have done so.

20,530. That was the understanding on which you took the money ?—Yes.

20,531. Did you vote at the last municipal election ?—Yes.

20,532. For whom did you vote ?—Lowther, Usher, and Catterson.

20,533. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Yes.

20,534. How much ?—15*s.*

20,535. Who gave you that ?—Mr. Skinn.

20,536. Where ?—At the "Golden Ball."

20,537. Have you taken an active part in any of these elections ?—No.

20,538. Have you ever been employed in any way ?—No.

20,539. Pasture master elections, did you vote at the one in 1868 ?—Yes.

20,540. The year before last, before last March ?—Yes.

20,541. Did you get anything for your vote then ?—No.

20,542. How was that ?—We were too late, the mill was closed.

20,543. Where was the mill ?—It was one o'clock when we came to vote, and they had given up paying.

20,544. Where was the mill ?—Dickinson's shop.

20,545. You were paid at Dickinson's ?—No, we were too late.

20,546. Do you know what the general price was ?—Some 2*s.* and some 2*s.* 6*d.*

2,0547. Do you know of any men who got money at the mill ?—No.

20,548. You must know some ?—I do not ; when we came up we was too late, it was said we was too late.

20,549. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How many of you came up ?—There were three or four.

20,550. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were they persons from the iron works, your fellow-workmen under Mr. Crosskill ?—Yes.

20,551. They all went up to the mill ?—No, we were too late.

20,552. But I understood you it was at the mill ?—We had to go there to vote.

20,553. To get your voting papers ?—Yes.

20,554. Who were the party who went there ?—I believe there was me and one they call Porte.

20,555. Who sent you there ?—No one ; that is the regular place they go to to get the voting papers.

20,556. Did Mr. Crosskill know you were going there ?—William Crosskill ?

20,557. Yes ?—No.

20,558. Did anybody in your works know you were going there ?—Not that I am aware of.

20,559. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I suppose you did not lose your wage that day ?—Yes.

20,560. On the 1st of March ?—Yes.

20,561. How much of the day did you lose ?—The whole day.

20,562. On the pasture master day ?—Yes.

20,563. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) On the municipal election day you were allowed a holiday if I understand rightly ?—Whenever we are allowed a holiday we lose our wage.

20,564. I thought that was not so in the council choosing ?—Yes.

20,565. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why should you lose a day on the pasture master election ?—Because if you go to the works you ought to put your ticket in, and if the ticket is not there you do not receive your pay.

20,566. The works were not closed ?—The pasture master day we got paid for the day because we did not break any time.

20,567. That is what I say ?—Of course we did that at the dinner hour.

20,568. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) And you were back in time for your work ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

JOSEPH NEWBOLD called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Newbold.

20,569. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

20,571. When did you take up your freedom ?—Four years ago.

20,572. Have you often voted for pasture masters ?—Twice, I believe.

20,573. The first time, I suppose, was in 1867 or 1866, which ?—I believe it was in 1867.

20,574. How much did you get ?—2*s.* 6*d.*

20,575. The last time what did you get ?—Nothing.

20,576. Where were you at work ?—I worked at the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company.

20,577. You were treated badly ; did you not know that money was going ?—I never looked after it.

20,578. How did it occur that you did not get anything ?—I did not know that there was anything going then.

20,579. Who paid for your freedom ?—Mr. Wreghitt.

20,580. About four years ago ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

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G. Hoggard.

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GEORGE HOGGARD called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

20,581. You are a freeman, I believe?—Yes.

20,582. How long have you been a freeman?—About 11 years.

20,583. For whom did you vote at the last council choosing, for the Conservatives?—Two Conservatives and one Liberal.

20,584. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.* for the two Conservatives.

20,585. Where did you get it?—At the "Golden Ball" yard.

20,586. From whom?—From Mr. Richmond.

20,587. Are you a foundryman?—No.

20,588. Where do you work?—At Mr. Hodgson's tanyard.

20,589. What was the first election at which you voted?—At Gridley's in 1860.

20,590. You voted for Gridley?—Yes.

20,591. What did you get?—2*l.*

20,592. Where were you paid?—At the "Pack Horse."

20,593. Was that by the man with the hairy cap?—Yes.

20,594. Did you vote in 1865?—Yes.

20,595. Who did you vote for then?—In 1865 I voted for Mr. Keane and Mr. Edwards.

20,596. What did you get?—2*l.* each.

20,597. Where did you get the money from on Mr. Keane's part?—A sovereign in the Mechanics' Hall, and a sovereign from Mr. Duffill.

20,598. At the "George and Dragon"?—Yes.

20,599. You had 2*l.* from Edwards' side?—At the "Cross Keys" yard, in the old building.

20,600. Who gave it you?—Mr. Charles Arnott.

20,601. Do you know the "White Horse," Burrell's house?—Yes.

20,602. Do you go there pretty often?—No.

20,603. You do not use the house?—No; I do not know that I have been in it over twice in my life.

20,604. Were you there about the time of Baron Martin's coming here?—No.

20,605. Were you ever in company with Burrell and Lowther there?—No.

20,606. Never?—Never.

20,607. You were never in their company there at all, when they were together?—No.

20,608. Have you generally voted for the council choosing?—Yes.

20,609. You got something for that, I dare say?—Yes.

20,610. What amount; 5*s.* and 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes; sometimes less.

20,611. Have you voted for pasture masters?—Yes.

20,612. You have had something then?—Yes.

20,613. How often?—I do not think I voted for them the last time.

20,614. How often did you get paid?—I perhaps voted three or four times.

20,615. You were always paid when you did vote?—Yes.

20,616. What sort of sums?—2*s.* 6*d.* and 3*s.*

20,617. Did you ever take any part in these elections yourself?—No; only getting money, that is all; that was all the part I took in them.

20,618. You did not take anybody to the poll, or anything like that?—No.

20,619. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Richmond paid you the last time?—Yes.

20,620. Who used to pay you before at the municipal election?—I am sure I cannot say who paid me before.

20,621. Used you to be brought up to a place after you voted?—No, I used to get it when I voted, at the Guildhall. They used to meet me at the door, and pay me when I went out. We had to go through that door (*pointing*) and go out another way. And a man used to be standing there; he would come up to the door and let us come in, and then meet us at the other door.

20,622–3. Who was he?—I cannot rightly say.

20,624. Was it the same man that always paid you?—Richmond? No.

20,625. I do not speak of Richmond. Put the last election out of your mind altogether. The other election I am speaking of?—I looked generally to the man who paid me at the other elections. I saw him again.

20,626. You do not know him?—This last election when I went up town I looked for Charles Arnott. That was the man I looked for.

20,627. We know the gentleman who used to pay you for the pasture masters?—I have been paid.

20,628. This is the gentleman (Mr. Carrington)?—No; I know him too well for that,

20,629. Did he not pay you?—No, I do not remember him paying me once.

20,630. He never paid you?—I do not remember.

The witness withdrew.

S. G. Smelt.

STEPHEN GEORGE SMELT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

20,631. You are a freeman, are you not?—Yes.

20,632. How long have you been a freeman?—22 or 23 years.

20,633. What are you by occupation?—A shoemaker.

20,634. Did you vote at the last election of 1865, when Edwards and Sykes put up?—Yes.

20,635. For which party?—For Mr. Keane.

20,636. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes,

20,637. How much?—2*l.*

20,638. From whom?—I do not know.

20,639. Where did you get it?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

20,640. Did you vote in 1860, Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

20,641. For which party?—For Gridley.

20,642. What did you get for your vote?—2*l.*

20,643. From whom?—At the "Pack-horse."

20,644. Did you vote in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes.

20,645. For whom did you vote?—For Walters.

20,646. Did you get anything?—Yes.

20,647. How much?—2*l.*

20,648. Who gave you that?—Mr. Taylor.

20,649. Did you vote in 1857, when Edwards and Wells put up?—Yes.

20,650. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

20,651. Did you vote at the other election in 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes, for Denison and Wells.

20,652. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

20,653. Did you vote when Gordon and Hastings put up?—Yes, I voted for Gordon, and got nothing.

20,654. Did you vote at the Lawley, Wells, and Glover election?—Yes, for Lawley and Wells.

20,655. Did you get anything?—I believe not; I could not be sure.

20,656. Think. It was in 1852. You have been very candid with your other answers. You must have got money. The exception would have impressed itself upon you. I think I may take your answer that you got something that time, may I not?—I cannot remember that I did.

20,657. Did you vote at the Fox, Towneley, and Goldsmid election?—Yes, for Fox and Goldsmid.

20,658. You got something that time?—Yes.

20,659. What did you get?—I got 30*s.* for Goldsmid.

20,660. That was your first election?—It was.

20,661. You appear always to have voted Liberal?—Except the first time.

20,662. At the last parliamentary election for whom did you vote?—Maxwell and Trollope.

20,663. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

20,664. Which way?—Liberal.

20,665. Did you get anything?—No.

20,666. Were you employed?—Yes, I was.

20,667. How were you employed?—Taking out circulars.

20,668. Did you not take anything but circulars?—No.

20,669. Not money?—No.

20,670. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You were employed in the parliamentary election, were you not?—No.

20,671. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are you a stocker or a non-stocker?—A non-stocker.

20,672. Have you ever got any of Walker's grant?—Yes.

20,673. When was that?—I believe the first time was in 1861.

20,674. You have told the story before, will you tell it again in your own way; the story about Mr. Johnson getting you money?—I applied to the pasture masters for a grant of Walker's gift in October 1860; I asked Mr. Johnson if the pasture masters had had a meeting; Mr. Johnson said to me ——

20,675. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who was secretary at that time?—Mr. Monkman was the secretary.

20,676. He was the clerk?—Yes.

20,677. You first of all spoke to Mr. Monkman?—Yes.

20,678. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What year was it?—In October 1860.

20,679. You had previously to that made your application for relief, had you not?—Yes, in October, and in 1861 I received it.

20,680. What was the ground of your application; on what ground did you apply for relief?—To buy a pig.

20,681. Had you lost any animal?—No, I had not.

20,682. You stated that to be the ground of your application?—Yes.

20,683. You applied to Mr. Monkman and got no answer?—I did not.

20,684. Then there was a conversation between you and Mr. Johnson?—Mr. Johnson came to me a week or 10 days before Easter Tuesday and said he was getting some cards printed.

20,685. He was a pasture master at that time?—Yes; he said he was getting some cards printed to distribute round the parish, soliciting to be a churchwarden; and would I take them out for him. I said I would. After we finished that conversation I said, "Mr. Johnson, you are a pasture master; how is it I "have never received an answer to my application for "Walker's gift?" He said, "I did not know you had applied for it; when did you apply?" I said, "In October." He said, "This is the first I have "heard of it; we have a meeting to-night, and I "will do the best I can for you to get it." That night the meeting was held.

20,686. You are giving us the conversation differently from what you gave it before; did he say anything about politics in that conversation?—Not a word.

20,687. Try and recall what took place; did Johnson say to you that he expected your political support?—Support to be a churchwarden.

20,688. Did he say anything about Conservatives?—No, not a word.

20,689. Did Johnson say this to you, "Do the best "you can to get me in for the Conservatives, and I "will do the best I can to get you Walker's gift"? Did he say that, or words to that effect?—It was to get him to be churchwarden, and he would do his best to get me Walker's gift.

20,690. You are sure he did not use the word "Conservative?"—I am sure not.

20,691. You are sure?—Yes, and if it is so there it a mistake.

20,692. How much did you get?—2*l*.

20,693. Is Mr. Johnson a pasture master now?—No, he is not.

20,694. Where is he?—He would be at home, I should say; he lives in the town; he is a spirit merchant.

20,695. Then I think you got another gift two years ago, in 1867?—Yes.

20,696. There was a conversation of somewhat the same kind between you and a man of the name of Pipes; what is that; is he a pasture master?—Yes. The conversation was after I had received it. When the pasture masters' choosing came again he asked if I would support him. I said if he wanted help probably I would. I voted for neither party at that election.

20,697. He said he had helped you, and he hoped you would help him?—I said if they wanted help I would probably help them, but they never came near me, and I never voted.

20,698. Did he say anything about politics?—No; I did not vote for either party.

20,699. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How were you to help?—By voting.

20,700. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you not promise him your vote?—I only promised him in this way, that if they should require help I probably might give him a lift by voting.

20,701. What are his politics?—He is a Conservative.

20,702. Contrary politics to you?—Yes.

20,703. That was in 1867, in the beginning of March.

20,704. Pipes said, "I have helped you"?—Yes.

20,705. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did he help you?—Yes, in getting Walker's gift.

20,706. I mean in any other way?—No.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien read the following declaration made by the pasture masters:—"I, A.B., having, by "virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth "year of William the Fourth, chapter 70 been elected "one of the pasture masters for Beverley, do hereby "declare that I take the same office upon myself, "and that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, "according to the best of my skill and ability, execute "and perform the powers and authorities vested and "reposed in me as pasture master of the said borough, "according to equity and good conscience, and without "favour or affection, prejudice or malice to any person "whomsoever."

20,707. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You understood that you were to give him your vote because he had got you the gift?—Yes.

20,708. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you ever vote for a pasture master?—Yes.

20,709. I should like to know the process. Were you paid after you voted for the pasture masters?—No, I do not think I ever was.

20,710. Who presides at the election?—I think the mayor generally presides; I would not be sure.

20,711. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were a canvasser for the Liberals at the last municipal election?—Yes.

20,712. Were you paid for your services?—No.

20,713. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What were you paid for being a messenger?—Nothing.

20,714. You were a messenger?—I was, but I never received anything.

20,715. What were you promised?—Nothing.

20,716. You did expect to receive something?—I expected to receive something, but I have never had it.

20,717. How much did you expect?—I depended upon the generosity of the party.

20,718. From whom?—I do not know; from the party, that includes all of them.

20,719. You undertook the work in the expectation of being paid?—Yes, I expected to be paid, but I have not been paid.

20,720. (*Mr. Barstow.*) With regard to this conversation with Pipes, to what election did you conceive he referred?—The pasture masters.

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20,720. Did he ever ask you for your support?—Never before or after that time; only that time.

20,721. You did not vote for him?—No, he never came near the place.

20,722. What was the date?—1867.

20,723. The other conversation was 10 years ago with a man named Johnson?—Yes.

20,724. Were you a messenger at any of the elections?—Yes.

20,725. When Wells was a candidate you were paid for being a messenger?—Yes.

20,726. Why did you not tell us so?—I was not asked that question, I believe.

20,728. You were asked if you had any money for your vote. Have you been generally a messenger?—No.

20,729. You were a messenger at Wells's election?—Yes.

20,730. And you were paid for being a messenger?—Yes.

20,731. How much were you paid?—I believe a sovereign.

20,732. Where?—At the Reform Rooms.

20,733. Then again in the same years, when Wells, and Edwards were candidates, you were not a messenger then?—No.

20,734. The other years when you said you were not paid were you a messenger?—No.

20,735. Was Wells's election the only time you were a messenger?—Yes.

20,736. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at the last pasture master election, in 1868?—No.

20,737. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I am informed that your name is in the published accounts as a messenger, is that so?—It may be so, but I could not say.

The witness withdrew.

R. Padget.

ROBERT PADGET called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

20,738. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

20,739. How long have you been a freeman?—Above 30 years.

20,740. I suppose you have voted at all the elections?—At all the elections from the one before Towneley.

20,741. At Towneley's election we understand there was a good deal of money going?—Yes.

20,742. What did you get?—I think 25*s.* a day, something like that, about 12*l.* altogether, I think it was.

20,743. What were you employed as?—I was not employed at all. It was a general thing among all the voters.

20,744. How did you vote at the second Towneley election?—I got nothing. I voted for Fox at that election. I got nothing.

20,745. You were promised something, I think?—Not a farthing.

20,746. Were you not?—No.

20,747. Were you employed at all?—No.

20,748. Not in any way?—No.

20,749. Do you recollect if you voted in 1852, when Lawley, Wells, and Glover put up?—Yes, I voted for Glover.

20,750. How much did you get?—Nothing.

20,751. Had you been promised?—Mr. Champney said I should be paid after, but I never got anything,

20,752. Did he tell you how much he would pay you?—No, he did not.

20,753. The pay, I think, was about 2*l.*?—Yes.

20,754. You expected 2*l.*, but you did not get it?—Yes.

20,755. Did you ever apply to Mr. Champney for it?—I applied to him. He said he could not pay me; that Mr. Glover had overrun the mark, that he had already paid money out of his own hands, and he could not pay any more. He let me have 30*s.* on loan, and afterwards I had to pay it back again, and I paid it back.

20,756. You thought that loan was a different thing?—I did sir, at the time.

20,757. The next election was in 1854?—There was nothing there.

20,758. In 1857 (Denison, Glover, and Wells) for whom did you vote?—I voted for Glover.

20,759. Again?—Yes.

20,760. You got money this time?—No, not a farthing.

20,761. Was there any promise?—No.

20,762. The 30*s.* was not paid back at that time I think?—I think it was not; I have the account.

20,763. As soon as you voted for Glover the second time Mr. Champney applied to you for the 30*s.*, and you paid him?—Yes.

20,764. Do you recollect the Edwards and Wells election in 1857?—Yes.

20,765. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards.

20,766. How much did you get?—Nothing.

20,767. What were you promised?—Stop! I was paid to watch Glover.

20,768. You were a watch?—Yes, at the "King's Head," and I was paid 15*s.* for five nights' watching, only 3*s.* a night.

20,769. I have known men who were watching each other paid at the rate of 10*s.* a night?—15*s.* was what I got.

20,770. 15*s.*?—That was all.

20,771. But you had beer and other things?—No, I never drank beer; no refreshment.

20,772. What were you watching?—It was reported in the town that the Liberal party wanted to kidnap Glover.

20,773. Then you were watching Glover?—Yes.

20,774. To protect Glover?—To watch and see that the Liberal party did not get him.

20,775. What had Edwards and Wells to do with Glover?—Glover came down, it was supposed, to split the interest of the Conservatives.

20,776. You were employed by the Edwards' party to watch him?—Yes.

20,777. Where was he?—He was at the "King's Head."

20,778. How many of you were employed to watch him?—I cannot tell.

20,779. A dozen, or more?—More, I should think. We were squandered all over the neighbourhood.

20,780. Where were you stationed?—We walked round the place, from Walker Gate round Toll Gavel to Dyer's Lane.

20,781. Did Mr. Glover know this?—I do not know.

20,782. For five nights you kept watch over him? I suppose in fact he was not in the town at all?—Yes, he was.

20,783. Did you see him, and how often?—Three or four times.

20,784. In the day?—Yes.

20,785. You did not see him in the night?—Not at all.

20,786. Were you paid before or after you voted?—I think a week or ten days after I voted.

20,787. You had a notice to go; who paid you?—I am sure I do not know. Thomas Oxley was at the table; I do not know who paid the money.

20,788. Where were you paid?—In an empty house in North Bar Street.

20,789. Who told you to go there?—Thomas Oxley.

20,790. There were a good many people there, were there not?—There were a good many.

20,791. Had they agreed with you beforehand what you were to be paid?—Not a farthing.

20,792. And you were very much dissatisfied with getting only 15*s.*?—I was.

20,793. In fact you expected 2*l.*?—I expected more.

20,794. At the least you expected 10*s.* a night?—I expected to be paid the same as other voters had been paid.

20,795. What were the other voters getting?—They were getting about 4*l.* a man.

20,796. You thought the watching was a mere sham, did you not?—Well, I do not know for that. I considered I had earned the money better than those that had done nothing.

20,797. Was the empty house crowded?—There was not above a dozen when I went.

20,798. But you saw a stream of people coming from it?—I mean at the house altogether, what was out of doors, and what was in.

20,799. Outside and in, there was not above half a dozen?—No.

20,800. Coming to the 1859 election, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards.

20,801. How much did you get?—Nothing, not a fraction.

20,802. How were you employed?—I was not employed at all.

20,803. Did you vote for Edwards alone?—Edwards alone.

20,804. How was that, when you were treated so badly before?—I voted for Edwards before.

20,805. But you were badly treated; you expected more money; you got no money?—No.

20,806. Had you any bills afterwards for anybody?—No.

20,807. You were not employed in any way at the election?—No, not that I remember. I do not remember being employed in any way.

20,808. You would remember if you got any money?—Perhaps I should.

20,809. In 1860, the Walker and Gridley, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Walker.

20,810. How much did you get?—Nothing.

20,811. We know that money was going?—I dare say it was, but I got nothing.

20,812. Were you promised?—No.

20,813. Who asked you to vote?—I believe he canvassed me himself.

20,814. Mr. Walker himself?—Yes.

20,815. Had you known the family, or anything of that kind?—No.

20,816. Did you know any of them?—No.

20,817. Had you been offered any money?—No.

20,818. How did you vote in 1865 when Mr. Keane put up; Keane, Edwards, and Sykes?—Edwards and Keane.

20,819. What did you get?—2*l.*

20,820. On each side?—No, I got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall.

20,821. That was for Mr. Keane?—Yes.

20,822. Nothing for Mr. Edwards?—No.

20,823. Were you employed in any way?—No.

20,824. How did you vote at the last election?—For Trollope and Maxwell,

20,825. That is a complete change?—Yes.

20,826. How is that?—Because I was dissatisfied with the way in which things were carried on in the borough by the Conservative party. I considered that it was entirely under the Tory rule, and I thought it was time there should be a change.

20,827. You had no other motive than that?—No.

20,828. Who canvassed you for Edwards?—I was not canvassed at all.

20,829. Who canvassed you for Trollope and Maxwell?—I never saw them at all; I was not canvassed by any one; They had called at my house, but I was from home.

20,830. Had you any occupation at all?—No.

20,831. There was a municipal election some time before; a council choosing?—Yes.

20,832. You are not a member of the town council yourself?—No.

20,833. Did you vote at the council choosing, the last before the election?—Yes.

20,834. For whom?—I voted for the Liberals at the last council choosing.

20,835. What did you get?—Nothing.

20,836. Were you offered any money?—No.

20,837. On either side?—I was shouted after when I went up to vote. A lot of people were standing round, and some one says, "It is no use going to vote "for the Liberals; there is nothing for you; the mill "is closed; you might as well have 15*s.* But I am sure I do not know who shouted after me. I said, "It's no matter; I will not have the money."

20,838. At what time did you vote?—About 11 o'clock.

20,839. Had you voted at other council choosings?—Yes. The one before I did not; I was from home.

20,840. In 1866 you voted?—Yes, very possibly.

20,841. You were from home in 1867?—Yes.

20,842. In 1866 for whom did you vote?—I am sure I do not know whether I voted at all.

20,843. In 1865 did you vote?—I think I did not vote in 1865.

20,844. According to the best of your recollection, when was it you voted for the council choosing, before 1868?—I think the last time I voted, that I can recollect, would be about 1859. I think since then I have not voted. I have been from home, or I have not approved of the party.

20,845. In 1865 did you vote?—I do not think I did.

20,846. What did you get in 1859?—I got 10*s.*

20,847. From whom?—From William Cook.

20,848. Did you vote in 1861, 1862, or 1863?—I am sure I cannot say. It was at the time when the Liberals had the power in the chamber, and when Major Edwards came and the Tories got in; it was then that I got the 10*s.* I cannot tell what year it was. I have not voted since, not until last year.

20,849. Used you to vote for pasture masters?—Yes, I have.

20,850. Have you been paid?—If I have it is many years since. I think 1859 was the last time I was paid.

20,851. You have been paid nothing since?—No, nothing since.

20,852. Have you received any of Walker's gift?—No. I sent in a claim for myself and a son of mine who was ill. The application was refused. Some days afterwards John Bainton called and saw my son, and said——

20,853. We cannot hear that.—He is dead.

20,854. We cannot hear what he said to your son.—He sent a note the next morning. My son's name is Robert, the same as mine.

20,855. He sent a note to you?—He sent a note to my wife that my son was to have the 2*l.*

20,856. Have you the note?—No, it was in 1865.

20,857. Have you seen the note yourself?—Yes.

20,858. You have read it?—Yes.

20,859. You can read?—Yes.

20,860. Bainton sent the note the next morning?—Yes.

20,861. What was in it?—He had seen two or three of his friends, and there would be 2*l.* for my son. My name is Robert as well as his. I said I got nothing; it was for my son.

20,862. Anything else?—No.

20,863. What did your son get it for?—I made an application for him because he was suffering from a severe illness.

20,864. Have you anything else to say about the pasture masters?—I have applied to them myself five or six times, and never got anything. I have complained of the way in which the money has been distributed.

20,865. To whom?—To Isaac Monkman and to Charles Cliff, to Richard Arnott and to Cook.

20,866. What did they say?—Some of them said I had a right, and some said I had no business at all.

20,867. (*Mr. Barstow.*) On what grounds did you apply for a grant from Walker's fund?—The first time

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I applied through illness. We had to sell two cows to support my family with. I was ill for 11 months. I made an application then to redeem myself.

20,868. Had you any cows left?—No.

20,869. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you anything else that you wish to state to the Commissioners?—When I was ill there was a report current in the town that I received support from Major Edwards. That report was traced to Richmond, that I had received 5*l.* in 1859 during that illness. I said I had done nothing of the kind. I was insulted through the town.

The witness withdrew.

T. Kirk, sen.

THOMAS KIRK, senior called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

20,870. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since old Burton's election.

20,871. In 1841 for whom did you vote?—For Fox alone.

20,872. What did you get?—I do not know exactly. There was some money given that time.

20,873. And you got some?—Yes, I got it.

20,874. How much?—I could not say.

20,875. As much as 20*l.*?—No.

20,876. Twelve pounds?—Something like that.

20,877. You were in the band?—Yes.

20,878. You would get more than 12*l.*?—I do not know what I got.

20,879. What instrument did you play?—Well, it was rather a curious instrument.

20,880. What was it?—I cannot exactly explain it. There were some bells connected with it, Turkish bells. There was a deal of instruments.

20,881. Were there a "deal" of Turkish bells?—I believe there were three or four of us.

20,882. What were you paid?—We played everything.

20,883. What were you paid?—You must remember what you got?—I got a good bit.

20,884. Tell me what it was, 20*l.*?—15*l.* or 16*l.*, from all parties.

20,885. You voted for Hogg and Fox?—Yes.

20,886. The next election was 1847, Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid; for whom did you vote then?—For Fox.

20,887. Did you get anything then?—Nothing.

20,888. The next was 1852, Lawley, Wells, and Glover; did you get anything then?—Nothing.

20,889. Are you quite sure?—I am quite sure of it.

20,890. Whom did you vote for?—For Glover.

20,891. The next was 1854, Gordon and Hastings; were you promised anything then?—Never; I would have stood out for it if I had.

20,892. You were promised nothing?—Nothing.

20,893. Were you a messenger?—Not at that election, I believe; I think not. I cannot say exactly.

20,894. You would tell us, I am sure, if you were?—I would tell you if I could recollect. I have a very bad memory. I voted for Hastings and Wells.

20,895. We are now on the election of Lawley, Wells, and Glover?—I was not a messenger at Glover's election. Five of us stuck to him, and the others run him. No, that would be Fox's last election. We stood for Glover.

20,896. The next election was Gordon and Hastings? did you get anything then?—I got nothing.

20,897. Were you a runner or a messenger?—I was a runner.

20,898. On whose side?—I forget. I should get nothing that election.

20,899. The next election was that of 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I believe I polled for Glover.

20,900. Did you get anything?—I should get nothing then.

20,901. The next was in the same year, Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Edwards.

20,902. Did you get anything then?—I should think I should get a few shillings for running.

20,903. Were you a runner?—Yes; I got it after the election.

20,904. Do you remember how much?—Very little,

20,905. You did not get a lump sum, 2*l.* or 3*l.*?—Oh no.

20,906. You were in London?—Yes.

20,907. That was about Walters?—Yes.

20,908. Now we come to Walters in 1859. What did you get then?—I got 1*l.* 5*s.*, or something for running.

20,909. For whom did you vote?—I should poll for Walters and Edwards, or Walters and Walker. I do not know which.

20,910. You voted for Walters?—Yes for one.

20,911. What did you get?—2*l.* from him.

20,912. You got more than that, did you not?—No, I did not.

20,913. From whom did you get the 2*l.*?—It was in a house going down opposite the "Red Lion."

20,914. At the Toll Gavel?—Yes; an old house.

20,915. Did you get any more money?—Not from them; I got 1*l.* 5*s.* for running afterwards from the other party.

20,916. After voting for Walters you got 1*l.* 5*s.* for being a runner for Edwards?—Yes, that was after the election.

20,917. Are you quite sure you got no more than 2*l.*?—I am quite sure of that.

20,918. You never said before that you got more than 2*l.*?—Oh, never.

20,919. Where did you come from; you were not in Beverley, were you, at time the election came on?—Yes.

20,920. I thought you came from somewhere?—No; you mean my son.

20,921. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have a son Thomas Kirk?—Yes.

20,922. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were paid for this running at Mr. Bainton's office for Edwards?—Yes.

20,923. How did you vote in 1860, the Gridley and Walker election?—I voted for Walker.

20,924. Did you get anything?—No, nothing for polling; I was a messenger I believe.

20,925. What did you get as a messenger?—Six or eight shillings, perhaps.

20,926. Not more than that?—No, I do not believe I did.

20,927. Where were you paid?—There was a party who brought it to my house. I was paid at my own house. It was put on the chimney-piece. Less than I expected, because I had broken a good deal of time. I could have got more at home.

20,928. The next is the election of 1865 (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane) for whom did you vote then?—Edwards and Sykes.

20,929. Did you get anything then?—Nothing.

20,930. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all; I was lame at the time; not a farthing.

20,931. You have voted for council choosings?—Yes.

20,932. Did you ever get a bit of money?—You generally get a bit.

20,933. What sort of sums do you get?—I have as oft been out of it as getting any myself.

20,934. What sort of sums have you got?—I have had 2*s.* 6*d.*, and I have had 10*s.*

20,935. Last year, what did you get?—I got 12*s.* 6*d.*

20,936. Who paid you last year?—I was paid at the "White Swan" by Browsho.

29,937. You have voted for pasture masters?—Yes.

20,938. You got a trifle for that?—Yes, I think I did; do I not know; I was perhaps o'er late; they do not pay through the day.

20,939. How did you vote at the last election?—I should poll crimson.

20,940. Did you get anything?—Nothing.

20,941. You were not a runner?—No.

20,942. Did you get a day's wage?—No.

20,943. Do you know Mrs. Voase?—Yes.

20,944. Did she pay anything?—Not a farthing.

20,945. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you get anything for voting at the last council choosing?—Yes, I did; I got 12*s.* 6*d.*

20,946. Did you get anything at the last pasture masters' election?—No.

20,947. You did not?—I was too late.

20,948. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you ever apply for Walker's gift?—Yes, I have applied, and I have had it, but it is some years since.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS KIRK, junior, called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

20,949. You are a son of the last witness?—Yes.

20,950. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

20,951. How long have you been a freeman?—Perhaps about 17 years; I do not know exactly.

20,952. Have you voted at several elections?—Yes.

20,953. Did you vote in 1865 (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane)?—Yes.

20,954. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

20,955. How much?—I think 2*l.* 10*s.*

20,956. From whom?—I got 10*s.* from Robert Oxley, and I think 30*s.* or 2*l.* from Thomas Marshall, druggist.

20,957. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

20,958. Did you vote at the last election of 1860, Walker and Gridley?—Yes, I voted for Gridley at that election.

20,959. Did you get anything?—Yes.

20,960. How much?—I believe it was 2*l.*

20,961. From whom?—I did not know the party. I got it at the "Pack Horse."

20,962. At the Walters, Edwards, and Walker election, did you vote?—Yes, I voted for Walters.

20,963. What did you get for your vote?—I got 5*l.* for expenses and loss of time, one thing and another.

20,964. From whom?—I did not know the party. I was paid in the "Toll Gavel." I went through what they call the mill. I could not distinguish the man. 5*l.* was called out, and I got it. It was handed out, and I passed by.

20,965. The Edwards and Wells election in 1857; for whom did you vote then?—For Edwards.

20,966. Conservative?—Yes.

20,967. What did you get for your vote?—I got my expenses.

20,968. How much money?—3*l.*

20,969. That included your expenses?—That was my expenses; I was sent for. I came expressly to vote.

20,970. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You got more than 3*l.*?—No, I did not. I would not tell a falsehood; it would be no benefit to me.

20,971. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) For whom did you vote in 1857; the Denison, Glover, and Wells election?—I should vote for Glover, I think.

20,972. What did you get for your vote?—I do not recollect getting a farthing for that election. I cannot call it to mind if I did.

20,973. At the Gordon and Hastings election, for whom did you vote?—Hastings.

20,974. Did you get anything?—Not a farthing.

20,975. In 1852 did you vote?—No, I believe not; the first time I voted was for Hastings.

20,976. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

20,977. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

20,978. How much?—A sovereign.

20,979. From whom?—Robert Thirsk.

20,980. Whom did you vote for?—I voted for the Conservatives.

20,981. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you living at Lewes at that time?—No; I was travelling about.

20,982. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What are you by occupation?—I am a tailor by trade.

20,983. What were you travelling for?—I attend races sometimes. I was at the Brighton races at the time.

20,984. Have you ever received Walker's gift?—No, never.

20,985. Have you ever received non-stockers' money?—Yes, I have received non-stockers' money. I do not stock the pastures, and of course I receive the non-stocking money. The non-stocking money is for parties that do not stock. I have stocked the pastures, but not often.

20,986. Did you vote at the last pasture masters' election?—I almost forget.

20,987. In 1868, I mean?—I am sure I cannot tell.

20,988. Were you here the March before last?—It is a time that I am often away. I could not say.

20,989. You cannot tell whether you were here the March before last when the pasture masters were elected?—I cannot say.

20,990. If you were here did you get anything for your vote?—If I were here I should have voted. I do not remember.

The witness withdrew.

ESAU AKRILL called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

20,991. What are you?—I am a retired gunmaker.

20,992. Are you a freeman?—I am.

20,993. How long have you been a freeman?—Forty years.

20,994. Have you filled the office of town councillor?—Yes.

20,995. Are you one now?—No.

20,996. When did you cease to be a town councillor?—In 1868, I think.

20,997. For whom have you generally voted; on which side?—On the Conservative side, generally. I have voted on the other side, formerly.

20,998. Did you vote at Towneley's election in 1841?—Yes.

20,999. Did any money pass through your hands?—No; I got money for voting.

21,000. Then money passed into your hands?—Yes.

21,001. How much?—I should say about 12*l.*

21,002. For whom did you vote?—For Hogg and Fox.

21,003. The next election, in 1847, when Sir Robert Peel came in; for whom did you vote then; the Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid election?—I voted for Goldsmid and Fox.

21,004. How much did you receive?—I got 30*s.* for Goldsmid; I got nothing for Fox.

21,005. Was Goldsmid a Tory or a Liberal? What was he?—I am sure I do not know what he was exactly; I cannot say.

21,006. He had money?—Yes.

21,007. What about 1852? You recollect that election, do you not, when Lawley, Wells, and Glover were the candidates?—I voted for Glover.

21,008. How much did you get?—Nothing.

21,009. What were you promised?—Nothing.

21,010. What! a stranger in the borough?—I was promised nothing.

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21,011. Did you know anything of him?—No more than coming here as a candidate.

21,012. Who was his election agent?—I am sure I do not know.

21,013. You mean that you neither received money nor a promise?—No.

21,014. Did you apply for it afterwards?—No.

21,015. Did you vote in 1854, Gordon and Hastings?—I voted for Hastings.

21,016. You got no money?—No.

21,017. In 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells; for whom did you vote?—I voted for Denison and Glover.

21,018. How much did you get?—Nothing.

21,019. Were you employed at all?—No.

21,020. Were you promised anything?—No.

21,021. Who was the conducting agent?—I do not know. I did not take a deal of notice of the elections; I was too busy.

21,022. In 1857, Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote?—For Edwards.

21,023. Did any money pass through your hands?—I do not know that it did; I have not the least recollection of any.

21,024. That is all you will go to?—That is all I will go to. I have not the least recollection of having a halfpenny at that election.

21,025. I think you had?—I have no recollection of it.

21,026. You knew that money was going?—Yes, I believe it was.

21,027. You knew it perfectly well?—I do not know that I received any.

21,028. You will not swear that you did not. Were you employed in any way?—No.

21,029. Major Edwards was a stranger to the borough then?—Yes, it was the first time of his coming.

21,030. At the next election, in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Walker.

21,031. Did money pass through your hands then?—No, not to my recollection. I have not the least recollection of money passing through my hands at this moment.

21,032. Did you receive any money?—No.

21,033. Can you give me no other answer?—As near as I can.

21,034. Will you swear that in 1859 you did not receive money?—I have no recollection of it; not the least. I do not know that I took any money for voting after Goldsmid's election.

21,035. You knew that money was going all along, did you not?—Yes, I did.

21,036. How did you vote in 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker.

21,037. Had you been distributing any money on that occasion?—No, I had not the least knowledge of doing anything of the sort.

21,038. These are very unsatisfactory answers?—I cannot help it. I believe I did not; I am almost certain I did not, to the best of my knowledge.

21,039. In 1865, how did you vote?—I voted for Sykes and Edwards.

21,040. You can tell whether you received anything, or whether any money passed through your hands at that election?—Yes.

21,041. Money passed through your hands?—Yes.

21,042–7. How much?—I paid somewhere about 6*l.*

21,048. I am sorry for that, Mr. Akrill?—So am I too.

21,049. I will tell you why, because you had been examined up in London before?—Yes.

21,050. You were examined in 1860, were not you?—Perhaps it was.

21,051. I have read your examination there, be very cautious now?—I came here to speak the truth.

21,052. I won't say you have not. How much did you receive in 1865?—I got 6*l.* from Mr. Lowther.

21,053. More than that I think. Where did you get it?—At the "Cross Keys."

21,054. What took you there?—I am sure I do not know. Perhaps I went to get refreshment or something of that sort.

21,055. No, you went to get money?—Well, sir, I got it there.

21,056. And did not you go there to get the money?—I cannot say I did not.

21,057. You have been "cannot saying" for a long time. I have read your evidence. Did not you go there for the purpose of getting money?—Not with the idea of getting money.

21,058. Not for yourself; I do not say that. At what time in the morning?—I do not know, sir; perhaps about 12 o'clock.

21,059. Very early was not it?—I do not know.

21,060. Where had you been before that day?—I had been at South Dalton.

21,061. What had you been doing there?—Fetching voters.

21,062. Oh, you had been engaged in fetching voters all that day?—Yes.

21,063. And your money being out who told you to go to the "Cross Keys"?—I went there to get refreshment.

21,064. Who told you to go there?—No person.

21,065. Did you pay for any refreshment you had?—For all I had.

21,066. You had refreshment there?—Yes.

21,067. Did Lowther ask you how you were going on?—I do not recollect what he said. He asked if I wanted any money,

21,068. You told him you did?—I told him he might give me 6*l.* if he liked.

21,069. Did you name the sum?—Yes.

21,070. How came you to name 6*l.*?—Well, I am sure I don't know how it came into my head.

21,071. How came you to name 6*l.*? Had you been engaging with any voters beforehand?—I do not know that I had. I told one man if I could get him anything I would.

21,072. Why do you take so much to get it out of you? Who was that man, and where did you tell him so?—Griffin of Cherry Burton.

21,073. You told him if you could get anything you would give it him. How much did he ask?—He did not ask anything.

21,074. Did he name a sum?—No sir.

21,075. Anybody else?—I do not know that I told any person else. Yes, I did. I told a man by the name of Harris if I could get him anything I would.

21,076. Anyone else?—Not that I am aware of.

21,077. It causes great effort to get these names from you. You told these men you would get them money before you called at the "Cross Keys," and having told them did not you go to the "Cross Keys" for money?—I do not know that I did.

21,078. You met these men and told them if you could get money for them you would, and then you went to the "Cross Keys"?—I was at the "Cross Keys" when Mr. Lowther came in.

21,079. What had that to do with it. It did not matter whether Mr. Lowther came in before or after. Did you pay these men that you had promised?—Yes.

21,080. Where did you find them?—Oh, I did not pay them that day, I paid them after.

21,081. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is Harris's name?—Thomas Harris.

21,082. Where of?—Of Beverley.

21,083. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you tell Mr. Lowther?—No, sir.

21,084. Now did you promise anyone else?—I promised Griffin, of Cherry Burton.

21,085. I know that. Who else besides these two men?—No one else.

21,086. That is a very different thing from getting 6*l.* you know. You got the 6*l.* and paid these two men. How much did you pay them?—I paid Harris 2*l.*, and Griffin 1*l.*

21,087. What has become of the other 3*l.*?—I gave William Julian 2*l.*

21,088. What is he?—A bricklayer.

21,089. Where does he live?—In Newbegin.

21,090. Is he a freeman?—Yes.

21,091. Anybody else?—I cannot recollect what became of the other 1*l.*

21,092. The other 1*l.* was little enough for your own services?—I did not require anything for my own services. I have no recollection what became of the other 1*l.* just now.

21,093. Well, we will leave it now where it is at present, that is, in your possession?—Yes.

21,094. Well, you got 6*l.* and paid away 5*l.* Who told you that money was going? Now you had made a promise to these men. At what period of the day did you ascertain there was money going on your side?—When I came up from South Dalton.

21,095. What time of the day?—I do not know; I cannot tell exactly, perhaps 10 o'clock.

21,096. I do not want to a minute. You had ascertained at 10 o'clock that money was going, and then you promised these men. Did you give Mr. Lowther any account of the 6*l.* he gave you?—No, sir.

21,097. Do you recollect anything else that occurred at that election?—Yes.

21,098. Go on; what else occurred?—The voters that I brought in got 10*s.* each from Mr. Boyes for their expenses.

21,099. Besides what you paid?—Yes.

21,100. They got 10*s.* additional?—No sir, only one of them.

21,101. Which was that?—Griffin.

21,102. You were acting, were not you, for Sir Henry Edwards then?—Yes.

21,103. What Boyes gave them 10*s.*?—They got 10*s.* at Mr. Boyes at the "King's Arms."

21,104. 10*s.* in addition?—No sir, not in addition.

21,105. Who took them to the "King's Arms"?—We put up there; it was Boyes's cab that I brought them in.

21,106. You said, "We put up there." Who do you mean by "we"?—We arrived there, and the cab put up there.

21,107. It was an open house in fact?—A public-house.

21,108. And open that day for election purposes?—Yes.

21,109. Do you know how much money was spent there that day, about how much?—I do not know I am sure.

21,110. Had you any refreshments there?—No sir.

21,111. Did you see voters having refreshments there?—No sir, not that I am aware of.

21,112. Who paid them the 10*s.*?—I am sure I cannot tell you. Some person in the house paid them.

21,113. Was it the landlord?—I spoke to the landlord about it, and he took them into a room.

21,114. What did you say?—I asked if these men was to have anything for their expenses.

21,115. You asked the landlord?—Yes.

21,116. And he took them into a room?—Yes.

21,117. And you heard afterwards they had got 10*s.* each?—Yes.

21,118. Were you at all engaged at the last election of 1868?—I assisted. I canvassed.

21,119. As you did before?—As I did before.

21,120. Did you bring up men to vote?—Perhaps I did.

21,121. Now no "perhaps;" did you bring up men?—I asked people to vote.

21,122. Did you bring them up?—Any person who wished to vote. I showed them the number.

21,123. My question was very simple. Did you bring up people to vote?—I did.

21,124. Who?—Any person I could lay hold of.

21,125. Where did you go out?—Did you go out to the outskirts of the town to canvass?—No.

21,126. Where did you canvass?—In the town sometimes.

21,127. I am speaking of the last election. What district did you canvass?—About Norwood.

21,128. What time did you commence?—I cannot tell you, about 10 o'clock in the morning.

21,129. What time did you leave off?—I came away when I thought.

21,130. About what time did you leave off canvassing?—They used to leave off at night.

21,131. How many did you bring from Norwood?—I cannot say.

21,132. About how many?—I did not bring any of them in; they came in themselves.

21,133. You told me before that you brought in the voters and took them up to a public-house?—That was from the country.

21,134. Did you bring up any to the poll at all in 1868?—Yes.

21,135. Now, give me one man you brought up to the poll in 1868?—I am sure I cannot recollect; I asked a great deal.

21,136. I want to know did you bring any man up in 1868, and give me his name?—I am sure I do not know; I could not recollect just now; I really cannot; it is no use.

21,137. Where was the committee room in 1868?—It was in Clowes' office.

21,138. Did you bring any men there?—No, sir.

21,139. Were you there yourself?—I was once.

21,140. Did you send any men to Clowes' office?—Not that I know of.

21,141. Come, come! you know perfectly well?—Well, I did not, sir.

21,142. You say you did not?—No.

21,143. I understand that kind of answer. Did you send any men to Clowes' office?—No, sir.

21,144. What time in the morning were you there?—In the afternoon I was there.

21,145. Were not you there in the morning?—I do not know.

21,146. Will you swear it? This is an election which is very important. May I take it that you might have been there? Whom did you see there?—Sir Henry Edwards.

21,147. Anybody else, Kennard?—Mr. Kennard.

21,148. Anybody else?—I do not know.

21,149. Lowther?—I did not see him there.

21,150. Norfolk?—I did not see him there.

21,151. Anybody else?—I cannot recollect just now.

21,152. About what o'clock; about 10?—No, sir, it was some time in the afternoon.

21,153. Oh, no, I am speaking of the morning visit. Who assigned to you the district of Norwood?—It was assigned the night before.

21,154. Why did not you tell me all this? Where was it assigned to you?—In Clowes' committee room.

21,155. Then you were there the night before? Who was present when this was assigned to you?—Well, there was Mr. Bainton.

21,156. Yes, no doubt?—Mr. Richmond, Lowther, Marshall, and many others.

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21,157. Was MacCoy there?—Mr. Dixon, of Norwood, was there.

21,158. Was MacCoy there?—He was.

21,159. This is the first time we have got any account of this meeting?—You never asked me before.

21,160. I had to ask you a great many times before it came out. Now go on; what time did you meet?—Seven or eight o'clock.

21,161. You talked of the prospects and then Norwood was assigned to you?—Yes.

21,162. Was Sir Henry Edwards there then?—No.

21,163. Nor Mr. Kennard?—No, I did not see him.

21,164. In the former election I think you promised men money before you knew money was going; you told me you did?—No, sir; I told you I promised if there was any money to be got I would get some.

21,165. Oh, it was an hypothesis, if anything was going, you would get it; you found that rather effectual, did not you?—Yes.

21,166. Now, you know you were going out with that in your mind in 1865, and on a similar errand in 1868; did you tell them if any money was going they should get it?—No.

21,167. Why?—Because I knew there would not be any.

21,168. How was that?—Because it was said that they would not give any.

21,169. Who said that?—It was mentioned in the committee room.

21,170. It was in the committee room that night when Norwood was assigned to you that they said they would give no money; was it on that night?—It was spoken of that it was going to be a pure election.

21,171. Was it said on that night, when Norwood was assigned to you, that no money would be given?—I do not know that it was said so; we suspected so.

21,172. "We"?—Yes.

21,173. Were you engaged? Were you consulted about it?—No, I did not know; I never heard of any money at all.

21,174. Had you none at that time? Did you talk there about the money that had been spent the week before?—No, sir.

21,175. Not a word?—Not a word.

21,176. I dare say you did not know a farthing had been spent the week before?—No.

21,177. What?—What did you say, sir?

21,178. Did you know a farthing had been spent a week before at the municipal election?—Yes.

21,179. Then, why did you not attend?—I did not understand you.

21,180. Did you know how much?—Only by hearsay.

21,181. You had all the people there; Lowther, Richmond, and the others?—I had nothing to do with it.

21,182. But you had all there; did they tell you?—No, sir.

21,183. Did you ask them?—No, sir.

21,184. Did you canvass any men that had been paid? Now, let me know; I will test you. Did any of the men you canvassed ask you for money?—No, sir.

21,185. What, did not any of the men you canvassed on the morning of the 16th November 1868 hint or suggest to you that they would require money?—No, sir.

21,186. At every other election you canvassed they did, did not they?—Well, money is a general thing at elections.

21,187. But they did not then?—I do not recollect of any.

21,188. But you won't tell me any you brought up to the poll that day. Are you a town councillor?—No, sir.

21,189. Have you been?—Yes.

21,190. When did you cease to be a town councillor?—1868.

21,191. Oh, the last time! You were town councillor when you were engaged in this work?—Yes.

21,192. When were you elected town councillor?—In 1859.

21,193. And you remained a town councillor from 1859 to 1868?—Yes.

21,194. You went out in March, 1868, I suppose?—In November.

21,195. Yes, I beg your pardon. You were a town councillor when engaged in this work of 1865?—Yes.

21,196. Did you take any part in the town council election of 1868?—Very little, if any.

21,197. You were going out of office?—I was out of office.

21,198. Who was the candidate to fill your place?—Mr. Boyes was one.

21,199. He was a liberal?—Yes.

21,200. I want the Conservatives?—It was filled by Liberals.

21,201. In 1868? You must be wrong?—Oh, no; you said my place.

21,202. You were not a town councillor in 1868 at all?—No, sir.

21,203. Do you recollect the town council election in 1862, when there was a split amongst the members of the town council. There was a sharp contest rather?—Yes, I think there was.

21,204. No doubt there was. You recollect it?—Yes.

21,205. And a good deal of money was spent, I think, in the town council?—Perhaps there might have been, sir.

21,206. In 1859 I think you paid your own expenses, did not you, for the contest?—Yes.

21,207. And after that I do not think you paid a farthing towards the expenses?—Yes, something.

21,208. How much in 1859?—I cannot say.

21,209. Half-a-crown, perhaps; anything of that kind?—I paid what subscriptions I was asked for.

21,210. How much?—I cannot say how much.

21,211. Now, I ask you, in 1862 there was a sharp contest, and a good deal of money was spent?—Yes.

21,212. Who supplied the money?—I am sure I don't know.

21,213. Did you never inquire?—No.

21,214. Did you never hear?—No, sir.

21,215. Did you never hear from what source the money came in 1862?—Not for truth.

21,216. Never mind for truth. Did you hear in 1862 that the money came from Wreghitt?—There was a talk about it.

21,217. Did you hear it?—I heard people talk about it, but I did not know.

21,218. Did you believe it?—I did not know.

21,219. Did you believe the money came in 1862 from Wreghitt?—I do not know. I never thought about it.

21,220. Really, now, when you heard that the money came from Wreghitt did you believe it?—I do not know where it came from, therefore I could not say.

21,221. I am not asking you to say. Did you believe it came from Wreghitt?—It was said so.

21,222. You won't escape me in that way. Did you believe it?—Perhaps I did.

21,223. Perhaps you did?—Yes.

21,224. See how difficult——I do not want to say a thing I do not know anything about.

21,225. Was there a contest in 1861, a very sharp contest when 10*s.* was going; that was the year after the riot?—I forget, sir.

21,226. Do not you recollect?—No, sir, I forget.

21,227. I am afraid you will begin to forget now. Was there a contest in 1865?—Yes.

21,228. What did you contribute to that contest?—I am sure I cannot tell you, sir.

21,229. Did you contribute a farthing?—Yes.

21,230. To whom did you give it?—I paid it to the people that voted.

21,231. To whom did you give your contribution towards the expenses of 1865?—No more than the settling up contribution; what we call settling up.

21,232. To whom?—To the men that the money was owing to.

21,233. To whom did you give the money in 1865?—I gave no money but what I gave for settling up.

21,234. To whom?—To the men, one amongst another.

21,235. To whom?—Perhaps Mr. Cook had paid 5*s.*, and I gave him half-a-crown. The other candidate was me. Perhaps he paid something, and I paid my share.

21,236. About half-a-crown? — Perhaps half-a-crown; more than that, perhaps.

21,237. It was a sharp contest?—Yes.

21,238. Where do you think the money came from then; where did you hear it came from?—I do not know.

21,239. From Wreghitt?—I do not know.

21,240. Did you hear it came from Wreghitt?—I heard so.

21,241. And you believed it?—I do not know.

21,242. I need not repeat that again. I will ask you, at every contested election, leaving out 1868——? It was thought the money came from there.

21,243. Leaving out 1868, at every contested election did not the town council believe the money that had been expended came from Wreghitt?—It was thought so.

21,244. At every contested municipal election?—It was thought so; but I cannot say.

21,245. You never waited upon Mr. Wreghitt?—No, sir.

21,246. You are a man who was acting; you were a town councillor; therefore, did you think Mr. Wreghitt supplied the money himself?—No, sir.

21,247. Where did you think it came from?—I do not know where it came from.

21,248. Who did you think gave Wreghitt the money? I do not say you knew?—It was said Mr. Wreghitt supplied it.

21,249. From whom was it said he received it?—I should think from Sir Henry.

21,250. Of course you thought that. You were a town councillor; the money was expended in your service. Are you a pasture master?—No.

21,251. Did you not understand that at every contested election, from 1860 down, the general impression was that Wreghitt contributed the money?—Yes.

21,252. And that he obtained it from Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

21,253. You took no part in the election in 1868?—Very little, if anything.

21,254. What part did you take?—I was asked to take a few voters to vote.

21,255. Did you receive any money to distribute?—No, sir.

21,256. Did you take anyone up to vote?—I brought perhaps half a dozen.

21,257. And where did you send them afterwards?—I brought them to the Hall, and showed them the place, and left them.

21,258. Did you tell them to go anywhere?—No, sir, I did not tell them to go anywhere. I left them there.

21,259. Did you ever receive anything yourself for your own trouble?—No, sir.

21,260. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What men did you bring from South Dalton?—I brought a man of the name of Holiday.

21,261. Anyone else?—No, sir, not from South Dalton.

21,262. What men did you bring from the country at all at that election? You brought Griffin, from Cherry Burton?—And Holiday, from South Dalton and Dosser, from Etton.

21,263. Where did you take them to?—I took them to the "King's Arms;" put the cab to fetch them.

21,264. That is near the bar here?—Yes.

21,265. Did you get them any money?—10*s.*

21,266. You did not give us those two names before. Did you get any other men 10*s.* each?—No, sir.

21,267. Besides Holiday, Dosser, and Griffin?—No, sir.

21,268. Did you get them any money?—They got 10*s.* each.

21,269. Besides?—No, sir; only Griffin got 1*l.* besides.

21,270. But did Holiday and Dosser get anything?—Not from me.

21,271. Do you know whether they got anything at all?—I never saw them after. I do not know. Well, I did see them when they went away at night.

21,272. Did they tell you they had got anything?—No, sir, they did not.

21,273. You did not know whether they were paid or not?—No, sir.

21,274. Was that Thomas Harris, the patent manure manufacturer?—Yes.

21,275. The man who was examined here to-day?—Yes.

21,276. Did you see him here to-day?—Yes.

21,277. Did you speak to him?—No, sir; only said "Good morning."

21,278. Did not you speak to him about the evidence you were going to give?—No, sir.

21,279. He has told us nothing about receiving the 2*l.* I think he denied it; I am not quite sure he denied it?—He was never asked, sir.

21,280. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were a town councillor in 1859, and until 1868. Now, in the earlier of those years I suppose you had to contribute something considerable for your election, had you not? I understand you it was the practice to make a contribution among yourselves?—Yes.

21,281. In the earlier years, 1859 and so on, you had to contribute something considerable?—1859 was the first time I ever contributed.

21,282. What did you contribute then—about?—All the candidates paid 5*l.*

21,283. In 1859?—Yes.

21,284. In 1860, about the same sum?—I did not contribute anything in 1860.

21,285. When did the practice of contributing something like 5*l.* cease?—That was the first time I ever knew anything of the sort.

21,286. But in 1862 you gave only half a-crown; something like that?—Not a great deal.

21,287. Then, in 1862 the practice of the candidates contributing considerable sums had ceased?—Yes.

21,288. And from that time, I understand you to say, the bulk of the money came from Wreghitt?—Yes.

21,289. The practice was changed about the year 1862; is that so?—Yes, I think so.

21,290. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you go out canvassing with your party, with Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

21,291. I know you were canvassing by yourself; did you go out with the gentlemen?—Yes.

21,292. And Mr. Lowther?—What for, sir?

21,293. The last election?—Parliamentary election?

21,294. Yes, Mr. Lowther and you?—I do not know that Mr. Lowther was with them when I was there; Mr. Lowther was never with them when I was there, sir.

The witness withdrew.

FREEDRICK VOASE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

F. Voase.

21,295. You are the landlord of the "Lion and Lamb"?—Yes.

21,296. Are you a freeman?—No, sir.

21,297. A 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

21,298. How long have you been so?—About 10 or 12 years.

21,299. At how many parliamentary elections have you voted?—I think since 1859.

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21,300. You did vote in 1859?—I believe I did.

21,301. For whom did you vote then?—I think Edwards and Walker.

21,302. What did you get?—Nothing.

21,303. Did you keep a public-house then?—I did.

21,304. Was your house open?—Yes, always open.

21,305. You know what I mean. Was it an open house for the purposes of the election?—Oh, dear no.

21,306. That was in 1859. The next election was in 1860, Walker and Gridley; did you get anything for yourself then?—No, sir.

21,307. Have you ever received any money for yourself for your vote?—Never.

21,308. Or for your services?—Never.

21,309. Or for your house?—No, sir.

21,310. You mean no candidate on any occasion has paid you a tavern bill?—Never, at any time.

21,311. For whom did you generally vote, Conservatives or Liberals?—Conservatives always.

21,312. Now, was your house very full the last election?—I cannot say that it was, sir.

21,313. Not fuller than on any other day?—I do not suppose it was.

21,314. Do you mean to say you did not take more money that day than on an ordinary day?—I think I took less.

21,315. Perhaps there was rivalry?—No, I do not think there was anything of that sort. There did not seem to be much money stirring. People seemed to have spent all their money up, and had nothing to spare.

21,316. Was there any treating in your house?—Not to my knowledge.

21,317. I do not mean anybody giving another a glass, but any treating by either of the parties who were candidates?—Not any.

21,318. That you swear; there was no treating?—I swear.

21,319. Do you remember Walters' election in 1860?—Yes.

21,320. Did you receive any money for the purposes of it?—No.

21,321. You did not pay any voters?—I believe I did pay one.

21,322. Who was he?—I think it was a man of the name of Rippon.

21,323. William Rippon?—I think his name was William, but I will not be sure; it was William or Thomas Rippon.

21,324. How did you come to pay him?—I think I received the money from David Nutchey, or Nutchey disbursed it. I think it was from David Nutchey.

21,325. Where?—In the market.

21,326. How did Nutchey come to give the money to you to pay away if he was there himself? I own, I do not quite understand that he should not pay it himself, he being there?—He might be engaged himself other ways. I might go and see the men vote before I paid them.

21,327. You took them up to vote?—I think so.

21,328. You took them up to vote, and then took them to receive the money?—I think that was the way.

21,329. How much was it?—I think it was 2*l.*

21,330. Is that the only transaction of the kind in which you have been engaged?—I think so.

21,331. I think you have answered all the questions with frankness, and I will ask you, can you say that is everything you have been engaged in?—I have this last election paid money. Nutchey paid it through me.

21,332. How much did you pay?—I think 8*l.* or 9*l.*; 8*l.* or 10*l.*

21,333. Do you know to whom you paid it?—Yes. I have a list of them in my pocket.

21,334. In what sums?—The sums are all down there. I think they are all returned by Mr. Nutchey; they are all returned by him.

21,335. 8*l.* or 10*l.*, and you paid 73?—Perhaps that may be it.

(*The following was the list handed in by the witness:*)

A. Trenham, 10*s.*
S. Windas, 1*l.*
R. Horner.
W. Beilby, 1*l.*
W. Bowser, 1*l.*
R. Spence.
Hales, 15*s.*
R. Pottage, 1*l.*
Money from Nutchey.

W. Compton 1*l.*
Money from Kemplay.

21,336. The sum you paid was 8*l.*—8*l.* or 10*l.*; and that seems a very good account of it?—The money paid through my hands, as vouchers show.

21,337. It was given you in one lumped sum?—No.

21,338. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are a married man?—Yes.

21,339. Did your wife take any part in that?—Not to my knowledge; I think not.

The witness then withdrew.

J. Gawan.

JAMES GAWAN sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

21,340. You are a freeman?—Yes.

21,341. How long have you been a freeman?—I took my freedom up in September 1868.

21,342. You took your freedom up in September 1868?—Yes, in September 1868.

21,343. What did you pay on taking up your freedom?—I should take it out for birth. I cannot tell what it was exactly now; it would not be much.

21,344. Did anybody pay it for you?—No.

21,345. You paid it out of your own pocket?—Yes.

21,346–7. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—No, I had not a vote.

21,348. Did you vote at the parliamentary?—Yes.

21,349. Which way did you vote?—Sir Henry Edwards and Kennard.

21,350. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

21,351. Were you employed at the municipal election?—No.

21,352. Did money pass through your hands?—No.

21,353. Not any?—No, not at all.

21,354. Did you receive Walker's gift?—Yes.

21,355. When did you get it?—I cannot say exactly to a day, but it was the 5th or 6th of June.

21,356. In June last, or June of the former year?—June last.

21,357. Do you mean 1868 or 1869?—June last.

21,358. Have you any reason to suppose it was given to you on account of your voting?—Not at all; not any at all.

21,359. How much did you get?—6*l.*

21,360. You got 6*l.*?—Yes.

21,361. What were your grounds of application for the gift?—To support me; to get some horses and rullies (carts).

21,362. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How old are you?—Twenty-three the 27th of this month.

21,363. What are you?—I am a paviour and cartman.

21,364. What wages do you get a week?—I am my own master.

21,365. How many men do you employ?—Sometimes one and sometimes two.

21,366. Are you a married man?—No, sir.

21,367. Where do you carry on your business?—In Trinity Lane.

21,368. How long have you been your own master?—About two months.

21,369. What were you doing in June?—I cannot say exactly what I was doing in June.

21,370. Have you purchased the horses?—Yes. I think I should be leading bricks to the asylum at that time.

21,371. At so much per week? — So much a thousand.

21,372. What would you make?—We calculate about 10*s.* or 11*s.* a pair of horses; we may, perhaps, when we have a full week.

21,373. What would you make in a full week, 2*l.*?—Rather better.

21,374. Whose horses were they then?—My own.

21,375. Your own then?—Yes.

21,376. You had two horses when you made the application?—Yes.

21,377. What rent did you pay for your house?—I pay 13*l.* a year now.

21,378. That is rather a good rent, it should be a good house in Beverley; what did you pay in June last?—I only entered on it five or six weeks since.

21,379. You are now living in a house of 13*l.* a year?—Yes.

21,380. Where were you living in June?—We used to live in the old house; we had to move from there.

21,381. Who are "we"?—My sister, my brother, and myself.

21,382. How came you to apply for Walker's gift?—I was given to understand it was left for this purpose.

21,383. Who told you so?—My aunt first said to me——

21,384. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Never mind ladies' names at all.

21,835. (*Witness.*) She said she thought if I applied I should have it.

21,386. Did you know any of the pasture masters?—Oh, yes, I knew them all.

21,387. I suppose you spoke to one of them before you sent in your formal application?—Yes.

21,388. Which of them?—I think Mr. Findlater was one.

21,389. He is a plasterer?—Yes.

21,390. He had known you a considerable time?—Yes.

21,391. He knew where you and your brother lived?—Yes.

21,392. What were you paying for this house?—I had it not then; my eldest brother was living in his own house.

21,393. What was the rent of the house?—I think it was about 18*l.* a year.

21,394. Who else did you speak to besides Findlater?—Mr. Kemplay.

21,395. I mean before you made the application?—Yes.

21,396. Anyone else?—No, I cannot say there was particularly.

21,397. They told you, I suppose, you had better apply in the usual manner?—When I applied to them they said they could not say anything, but would see what they could do for me.

21,398. Can you tell me the date of your application?—I cannot say, except that it would be some time in May.

21,399. Some time in May when you first applied?—Yes.

21,400. And you got it in June?—Yes.

21,401. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you been ill before you made this application?—No.

21,402. But was as well as you are now?—Yes.

21,403. Had you lost any cattle?—I lost all there was; there was a sale called, and they all had to be sold.

21,404. How do you mean lost all there was?—There was a sale. I had none to lose.

21,405. You had none to lose?—Our parents died.

21,406. You were not a stocker?—Yes.

21,407. Had you lost any cattle?—No.

21,408. Was it a cow?—No.

21,409. You had nothing at all to lose?—No.

21,410. And you had lost nothing?—No.

21,411. Was this sale on the death of your father?—Yes.

21,412. When would the sale be?—It was in May.

21,413. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had you any property on your father's death?—Yes, there was some.

21,414. I must now ask you how much; what amount came to you?—There was nothing came to me; it was pretty heavily mortgaged for what it was worth. Mr. Shepherd was the mortgagee.

21,415. Did you receive anything under your father's will?—No, I received nothing; it has not yet been settled, I believe.

21,416. You have received nothing as yet?—No, it has not got settled yet.

21,417. When did your father die?—My father died three years ago.

21,418. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was the sale three years ago?—No; my eldest brother has carried on till about two months ago.

21,419. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you not get an equal share of your father's effects?—No; there was no will, and my eldest brother came in for all.

21,420. Then you got nothing at all on your father's death?—No, not yet; it has not got settled about yet.

21,421. Do you know whether you will get anything; do you know that, or not?—I do not expect there will be anything.

21,422. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where does your eldest brother live?—In Trinity Lane.

21,423. In Trinity Lane, in the old house?—I expect so.

21,424. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had your father any landed property?—No.

21,425. He had not?—No.

21,426. None whatever?—No; we had the house we lived in.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS TOMLINSON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. Tomlinson.

21,427. Are you a freeman?—No.

21,428. You are a voter?—No, I never did vote in my life.

21,429. Where do you work?—At the gasworks.

21,430. Under the corporation?—Yes.

21,431. Do you know a man named Tindall?—No.

21,432. Or any man of that name?—There was a Tindall who used to keep the "George and Dragon."

21,433. When did he leave?—Some years ago; he is dead.

21,434. When did he die?—I believe last week.

21,435. He was an active supporter of Mr. Keane?—I do not know. I could not say. I never interfered.

21,436. Do you know whether he supported Mr. Keane or not?—I do not.

21,437. Do you know anything at all about any of the elections?—Not in any shape or form, for I never had a vote, and I have never interfered.

21,438. I mean without interfering?—No.

21,439. We have not called you without some information?—I cannot give you any.

21,440. You say that upon your oath, either at the last election—— ?—Yes, or any election that I have been in Beverley.

21,441. How long have you been in Beverley?—Twenty-five years.

21,442. You could be a voter if you liked?—No; I am not a ratepayer.

21,443. With regard to the men in your employment; how many of you are voters?—Well, I should think 10 or 11 now since the last Bill. There are only four or five freemen.

21,444. Do you know how they vote?—I do not know how some of them voted.

21,445. Did they all vote one way?—No, they voted which way they liked.

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21,446. For all you know, and, taking you to be an impartial person, did they vote about half and half?—I think not quite. I believe more Conservative than Liberal. I believe there are more, but I think it is not above one or two. There are one or two I am sure I do not know which way they really did vote.

21,447. I am only asking your opinion. We do not propose to investigate this further?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

F. Greenhough.

FRANCIS GREENHOUGH sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

21,448. What are you?—A shoemaker.

21,449. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

21,450. How long have you been a freeman?—In 1824 I was sworn in.

21,451. Do you know a place called the "Bee Hive"?—Yes.

21,452. Do you know a man named Straker?—Yes.

21,453. He keeps it?—Yes.

21,454. Do you remember being there early in November last year?—No.

21,455. You do not remember being there?—No. I never got a glass of ale electioneering in my life.

21,456. I do not say you got a glass of ale, but did you ever get a glass of ale there?—Yes, I have done.

21,457. Were you given a glass of ale in the first week in November in last year?—I am sure I cannot say.

21,458. Have you never told anyone that you were there?—No, never in my life.

21,459. Were you ever there last year when a lot of voters were in the place?—No, I cannot say that ever I was, not anything particular.

21,460. Stop a moment. Were you there in company with Harris and James Saunderson?—No, I was not.

21,461. Did a man of the name of Thomas Richmond ever come there when you were there?—No, he did not.

21,462. Do you remember Towneley's election?—I do.

21,463. For whom did you vote then?—Mr. Towneley.

21,464. What did you get?—12*l.*, and 2*s.* tickets.

21,465. You voted for Mr. Towneley?—I did.

21,466. Do you remember his next election in 1847?—I do; I voted for him again.

21,467. What did you get that time?—I got 1*l.*, I believe.

21,468. That was a great come down?—It was.

21,469. How did you come to get so little?—I do not know. I could not get no more than 1*l.* the second election.

21,470. Were you a messenger, or anything of that sort?—No, I was not.

21,471. You got only 1*l.*?—I got 1*l.*

21,472. Do you remember Lawley and Wells?—Yes, I voted for Lawley and Wells.

21,473. What did you get?—3*l.*

21,474. Were you a messenger then?—No, I was not.

21,475. Did you vote in Gordon's election, Gordon and Hastings?—I voted for Hastings.

21,476. Did you get anything?—No, not a farthing.

21,477. Do you remember Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I voted for Mr. Denison.

21,478. Did you get anything?—Nothing at all from Mr. Denison.

21,479. Did you get anything for anyone else? Did you vote for anyone besides Denison?—No. I voted for Denison and Wells.

21,480. And you did not get anything from either of them?—No, not a farthing.

21,481. Do you remember Edwards and Wells?—Do you mean the second election?

21,482. Yes.—I voted for the major.

21,483. You got something then?—I did, I got 3*l.*

21,484. Where?—From Henry Johnson, at my own house.

21,485. Do you remember Walters' election?—Yes.

21,486. For whom did you vote then, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I did not vote for Walters, and I did not vote for the major.

21,487. Then you voted for Mr. Walker?—Yes.

21,488. What did you get?—2*l.*

21,489. Was that in the Toll Gavel?—Yes, in an empty house.

21,490. The next was Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Mr. Gridley.

21,491. Did you get anything then?—I got 2*l.* at the "Packhorse."

21,492. Did you happen to be a messenger?—No.

21,493. Were you a watcher?—No; they might watch for themselves for me.

21,494. The next is 1865; whom did you vote for, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Mr. Keane.

21,495. What did you get?—1*l.* from Mr. Keane.

21,496. At the Mechanics' Hall here?—Yes, I did.

21,497. Have you ever voted at council choosings?—Yes, the last.

21,498. What did you get?—10*s.*

21,499. From whom?—Mr. Bird.

21,500. You voted before the last?—Yes, several times.

21,501. Did you ever get anything?—Sometimes 1*s.* and sometimes 2*s.* 6*d.*; there was never a deal.

21,502. Did you ever get as much as 5*s.*?—No, I have got 2*s.* 6*d.*

21,503. You voted for pasture masters?—Yes.

21,504. Did you ever get anything then?—No, except 1*s.* to get a sup of beer with.

21,505. Or 2*s.*?—No; I never recollect anything of the sort myself.

21,506. We seem to know things that you do not; did you ever get 2*s.*?—I do not know that I did.

21,507. Who ever paid you?—I believe John Westerby gave me 1*s.* 6*d.* or 2*s.* once, but I could not say positively whether it was so or not.

21,508. Who did you generally vote for at the pasture master elections?—Generally for the orange party.

21,509. For whom did you vote last election?—Maxwell and Trollope.

21,510. Did you get anything then?—No, not as much as a glass of ale.

The witness withdrew.

R. Straker.

RICHARD STRAKER sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

21,511. You keep a public-house, do you not?—Yes.

21,512. What is it?—The "Bee Hive."

21,513. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,514. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

21,515. Are you a freeman?—No.

21,516. How long have you had a vote?—That was the first time.

21,517. Do you remember an order being given for money to be spent at your public-house?—Yes.

21,518. In November?—At the municipal election.

21,519. The money was to be spent at the municipal election?—It was then that I got the order.

21,520. Who gave you the order?—Mr. Lowther.

21,521. How much did he tell you you might spend?—1*l.*

21,522. Do you remember what day it was?—The day of the municipal election.

21,523. He gave you the order that day?—The same day.

21,524. And the money might be spent from that time?—Yes. The words he used were, "Mr. Straker,

" I will give an order for 1*l.* in your house to be " spent ;" and I said, " I thank you."

21,525. Was it to be spent upon voters ?—He did not say.

21,526. Did any come and drink out the money ?—Yes, there were several that day.

21,527. And other following days ?—No, nothing after that day.

21,528. Did not any voters come there and drink afterwards ?—No.

21,529. Did not Harris ?—No ; he did the same day the municipal election was.

21,530. Was the whole 1*l.* drunk out that day ?—No, the whole was not drunk out that day ; I think there was a little left.

21,531. And was that drunk out the following day ?—No, it has not been drunk out yet.

21,532. How is that ?—I think there was 16*s.* or 17*s.* drunk.

21,533. Can you tell us when the 3*s.* is going to be drunk out ?—I do not know.

21,534. Did not somebody come to you and stop the order ?—There was a little talk about it, but I did not take particular notice.

21,535. What was the little talk ?—There was going to be a row about the election matter, and so there was to be no more drunk.

21,536. Did Mr. Richmond stop the order ?—Yes.

21,537. When did he come and stop it ?—A day or two after the municipal election.

21,538. It was more than that ?—No, not more than two or three days ; I cannot say to a day.

21,539. Was it the same week ?—I should think it was.

21,540. Was it the last day ?—I cannot say.

21,541. Had there been a little drinking ?—There was no drink got after the municipal election.

21,542. And yet he came and stopped it four or five days afterwards. I think you talked to Mr. Lowther about that ?—I have never had no conversation with Mr. Lowther, never since the day the municipal election was.

21,543. Did you not see Mr. Lowther the day of the parliamentary election ?—I cannot say I did.

21,544. Can you say you did not ?—I do not think I did ; I might see him several times, but I had no conversation with him.

21,545. You saw him on the day of the parliamentary election ?—I might see him, but I had no conversation with him.

21,546. Did you see him ?—I cannot swear I saw him, or I cannot swear that I did not.

21,547. Amongst the many people Mr. Lowther was one ?—No doubt he was.

21,548. Did you not say something to him about Richmond ?—No, not that day.

21,549. Did you not speak to him about the matter ?—No.

21,550. Any other day ?—No.

21,551. Did you ever speak to Mr. Lowther ?—I have had no conversation with Mr. Lowther since.

21,552. Has the 1*l.* ever been paid ?—Yes.

21,553. Then you must have had some conversation ?—No, he sent it by his man.

21,554. When did he send it ?—I cannot say ; but I had some little disturbance.

21,555. Instead of a conversation you sent him a message ?—No.

21,556. What was the disturbance ?—With Mr. Richmond, I believe. I told him I thought it was about time it was paid.

21,557. When was that ?—I should think about three or four months ago.

21,558. Was it before March last ?—Since March, I believe.

21,559. You told Richmond it was about time it was paid ?—Yes, Mr. Richmond and me had a little conversation about it, and Richmond told me he would bring the order and pay it.

21,560. You got it paid ?—I got it paid since.

21,561. Who gave it you ?—Mr. Lowther's man.

21,562. Then you are in their debt 3*s.* ?—Yes, and I mean to stick to it.

21,563. Then it is no use coming to you for it ?—Not at all. I would not give them a glass of brandy out of it ; that is the way to stick to it when you get hold of it.

21,564. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are entitled to it ?—Yes, I consider I was.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

21,565. You voted for him ?—I voted for Mr. Lowther and Mr. Usher at the municipal election.

21,566. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Edwards and Kennard.

21,567. The beer was not exhausted then ?—No.

21,568. Did you keep any account of it ?—I did put it down in a book what they got.

21,569. Have you the book ?—I have not it by me.

21,570. Have you it at home ?—Yes.

21,571. You put it down what you served out ?—Yes.

21,572. 17*s.* ; did you debit Mr. Lowther with it ?—Yes, I put Mr. Lowther's name to it.

21,573. Is the date of the order there ?—I cannot say whether the date of the order will be there or not ; I know his name is there.

21,574. Do you know whether the date of the order is there ?—He told me in the street ; I took his word.

21,575. I thought he went up to the " Bee Hive " ?—No.

21,576. You met him in the street ?—Yes ; it was either before or after I voted he gave me the order.

21,577. What time did you vote ?—I should vote about 11 o'clock.

21,578. Was it before or after you voted ?—I cannot say whether it was before or after.

21,579. It might be after ?—It might be after, and it might be before.

21,580. I suppose you remained some time here after you voted, you did not go home immediately ?—No.

21,581. What time did you get back to the " Bee Hive " ?—About 4 or 5 o'clock.

21,582. We have an order given you here for drink for the " Bee Hive ;" you are here from 11 till 4 or 5 o'clock ?—They knew that they were down before I got back.

21,583. You remained in the town, and did no go back to the " Bee Hive " till 4 or 5 o'clock ; then did he shout it out to you ?—He was not still with it; he opened his mouth, and he said, " There is an order for 1*l.* ;" and I said, " I thank you ;" and there was a cab-load went up.

21,584. Was it shouted out ?—Yes ; he was not frightened of anyone knowing.

21,585. Did he shout it out ?—Yes ; he did not tell it in a secret manner at all.

21,586. Tell me what he said ?—I cannot tell you the words exactly, I am sure.

21,587. You think the 3*s.* is for having voted ?—I do not know that.

21,588. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What time did you vote for Edwards and Kennard ?—It would be about 1 o'clock, or after. I know it was after dinner.

21,589. Did you not tell somebody that you did not mean to vote till the order was paid ?—No, nothing at all of the kind.

21,590. Did you want to have the order settled before you voted ?—No, I never mentioned the order that day. I do not think that ever I did that day.

21,591. Did you not make any disturbance till after ?—No, it was a long while since that when I made the disturbance.

21,592. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had the " Bee Hive " been ever implicated before in treating people to beer ?—No, not to my knowledge.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

R. Straker.

9 Sept. 1869.

21,593. How long have you been the landlord?—Three years.

21,594. I mean during your time?—Nothing has occurred in my time.

21,595. Did you see Richmond the day of the parliamentary election?—I cannot say whether I did; I had no conversation with him.

The witness withdrew.

T. Straker.

THOMAS STRAKER sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

21,596. Are you a voter for the borough?—No.

21,597. Do you keep a public-house?—Yes, just out of the borough.

21,598. What is the name of it?—The "Admiral Duncan;" generally called the "Hall Garth Inn."

21,599. You are not a voter, and not in the borough at all; it is outside the borough?—Yes.

21,600. So you are neither a voter for the municipal or the parliamentary?—No.

21,601. But it has been used a great deal?—Yes.

21,602. Do you know Mr. Kemplay?—Yes.

21,603. And you recollect the election in 1865?—Yes.

21,604. Are you a parliamentary voter?—Yes.

21,605. How do you vote?—I always voted for the Conservative party.

21,606. How many years have you been a voter?—I have been for near 30.

21,607. Did you vote at the Towneley election?—I did; that was my first election.

21,608. Money was going then; did any money pass through your hands?—No.

21,609. Did any money reach your hands?—Yes; I got 12*l.*

21,610. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Hogg.

21,611. In 1847, do you recollect Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid?—Yes.

21,612. For whom did you vote?—Fox.

21,613. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.

21,614. At what other election did money pass through your hands?—Not one, not as a voter.

21,615. I mean as a publican?—Yes, in 1865.

21,616. Before that, when Major Edwards first came, in 1857, your house was open?—No.

21,617. Nor in 1860?—No.

21,618. Nor in 1859?—No.

21,619. A good many voters live out in your neighbourhood?—Yes, in our district; it extends a long way.

21,620. Was your house open at all?—I never had it open for anything, not till 1865.

21,621. We know all about 1865, that came out; what money did you receive then?—In 1865;

21,622. Yes?—I received for refreshments——

21,623. Drinking of beer and wine?—Yes, and dinners.

21,624. How much?—30*l.* 10*s.*

21,625. Who paid you?—Mr. Kemplay.

21,626. Who gave the order to you?—It was the committee sent down that they were to have refreshments.

21,627. Who were they?—Mr. Cook, and Mr. Bainton would be one.

21,628. And Mr. McCoy?—Yes.

21,629. Is that Mr. Bainton of Beverley Parks?—Yes.

21,630. You know Mr. McCoy?—Yes.

21,631. And they told you to supply what was wanted?—To give them refreshments; they had a long distance to come, some four miles and a half.

21,632. How many days before the day of polling were you giving them refreshments?—It was on the election day.

21,633. Was it all spent in one day?—Yes; not all spent in my house; there was a breakfast from another landlord further off; there was 9*l.* 10*s.* spent there out of my 30*l.*

21,634. That left you 21*l.*?—Yes.

21,635. You were not paid till some time after the election?—It was six months after the election I was paid, and 2*l.* I gave to an old man, John Stephenson.

21,636. For what?—For voting. I paid him at the same time when I got the money, and 2*l.* to a man named Goodall.

21,637. Out of the 30*l.* you paid two voters 4*l.*?—Yes.

21,638. Out of that you paid 4*l.* What is the name of the second?—John Goodall; and 2*l.* I gave to another person who was canvassing and driving the 'bus on election day.

21,639. That is 16*l.* The 'bus driver was a voter?—No; his name is Flint, he is a non-voter.

21,640. That left 15*l.* Was he a young man, the 'bus driver?—Yes.

21,641. Has his father been a voter?—Yes.

21,642. I guessed he had a father and that he was a voter?—Yes, he has been a voter for some time.

21,643. That leaves you 15*l.*?—Yes.

21,644. When you sent in your bill to Mr. Kemplay did you put these items in your bill?—Yes, he saw it, he got the account.

21,645. And you put the 2*l.* for the 'bus, 2*l.* for so-and-so, and 2*l.* for so-and-so?—Yes.

21,646. And you gave him the bill?—Yes.

21,647. I suppose he took a receipt from you?—He got a receipt.

21,648. He told you he wanted a receipt?—Yes.

21,649. Did he say for what? Did he say the candidates, Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Sykes, would like to look over it?—He got my bill and said nothing about it.

21,650. Six weeks after?—Yes.

21,651. Had you applied for it?—No.

21,652. I suppose there would be about 5*l.* profit in it?—I should think there would be between 50 and 60 got a dinner; they came a long distance off, some came four or five and a half miles.

21,653. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the name of the 'bus driver?—Flint.

21,654. Do you know his Christian name?—Thomas; he is not a voter.

The witness withdrew.

B. Robinson.

BENJAMIN ROBINSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

21,655. What are you?—A merchant's clerk.

21,656. Are you a freeman?—No.

21,657. A 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

21,658. How long have you been a 10*l.* householder?—About 14 years, I think.

21,659. For whom did you vote at the last council choosing?—For the Conservative party.

21,660. Did you get any money?—No.

21,661. No money at all?—None whatever. I have never got any money, only 20*l.* from Mr. Lowther. That is all that I ever got.

21,662. I call that a good sum.—That was at the parliamentary election of 1865.

21,663. You know nothing about the council choosing?—Nothing whatever.

21,664. You were not concerned in it at all?—Not in any way.

21,665. What was the first parliamentary election you voted at?—I believe it was when Glover was here.

21,666. That was Wells, Denison, and Glover; that was in 1857?—Yes, I believe that was the time.

21,667. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Glover.

21,668. Have you ever been paid for your vote in any parliamentary election?—No.

21,669. Or for your vote after the election?—No.

21,670. Have you ever paid any people, except at the election you have spoken of?—No.

21,671. You have only had one sum of money placed in your hands?—That is the only sum I think that I have had placed in my hands.

21,672. You got that from Lowther?—Yes. I have got a book where I put it down at the time, and a list. (*The witness here handed a list to the Commissioners, of which the following is a copy*):—Staley 2*l.*; W. Armstrong, 2*l.*; Freebury, 2*l.*; C. Spivey, 2*l.*; W. Spivey sen., 2*l.*; F. Spivey, 2*l.*; W. Spivey, 2*l.*; John Spivey, 2*l.*; R. Hall, 2*l.*; T. Hall, 2*l.*

21,673. This is a memorandum which you made at the time?—Yes.

21,674. You paid the voters 2*l.* each?—Yes.

21,675. I ask you again, have you been concerned in any other election excepting this, in any way excepting voting?—I believe not.

21,676. Why did Mr. Lowther give you the money?—I do not know.

21,677. Why was it; was it because you were not an electioneerer at all?—It might be.

21,678. Did you know these men?—Yes, I think I knew them all; I have seen them all.

The witness withdrew.

Marmaduke Lowson Whitton sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

21,679. What are you?—A builder.

21,680. You were one of the candidates at the last municipal election?—I was.

21,681. Have you had a vote for the borough for a long time?—Yes.

21,682. How many years?—Since 1852.

21,683. Have you taken an active part in the elections?—Sometimes; not often. I have occasionally.

21,684. What was the first election that you took a part in? 1852 you say you had a vote: had you a vote when Lawley, Wells, and Glover put up?—Yes.

21,685. Did you vote then?—Yes.

21,686. Did you take an active part in that election?—No.

21,687. Did you get any money for your vote?—Never; never in my life.

21,688. For whom did you vote?—Glover.

21,689. And was any money given to you to distribute at that election?—No.

21,690. 1854 I will not ask you about. 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells; did you vote then?—I think so. I rather think I voted for Denison, but I will not be certain.

21,691. Did you take any part in that election?—No.

21,692. When Major Edwards came here first, in 1857, for whom did you vote then?—Major Edwards.

21,693. Did you take an active part then?—No, not much.

21,694. You know what I mean; was there any money in your hands?—No, not a farthing.

21,695. You had nothing to do with paying of money?—No.

21,696. In the election of 1859, when Walters, Edwards, and Walker put up?—Edwards and Walker I voted.

21,697. Had you money in your hands then?—No.

21,698. Did you take any part in that election?—A little. I assisted perhaps in getting up voters; I have done occasionally.

21,699. Did you go through the process of what is called voting them?—No.

21,700. Did you not take voters up to the poll?—I do not think I did; I might.

21,701. Might means did we find out?—I do not think I took any voters.

21,702. That also means the same thing; we have learnt that since we have been here?—At all events, I did not bribe any voters.

21,703. I think I now understand that you did take voters up to the poll?—I do not know; perhaps I might have done.

21,704. And did you take them anywhere after they had voted?—No.

21,705. In 1860, when Walker and Gridley put up, did you vote then?—Yes, I should vote for Walker.

21,706. And I suppose you voted men then?—No, I did not; I took no interest in that election.

21,707. Did you vote then; did you take any men up to vote?—No; I know I did not.

21,708. In 1865, when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane put up. You have got a good deal to tell us about that?—Yes, I took action in that election.

21,709. You took action?—I did, for the very first time, and very sorry I was for it, too.

21,710. You got some money then?—Yes, I did.

21,711. What was it?—I received 20*l.* from Mr. Lowther.

21,712. And what did you do with it?—I bribed a certain number of voters; I think something like 13 or 14.

21,713. Have you got a list?—I believe I have. (*The list was handed to the Commissioners, and is as follows*):—D. Mercer, Wilkinson, Jackson, John Watson, William Philpott, John Mercer, Burton, G. T. Wynn, Witfield, J. Burn, W. Gawan, Bitton, John Tuting, Needham, T. Whitton.

21,714. What did you give them apiece?—The 20*l.* was distributed between these 14.

21,715. Did you make that out at the time?—No, afterwards.

21,716. How long?—I made it out from an old memorandum book that I had.

21,717. It was made about the time?—It was made soon after.

21,718. I see it is made out on a card soliciting votes for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

21,719. You made it out soon after?—Yes.

21,720. It was in various sums, amounting to 20*l.* the 14?—I daresay I could tell you pretty nearly the sums; not the exact amounts, but very near.

21,721. And you had 20*l.* to distribute amongst them?—Yes, and I distributed it amongst that number.

21,722. Was that all the money you got from Mr. Lowther?—Yes, every farthing.

21,723. Did you take any other men to be voted?—No.

21,724. You did not?—No.

21,725. These were the only men?—Those were the only men. In fact, I did not see them vote; I merely gave them the money. Mr. Lowther asked me if I would take 20*l.* and do what I could for them, and I foolishly consented to do so.

21,726. You voted at the last parliamentary election?—Yes.

21,727. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

21,728. At the municipal election, did you have anything to do with distributing money then?—No.

21,729. You knew that money was given?—Yes, I knew that money was given; at least by rumour. I never saw any given, nor I never gave any.

21,730. Yours was St. Martin's Ward, was it not?—Yes. I beg your pardon; did you say St. Martin's Ward? St. Mary's Ward, I mean.

21,731. You knew very well that money was given?—I never saw any money; only through rumour I knew it was given.

21,732. Do you not know a very large sum of money was given?—Yes, from what I have heard since this inquiry was going on.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

M. L. Whitton.

9 Sept. 1869.

21,733. How long have you been a town councillor?—This is my tenth year; I have been nine years.

21,734. Consecutively?—Yes.

21,735. And you were returned last year?—Yes.

21,736. The money has not been contributed by you?—No.

21,737. At former elections, as I understand, the town councillors have contributed among themselves for the expenses, have they not?—Yes ,and I expect to be called upon for my portion of the legitimate expenses of the last election, a few pounds; we generally have had a few pounds to pay, something under 5*l.*

21,738. What was the date of your first being town councillor?—It would be—this is 1869—in 1859.

21,739. At that time you contributed they had what is called a whip?—No, there is no whip; it is the expenses of printing and stationery, and cabs, and so forth.

21,740. There was an arrangement among you that you should pay for any expenses that were incurred?—At all times.

21,741. And that was somewhere about 5*l.*?—Yes, somewhere thereabouts.

21,742. And then after a time that ceased?—No, I have always been called upon to pay something under 5*l.* ever since I have been a councillor.

21,743. Latterly a good deal under?—No, from 3*l.* to 4*l.*

21,744. One gentleman here to-day talked about paying only 2*s.* 6*d.*?—I have always paid my portion.

21,745. After 1862 did you ever pay anything like 5*l.*?—No, I never paid 5*l.*, I do not think; say from 3*l.* to 4*l.*

21,746. After 1862 have you been called upon to contribute?—Yes, every time I have been returned, until the last time.

21,747. Just listen to my question. Since 1862 have you ever paid so much as 3*l.* for your election for town councillor?—I do not know, but I should think so.

21,748. You think you have paid as much?—Yes, I do.

21,749. And the last time you paid nothing?—Nothing yet, but I do expect to pay.

21,750. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Never mind your expectations; we are asking about facts.—I am speaking facts, I hope.

21,751. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is the last time you paid anything like 3*l.*?—I do not know the date, but it would be three years previous to this last.

21,752. That would be 1865?—Yes.

21,753. Did you pay as much as 3*l.* then?—I should think I should, but I have no account of it.

21,754. Do you know the money came from somebody else besides?—No, I do not.

21,755. But you have heard it, you have heard that money came from Wreghitt?—I did not know that it came from Wreghitt.

21,756. You have heard?—I have heard through this inquiry.

21,757. No, but before?—No one ever told me the money ever came from Wreghitt at any time.

21,758. In 1862 or 1865, have you not heard the money came from Wreghitt for electing town councillors?—No, I never heard it at all.

21,759. Never heard it in this town?—I have never had anything to do with Mr. Wreghitt.

21,760. Now, your words are being taken down. Do you swear that in the year 1862 you never heard of money coming from Wreghitt to pay for the election of town councillors?—I do not know that I did. I know very well I never received money from him, and I do not know of anyone telling me that they received money from him.

21,761. Have you ever heard of money coming from Wreghitt for town council elections?—No, I have not.

21,762. Never heard?—Only through what I have heard now through this inquiry.

21,763. But never before we came here?—No. I know nothing about Wreghitt's affairs as far as his spending any money; I do not know, indeed I do not.

21,764. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did you become a town councillor?—On the 20th of last November.

21,765. When; give us the date?—Of course from 1859 it would be I have been nine years.

21,766. When did you become a town councillor?—I have been so nine years; three times returned; it is not 10 years till November.

21,767. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were returned the third time in 1868, therefore it would be 1859?—Yes.

21,768. Now I must ask you again, when was the first time that you ever heard Wreghitt supplied money for the election of town council?—I never heard from anyone he supplied money for town council.

21,769. You have not?—No.

21,770. You have told us you have heard?—No, indeed, I have not.

21,771. Since you have been here you have?—I beg your pardon, I have not.

21,772. You have never heard that Wreghitt supplied money?—I have not.

21,773. Do you mean to say that, that you living in Beverley never heard that. I do not ask you whether you believed it to be true?—I do not remember anything about it. I know nothing about it. I know I have always borne my part of the election expenses, but I never took any interest in canvassing expenses or securing voters.

21,774. Well of course we must judge for ourselves of your answer?—I shall speak the truth.

21,775. We have witnesses coming up speaking of it as a matter of common rumour and notoriety in the town, and you, a town councillor for nine years, tell us you never heard of Wreghitt contributing any money; you never heard that rumour, you tell us, till within the last week or two, and that in a room full of your fellow-townsmen.

21,776. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is that so?

21,777. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Here you say in this open court you have not heard it?—I do not know that he has paid.

21,778. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We are not asking you about your knowledge.

21,779. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You had better reconsider.

21,780. (*The witness.*) I do not want to consider.

21,781. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We had better adjourn till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and you will be the first witness.

21,782. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Just consider what answers you have to make.

(*The witness.*) Yes.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

10th September 1869.

Mr. M. L. WHITTON recalled and further examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

21,783. Mr. Whitton, before going further I should wish you to give me the dates of your several elections to the town council, beginning from the first ?—1859.

21,784. Was there any contest then ?—Yes.

21,785. Go on, and give us the other contests ?—The next would be in 1862.

21,786. Was there a contest then ?—No, none whatever.

21,787. The next would be '65, and no contest ?—Yes.

21,788. And then we come to the last, the one in '68 ?—Yes.

21,789. When, if I recollect rightly, you were returned by a considerable majority ?—I believe so, but I do not know the exact numbers.

21,790. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was it the Minster Ward ?—No, St. Mary's Ward.

21,791. I believe there was a sharp contest in 1859 ?—Not a very sharp one.

21,792. What was your share of the expenses of that election ?—I should think about 3*l.*, as I told you you before. I do not think the expense would be more; it might be a little above or under 3*l.* I should say about 3*l.*

21,793. In 1862, when there was no contest, what should you say would be your share of the expenses ?—I believe the expenses would be much the same ; they might be smaller, but there were always some expenses.

21,794. And in 1865 ?—I should say nearly the same.

21,795. And in 1868, what do you say about those expenses ?—I have paid none at present. I asked Norfolk about them shortly after the municipal election was over. I think he said he would get the bills in and then he would see me afterwards.

21,796. But, as a fact, he has not done so ?—He has not done so, never to me.

21,797. I think you had some sort of arrangement with him before the municipal contest took place about paying the election expenses ?—No.

21,798. Did you not have a meeting with him at the "White Horse," in which you talked the matter over ?—Never. I have met Mr. Norfolk there certainly, but I have not talked to him when the election expenses were discussed. I go occasionally to the "White Horse."

21,799. As I understand, the party settled among themselves there should be three candidates, was not that so ; they settled they should be Norfolk, Whitton, and Denton ?—I believe it was agreed at the Working Men's Association.

21,800. And was an arrangement made at the Conservative Association, you, Norfolk, and Denton should be the three candidates ?—Yes.

21,801. That I will call your nomination ; it was arranged Norfolk, Whitton, and Denton should be the three candidates ?—Yes.

21,802. After that nomination did you not have a meeting with Mr. Norfolk and one or two others of the party at the "White Horse" ?—No.

21,803. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I think it is only right to tell you Mr. Norfolk says you did ?—I do not think I did. I may have met him ; but not to arrange business matters with regard to the election.

21,804. Mr. Norfolk states this : that you did meet at the "White Horse" Mr. Burrell's, and that there was an understanding among you that you were to share the expenses proportionably ?—It was not so.

21,805. You remember meeting him at the "White Horse" just after the election ?—I do not know. I have met him several times there ; it is a place where I go to occasionally, where a few tradesmen meet.

21,806. And you mean to say you did not make such an arrangement with him ?—No, I did not.

21,807. What was the understanding with the other candidates ?—There really was no understanding.

21,808. How has it come to pass that you have not paid your election expenses as on former occasions; you see it is nearly 12 months ago ?—I do not know ; the accounts have never been presented to me as yet.

21,809. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do not talk to us of accounts, you know they are different from accounts ?—I still expect to see accounts.

21,810. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) For what ?—For the legitimate expenses ; that is all I expect to be called on for now.

21,811. You are aware that 800*l.* has been spent ?—Yes. I can only say that I did not know it before it came out on the trial of the petition before Baron Martin.

21,812. You do not consider yourself under an obligation to pay a proportionate share of the 800*l.* ?—No.

21,813. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then I beg your pardon, for I thought you did ?—No.

21,814. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When did you learn that so large a sum as 800*l.* had been expended ?—After the evidence given before Mr. Baron Martin ; that was the first time I learnt it.

21,815. You knew when the municipal election was going on money was very freely spent ?—I knew they were spending money, but I took very little notice ; I took very little interest in it.

21,816. But you lived in the town of Beverley, and you knew money was being spent in unusually large sums ?—Yes.

21,817. Sums far larger than had ever been spent before in your experience as a town councillor ?—I do remember once or twice when there were quite as large sums given.

21,818. You heard also this money came from Norfolk ?—I did not know where it came from.

21,819. When did you first hear that Mr. Norfolk was supplying large sums of money ?—I did not hear it until after the evidence came out before Mr. Baron Martin ; that was the time.

21,820. You mean to say you did not know where the money came from that was to promote your own election ?—No.

21,821. And you had no curiosity to find out who were so zealous and so kind as to promote your election in such a way ?—No ; I thought they were very foolish.

21,822. You were content some unknown friend should do it ?—I felt annoyed there was so much money spent.

21,823. But you did not inquire from whence it came ?—No, I did not.

21,824. And you did not hear ?—I did not hear.

21,825. Now I must repeat a question I put to you last night, and which I hope you have re-considered. When did you first hear that money was supplied by Wreghitt for the purposes of the municipal contest ?—I really do not remember hearing that money was supplied by Wreghitt at all ; I take so little notice of election matters, I really do not know. I take little notice of money matters.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

Mr. M. L. Whitton.

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21,826. Your answer last night was you had not heard of any money being so supplied until this Commission had been begun ?—And I still say the same.

21,827. Do you pledge your credit that the first time you heard of money being supplied by Wreghitt was after the opening of this Commission ?—I believe so.

21,828. If that is your final answer I will not pursue it ?—It is ; and I would rather you should not pursue it again.

21,829. Now I will take you altogether to a different subject. You are aware a man of the name of Elliott has given evidence before us here?—And very false, too.

21,830. He has given evidence, and it is adverse to you. Did you or did you not canvass him for his vote ?—Probably I might.

21,831. That means you did, I suppose ?—I did.

21,832. You canvassed him for the Conservative party, Edwards and Kennard ?—I did.

21,833. I take it he did not give you a promise to vote for you ?—I believe he did.

21,834. In point of fact he voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—He did.

21,835. Did you afterwards speak to him about his so voting for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes. I believe he promised me he would vote for the Conservative party ; I think so.

21,836. What I ask is this, did you after that speak to him about his having voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

21,837. What did you say ?—I said he was not a man of his word.

21,838. Did you say "I will remember you for it" ? —I do not think I did.

21,839. (*The Commissioner.*) That is all I shall ask you.

21,840. (*Witness.*) Will you allow me to speak about that, to explain ?

21,841. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Yes, I think you are entitled.—As far as Elliott is concerned——

21,842. Pardon me. Was there not another man ? —Yes, Hall, who I see is here in court. Elliott was examined before Mr. Baron Martin. He said, I had paid him off because he had not voted according to his promise. I deny that. I never paid a man off.

21,843. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We have nothing to do with any transaction before Mr. Baron Martin. You may give any explanation as regards anything that has occurred before us. Confine yourself to what has transpired here.

21,844. (*Witness.*) I believe Elliott said I had paid him off for not voting according to promise.

21,845. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was not quite so, but that was the tendency.

21,846. (*Witness.*) Well, it was not so. Elliott came a fortnight or three weeks before I paid him off. I was at my son's. He came and called me out of the house. I was in fact at my son's, at the "Rose and Crown." He called me out and said he wished to have a few words. He asked me if I thought I should be likely to keep him on during the winter. He said, "If "you do not want me the winter months I have a "chance of going back to my old master ; he wants a "man that has worked with him before." I said, "By all means make a bargain of it. We have "now a heavy job at Brantingham, but we shall "have done in a week or two ; so by all means make "a bargain of it. I cannot promise you winter "work." He said, "I will see my old master and "engage with him." He went to work another week, and perhaps a fortnight, till the work was finished at Brantingham, and then I paid him off. He had another job to go to. We do not keep our workpeople the winter months if we do not want them. Other men were paid off at the same time.

21,847. Was Hall one ?—Yes, he was one I paid off as well.

21,848. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had you spoken to Hall in the same way ?—Yes, I canvassed Hall.

21,849. And did he promise you ?—Yes, he promised both Edwards and Kennard.

21,850. He did not keep his promise ?—No, he did not.

21,851. Did you say to him he was not a man of his word ?—Yes, just the same.

21,852. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) My impression is it would have been as well if you had not said so.

21,853. (*Witness.*) I did say so. I think if a man makes a promise he ought to perform it.

21,854. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Yes, but standing as you did in the relation of master and servant to each other——

21,855. (*Witness.*) It would have been better let alone.

21,856. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think so. That is all I wanted to say.

21,857. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You have not contradicted his statement that you said "I will remember you for it" ?—I do not think I ever made such a remark.

21,858. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. Whitton, I was very glad to hear you make the remark you did about the expenses. I must have misunderstood you when you stated you expected to have to pay your share of the election expenses. I understood you to mean a share of the 800*l.* ?—Oh no, merely the legitimate expenses.

21,859. That would be 2*l.* or 3*l.* ?—3*l.*

21859*a*. You knew there was more money being spent than was necessary for legitimate expenses ?— Yes, sir.

21,860. You did ?—Yes.

21,861. Were you in communication with Norfolk that day ?—I never saw him that day as I know of.

21,862. Or Lowther ?—No.

21,863. Or your own colleague, Denton ?—Yes, I did see him.

21,864. You knew that money was being spent ; did you make any remark to him about the spending of the money ?—I did to Denton. I said I thought it was very foolish they should go on wasting money.

21,865. Whose money ?—That I did not know.

21,866. You thought it was the "party's" money ? —I could not tell.

21,867. Whose party ? You must have thought it was the party's money, and not that of an individual ? —I really could not form any opinion.

21,868. Who were the party ?—I thought it a very foolish party.

21,869. The men were actually paying money for votes, and you thought it was not their money ?—Of course I knew it was not their money.

21,870. Whose money, then, did you think it was ? —I scarcely thought about it at all. I thought they were foolish.

21,871. You are a man of the world, and acquainted with business. Did you think it was the Conservative party's money ; I do not like to use the word Conservative, but we will say the "political party" in the borough that supplied it ?—No.

21,872. It could not come down in a shower of gold from the heavens ?—No.

21,873. Who did you think were foolishly and illegally spending this money for you and your party ? —I had no knowledge.

21,874. I am not asking you about knowledge, but what you thought ; what did you think ?—I did not think anything.

21,876. Whose money did you think it was ? Now, that Mr. Baron Martin has been gone nearly five months, do you mean to say your mind has never run back to think whose money that would be ?—I never was told by anybody.

21,877. Did I ask you that ? Did your mind never run back to consider whose money it was ? Think of to-morrow, I beg, and consider the time you have lived in the borough.—I was not inquisitive ; I did not make any inquiry about it.

21,878. Did you never think where the money came from ?—No doubt; but I never got to know.

21,879. Where, then, did you think it came from ?—I thought it probably might be subscribed by gentlemen in the town, but I could not tell.

21,880. Who would subscribe it ?—I do not know; I could not tell who would supply it.

21,881. I am not asking you to tell; I wish to know where you thought this, which you considered a very extravagant expenditure, was to come from ?—I cannot tell.

21,882. You were in the habit of meeting Norfolk ?—I had no idea of inquiring.

21,883. I did not ask that. Were you in the habit of meeting Norfolk ?—Occasionally I met him.

21,884. In the town council and at Burrell's ?—At Burrell's occasionally.

21,885. Did you occasionally meet Lowther ?—Yes.

21,886. And all the men that were elected ?—Occasionally; I do not often go into their company.

21,887. And do you mean to tell us your mind never by any possible chance came to any conclusion as to where the money came from ?—I never had a word with anybody about money matters.

21,888. I am asking about the state of your mind. From whom, or from what source, do you think the money came from ?—I do not know, indeed.

21,889. I did not ask you that. You are asked generally what you thought ?—You are asking what I thought ?

21,890. I am asking you where you think it came from ?—I really do not know, for I never had any conversation with anyone at all about it.

21,891. Where do you think it came from ?—I did not know what to think about it, and I had no idea that half or a quarter of the amount was spent.

21,892. You know it is all the same whether 50*l.* or 5000*l.*; it must come under the same head ?—Yes, it is the same—bribery.

21,893. You now know your own return was procured by bribery ?—Yes, I now know it.

21,894. You believe so ?—Yes.

21,895. When did you first ascertain that ?—Of course after the election.

21,896. Now, I will test you. Did you resign your office as soon as you ascertained your return had been secured by bribery ?—No, I have not.

21,897. The condition you are in is this : your return was procured by criminal means ?—No doubt it was.

21,898. You know that now well ?—Yes.

21,899. And you have not resigned ?—No.

21,900. Are you aware if you pay money, knowing what you do know now, that it was expended illegally, you would be in the same position as if you paid it out of your own pocket on the 2nd of November ?—Yes, I do; but allow me to ask a question. Am I in that predicament if I pay only the legitimate expenses ?

21,901. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No; every man has a right to pay legitimate expenses.

21,902. Tell me another thing; had you never heard that Wreghitt was in the habit of supplying money at the election of pasture masters ?—No, indeed.

21,903. Do not put in indeed; you have not ?—I have not a voice in these pastures.

21,904. Had you never heard ?—No, never.

21,905. Do hear me out.—I am, indeed, speaking the truth.

21,906. Now, do consider. Have you never heard in conversation or otherwise, that Wreghitt, wrongly or rightly, was supposed to supply money for the election of pasture masters ?—I never heard of it; I never took any interest in it; in fact, I had no voice. I am not a freeman, and in fact never took any interes t in the pastures whatever.

21,907. You know your colleague ?—Yes.

21,908. Who was he ?—Denton.

21,909. Did you think he supplied the money ?—No.

21,910. Do you think Norfolk did ?—I had no idea; I had no knowledge about it.

21,911. Did you see him the day of the election ?—No, I never saw Norfolk during the election day.

21,912. When did you see Mr. Wreghitt last ?—I have not seen him for a long time. I may see him every day; but I have not seen him to speak to him for months.

21,913. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You have not spoken to him for months ?—I do not know that I have.

21,914. You have not spoken to him for months ?—I do not know that I have.

FRANCIS DENTON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

F. Denton.

21,915. What are you ?—A brickmaker a brick manufacturer.

21,916. Are you a freeman ?—I am.

21,917. How long have you been a freeman ?—From '32.

21,918. From the time of the Reform Bill ?—Yes.

21,919. I am not going through it all now, but how have you generally voted ?—I have generally voted for the Conservatives. I think every time with the exception of once.

21,920. That was Towneley's I suppose ?—No, it was my first election.

21,921. Have you filled any offices ?—I have.

21,922. What offices have you filled in the borough ?—I have filled the office of pasture master, and town councillor and guardian for the parish.

21,923. For the poor ?—Yes.

21,924. Do you recollect voting in Towneley's election ?—I voted then.

21,925. Did any money pass through your hands ?—No, I had nothing to do with it.

21,926. Did any money reach your hands ?—No, never.

21,927. I do not want to go through them all. Has any money reached your hands from Towneley's election down to the last ?—No, not any. I never paid or received nor exercised any influence.

21,928. You have not been paid for your vote at any time ?—No.

21,929. Of course you know money was going ?—Oh, yes.

21,930. Do you concur in the general account that we have received here as to the state of the borough elections ?—Oh, indeed I do, painfully.

21,931. Now, when were you pasture master ?—I think some time in '44 or '45; I am not certain.

21,932. And how long did you remain pasture master ?—I should be pasture master up to '56.

21,933. Then I have nothing further to do with that. When did you become town councillor ?—The first time was in 1838.

21,934. Were you town councillor in '59 ?—No.

21,935. I believe when you were pasture master the office was filled by gentlemen on both sides of politics ?—Yes, it was, part of that time.

21,936. At any rate that prevented any suspicious or jealous feeling about the mode in which the property was managed ?—Yes.

21,937. That had the effect, did not it, of allaying suspicion ?—Yes.

21,938. Now, were you town councillor in '60 ?—Yes.

21,939. When did you join the town council again ?—I was elected in '65.

21,940. That was a sharp contest ? — No, no contest.

21,941. Did you stand any contest except '68 ?—There was a contest in '38.

21,942. Had you any arrangement with your colleagues or those standing with you as to who was to pay the expenses ?—No, I never had a word.

21,943. When did you become aware on the morning

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of this 2nd of November of the illegal expense?—Do I understand your question——

21,944. On the 2nd of November you must have been aware a great deal of money was spent?—Was going to be spent.

21,945. Had been spent?—I did not hear anything about the money being spent until the afterpart of the day, about 3 o'clock.

21,946. Where were you?—I was called away on account of a domestic affliction. I tendered my vote at 9 o'clock.

21,947. I thought so; you were called away on private matters?—Yes.

21,948. Then you took no part in it till you came back at 3 o'clock?—No.

21,949. Then you heard what?—I heard that money had been spent.

21,950. Spent extravagantly, openly, and profligately?—Yes, very extravagantly.

21,951. I mean profligately; I mean openly?—Yes. I was very sorry to hear it. I asked the question, I think, of Mr. Whitton, my colleague. I said, "Why have they been spending money?" and he said, "He understood it was in self-defence."

21,952. It was in self-defence of course; he was called upon to supply some of it?—The St. Mary's Ward is what is called a Conservative ward. There is not much spent in that ward; it is comparatively light as regards the expenditure.

21,953. What would be the amount of expense for three gentlemen in St. Mary's Ward, legitimately I mean?—Legitimate, I should think 30*s.* or 2*l.* in '38. I think I paid 30*s.*

21,954. It would be about 5*l.* for the three?—I understood that was the amount.

21,955. What I want to know from you is, did you make any inquiry as to where the money came from?—I did, and I heard that Norfolk had paid the money. I heard that from Mr. Usher, my neighbour.

21,956. In council elections before did you hear where the money came from?—No, there was no money spent except '38; are you referring to '38?

21,957. No, I understand there was not.—There was no contest.

21,958. You did not speak to Norfolk about it?—No, I did not.

21,959. Nor he to you?—Nor he to me. The first report was that he was very much grieved at being called upon to spend 20*l.* for the party, and of course I thought it was the legitimate expenses, and I thought it was too extravagant.

21,960. You thought 20*l.* too extravagant. I will ask you this. Did not you think the expenditure of 800*l.* was intended to have an influence on the parliamentary election that was coming on then?—I never had that impression given me.

21,961. Do not you think so now?—No, I do not; I have no reason to think so.

21,962. Just think for a moment; you were safe in your ward?—Yes, perfectly safe; I thought so.

21,963. Can you give me any other reason?—No, I was amazed.

21,964. Can you give me any other reason except that those spending it thought it would have an effect on the parliamentary, I should like to know; can you suggest any other reason?—I am at a loss to know, and I have been at a loss to know during this Commission what could be the motive.

21,965. You are a man acquainted with the borough and we are not. Can you suggest to me any other possible reason for the expenditure, excepting the hopes that it would have an effect on the parliamentary election?—No, I could not indeed; I did not know at the time that there was so much spent as 800*l.*

21,966. You know it now?—Yes.

21,967. I ask it now, can you suggest to us any other reason than that it was spent in the hope, or with the intent, that it should have an effect upon the parliamentary election?—No, I cannot.

21,968. I will take that, you cannot?—I cannot; I would I am sure if I could.

21,969. We will draw our conclusions.—It was this, sir: such was the character of the men who gave the votes, and received the bribes, that I would not place any confidence in their promises for the next election.

21,970. That is a mere speculation, you may throw away 800*l.* on a hope. You are still a town councillor?—Yes.

21,971. Do you think you are at all responsible for any portion of this 800*l.*?—No, I do not.

21,972. Be careful how you answer.—Oh, dear no, not the slightest. I had nothing to do with the arrangement, and till Mr. Baron Martin came I did not know it was 800*l.* I had nothing to do except with the legitimate expenses; beyond that I had nothing to do with it.

21,973. I am sorry you did not take some steps to mark your sense of their illegal conduct?—I think it would have been wise to have done so.

21,974. I am quite satisfied with that; you think it would have been wise and proper?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

21,975. You have said that you heard Norfolk was very much grieved at having expended 20*l.*?—Yes, I heard so; they had called upon him to pay all the expenses, which was 20*l.*, and he was very much grieved.

21,976. And you had heard some time after that the expenses had amounted to a very much greater sum?—I heard that a great deal more money was spent. When I heard about the 800*l.* I was present at the examination before Baron Martin; that was the time 800*l.* was named. I did not know the sum before.

21,977. No doubt; you would not know it before that?—No, I did not.

21,978. But you must have known before Mr. Baron Martin came here that there was a very much greater sum than 20*l.* spent?—Oh, yes.

21,979. Was there any sum mentioned?—No, Usher told me a very large sum was spent, but he did not know, for Norfolk had not made out the account.

21,980. What impression was conveyed to your mind by a very large sum?—200*l.* or 300*l.*

21,981. That seemed to your mind a very large sum?—Yes, a very large sum.

21,982. You have already said you are not responsible for any portion of that?—No, certainly not, if men will be such fools.

21,983. That being so, and this large sum having been spent, did not you make a point of saying to Norfolk that a very large sum had been spent, and he must understand you were not answerable for any portion of it?—He never named it.

21,984. Did you name it to him?—No. It would be some time in February when Usher told me it was such a large amount, and Norfolk would make out the account, and Norfolk would call on me.

21,985. He said Norfolk would call on you?—Yes.

21,986. Did you then say it was of no use Norfolk calling on you?—I said I would not stand to pay more than what was legitimate and proper.

21,987. Usher was the secretary of the works?—Yes.

21,988. And Norfolk was the manager we know; and Usher and Norfolk were both town councillors, both elected?—Yes.

21,989. So they were in constant communication with one another?—Yes.

21,990. We may judge for ourselves there was every probability of your reply to Usher reaching Norfolk?—Yes.

21,991. Did you hear from Norfolk anything on the subject of your contributing after that?—No, not from Norfolk.

21,992. He never referred to the conversation you had had with Usher?—No; I have never been in company but at one meeting at which he was present; I was invited.

21,993. You were both town councillors; have you never been in his company since?—Oh, yes; I might say since Baron Martin was here, he said, "Well, I "expected the party would make the thing straight "with me."

21,994. Norfolk said so?—Yes.

21,995. He used the word the "party" would make the thing straight?—I think he used the word party; yes.

21,996. What do you understand by the party?—Well, I thought he referred to his colleagues, the corporation, the six you know; because it was mentioned before Baron Martin that his colleagues were to pay in equal proportion.

21,997. It was said so?—Yes; and that was what I expected he meant, his party.

21,998. Upon that coming to your knowledge, did you again, or did you not, protest that you would not pay a portion of these expenses?—Oh, yes, I did.

21,999. You protested loudly and everywhere?—Oh, yes, I did.

22,000. May we take it, it was perfectly well known that you at any rate would not contribute?—Yes, indeed, it was. I durst not think of paying for the folly and madness of men going and squandering; in fact, I never believed 800*l.* was paid.

22,001. Perhaps it was not?—No, I never believed it.

22,002. At any rate, whatever sum was spent you made it known that you at any rate would not pay a farthing?—I did.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

22,003. In the election of 1865, I suppose, you had to contribute some small sum towards the expenses?—I think only a few shillings; I do not remember now; there would be no expenses.

22,004. There was an understanding that the candidates should contribute a portion each man?—The legitimate expenses.

22,005. And I presume there was a similar understanding in 1868?—Yes.

22,006. An understanding beforehand that the candidates who put up should contribute equally to the legitimate expenses?—Yes.

22,007. When did you first hear of your being nominated by the Conservative section?—I think about the 27th or 28th of October; about the middle of October.

22,008. The week previously to the election coming on?—Well, I think about that time; it may be a fortnight, I could not be sure.

22,009. Did you meet during that week any other of the proposed competitors with whom you were to stand, Norfolk or Whitton; did you meet or confer with them?—No.

22,010. Did you confer with either of them during the week?—No. I should meet Whitton once or twice, and we agreed that we should go round the parish occasionally and canvass.

22,011. And was that understanding subsisting between you and Whitton, that you were to share equally in the legitimate expenses?—Yes.

22,012. That understanding subsisted at the time you went on with your canvass?—Yes. I might just say, in '38 that was the custom, but after that time I had nothing more to do with it. I was in three years, and then thrown out; and when I stood again, they told me that was the custom kept up, that the candidates were to pay the legitimate expenses, and I was ready to do the same.

22,013. I want to know about '68. Now, did you see any of the others who put up in your other ward Lowther, Usher, or Catterson?—Mr. Catterson, I should see.

22,014. During the week?—Yes, I should see Mr. Catterson.

22,015. It was within your knowledge an unusually large sum would be spent?—Oh, no, I had not the slightest idea.

22,016. I do not dispute your answer?—That was so.

22,017. Norfolk has given an account of a meeting which took place during the week, at which Lowther and Whitton were present, and at which they entered into an agreement to share the expenditure proportionably among them?—Yes.

Mr. Barstow remarked that Mr. Whitton had denied it.

22,018. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you ever heard of such a meeting?—No, I have not heard of such a meeting.

22,019. (*Mr. Barstow.*) One word more with reference to what you have told me. Have you had any conversation with your colleagues since February, when you had this conversation with Usher?—Yes, both with Mr. Catterson and Mr. Whitton.

22,020. What has been their answer to you on the subject?—Their reply was, we will pay nothing more than what is right and proper.

22,021. They repudiated it entirely?—Yes.

22,022. Then, as far as you three are concerned, there is no question of contribution?—No.

22,023. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I do not know whether it is very important, but you may have made a mistake when you answered. Am I right in saying notice of your candidature was given about a fortnight before the election?—Yes; I think I said about the middle of October.

22,024. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We are very glad of seeing a man like you.—Well, sir, had they followed my example, we should not have had the honour of seeing you here to-day.

The witness withdrew.

Daniel Boyes called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

D. Boyes.

22,025. Mr. Boyes, you are now town councillor for the borough of Beverley?—Yes.

22,026. And you have been so before on many occasions?—Oh, on many occasions; eight times.

22,027. You are a freeman, I believe?—Yes.

22,028. How long have you been a freeman?—Betwixt 40 and 50 years.

22,029. And a town councillor, how often?—Well, from '38 to '59, that would be 21 years; seven times elected; and from '67, I think, up to the present.

22,030. '38 to '59, 21 years, and you were elected again the year before last, '67?—Yes.

22,031. We are told you have been clerk to the pasture masters a portion of that time?—Yes.

22,032. How long?—Before the passing of the Act creating the present pasture masters; it would be up to 1859, except one year.

22,033. What year?—After Sir John Campbell passed the Act as to the pastures, and the old corporation was abrogated.

22,034. Then from that time until '59?—'59, with the exception of one year.

22,035. Now, I believe that you have been a very active person on the Liberal side in election matters?—Formerly I have.

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22,036. And you I believe were the leading man; you and Mr. Crosskill were the leading men in Beverley?—No, I should say not; not at present.

22,037. As long as you could you were?—No, I declined; for seven or eight years I had nothing to do with it. I only came in again last year, being a candidate for the council.

22,038. Up to what time do you consider your activity lasted; up to what year?—I should say until '59; I was put up as a councillor in '67.

22,039. I mean as regards parliamentary elections?—'59, what was that election?

22,040. '59 was Walters' election?—That would be the last election I had to do with until the last.

22,041. Now, Mr. Boyes, we have been given to understand that it is your intention to make a full disclosure of all that has taken place?—Perfectly.

22,042. And undoubtedly you will?—Undoubtedly.

22,043. I request that you will not think it necessary, as many do here, to answer by the card, but that if I make any omission in any question which is important to our inquiry you will undoubtedly supply that omission?—Undoubtedly I will.

22,044. Which is the first parliamentary election in which you took an active part?—Well, I came twice from London to vote; I lived in London.

22,045. Were you here during Towneley's election?—Yes, I was.

22,046. And were you intimate in the counsels of your party then?—Yes.

22,047. May we take it that you, knew most that was going on on the Liberal side on that election?—I have no doubt I did.

22,048. First of all I ask you do you know how Towneley was induced to come here?—Yes.

22,049. Will you just say that?—I believe he or his brother Charles Towneley, the present Colonel Towneley, was acquainted with the then vicar of St. Mary's, William Henry Travers Sandys. I think I can supply a great vacancy in that which you will not be aware of, that is, how Towneley came. Charles Towneley lived at Towneley Hall, Burnley, Lancashire; he had two sons, Charles and John. The present colonel, I believe, is alive. Charles Towneley was a Catholic——

22,050. He was a very wealthy man?—Very wealthy indeed. He had a great desire that his son should enter Parliament, and Charles Towneley was to come to Beverley. Well, Charles Towneley received at that time a requisition for South Lancashire, to stand for South Lancashire, and with very little notice John Towneley came here. Charles Towneley did not succeed for South Lancashire, he being a Catholic the great families did not support him, and he did not succeed, and John came here.

22,051. What I want to know is, what Beverley person waited upon him?—Dr. Sandwith received him.

22,052. Usually this thing is done by deputation. He applied to Mr. Towneley?—No, I do not say that he applied to him; I believe that he had been acquainted with the vicar of St. Mary's.

22,053. Well, he came down to Beverley?—Yes, he came, and stayed at Dr. Sandwith's.

22,054. We know from what we have lately heard here that there was a very large sum spent?—There was.

22,055. A very large sum?—Yes.

22,056. And we have heard of payments of 12*l.* being very common, and also 20*l.*?—The thing originated in this way——

22,057. Never mind that; that was so, I believe?—Ultimately it was.

22,058. We do not wish to know the cause of it, I only wish to take you very generally through this; it is a long time ago?—I think I can supply something. The understanding with John Towneley when he came here was, that he was to canvass the borough for three days, and if there appeared a sufficient chance of success he was to stay, if not he was to go away.

22,059. He seems to have found there was a reasonable chance of success?—There was.

22,060. I want to know what was the whole cost of the Beverley election to Towneley?—I am sure I cannot say. I had nothing to do with the financial department, but I believe it cost above 6,000*l.*

22,061. That is what we want; you estimate it cost Towneley above 6,000*l.*?—Yes.

22,062. I presume it would cost Sir James Hogg as much?—It cost him more, 8,000*l.* or 9,000*l.*

22,063. Your opinion is Towneley spent 6,000*l.* over 6,000*l.*, and the other party spent 7,000*l.* or 8,000*l.*

22,064. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) 8,000*l.* or 9,000*l.*?—Yes; well, I think 8,000*l.* They spent more because they went to the poll with 30*s.* a man more, or something like that.

22,065. We will take it Fox and Hogg spent 8,000*l.*?—I do not think Fox did; he had not it, it was paid by the party; indeed I think there is some of it owing yet.

22,066. Did you take any part in the bribery in that election?—I believe not. You know I was perfectly cognizant of it, because it was a daily payment; therefore I could not go to the committee without.

22,067. You could not go to the committee without knowing?—No, of course not.

22,068. You did not pay any with your own hands?—No, I did not. I might have said to a messenger, "Take this 1*l.* to so-and-so," but nothing more.

22,069. Now, are you aware how many messengers there were of Mr. Towneley's?—Well, I believe the band cost 1,000*l.*

22,070. That is a different thing from the messengers; I want to know about them?—I do not know; there were so many came to be set on that I believe at last of all the messengers and general voters that would take money were all put on one footing; I believe they all received the same money.

22,071. There was no distinction?—I think not, as the number became large I believe there was no distinction.

22,072. And those payments were generally 12*l.* a man?—They were paid daily.

22,073. It amounted to 12*l.* a man?—It began by Towneley paying 15*s.* for the carriers of messages, and then the other party and Mr. Henry Johnson said whatever Towneley paid he would pay double, and they paid 40*s.*

22,074. Is that so; it ended in 12*l.*?—Before it had gone to anything like that, when it began to be serious, 3*l.* or 4*l.* Mr. Hodgson, who was a very careful man, the father of Mr. Hodgson you have heard of, he had to do with the money; he was one, and we held a meeting and we advised Mr. Towneley to go away.

22,075. I must ask you to introduce the names of third parties as little as possible, as little as you can?—I am very sorry to say that all the old men are dead.

22,076. You see the position it places us in if any inaccurate statement is made about a third person; then he thinks he is entitled to come here and explain, and we have to call him.—They are all dead.

22,077. You had much better not mention the names of third persons.—Well, a meeting was called and Mr. Towneley was advised to depart; and he wrote to his father, and his father said he should not be bought out of the borough.

22,078. Do you concur in the opinion we have formed, that 12*l.* a man was the amount then paid?—I believe Towneley paid either 10*l.* or 12*l.*, and the other party paid 40*s.* more per head.

22,079. Were those in the band paid at a higher rate?—Well, I believe there was something extra, but very trifling. I believe at that period the leader of the band was paid something like a share and a half;

but the band consisted a great deal of tamborines, men who were no musicians; no, not a bit.

22,080. We know that quite well; we have heard of a man making a triangle of a kitchen fork?—The leader of the band, when he wanted a bit of fun, used to say "stop" to the music, and he would let all these tamborines go on.

22,081. I think we have been told there were two bands?—No, not on our side.

22,082. What number were in the band?—I should say 60 or 80, or any number.

22,083. I suppose these people would have refreshments?—At the same time I might as well add to them the flag bearers, who were very numerous.

22,084. They had a trifle extra?—I think they were practically on the same footing as the band. At that period any time the members met, we used to meet one another and fight together with the flagstaffs.

22,085. How many flag bearers would there be?—I do not know I am sure; I believe I have some of the old flags yet. Perhaps 20, and perhaps 30.

22,086. Some 20 flags?—I should think so.

22,087. So that the band and flag bearers together we may take it would be over 100?—No, I think you might say 80.

22,088. And there were refreshments; open houses I suppose?—No, there were none. They received a 2*s.* ticket, and that ticket was paid in flour, or anything they liked; they could go to any shop.

22,089. Was that 2*s.* a day?—2*s.* a day. I believe some took it in groceries; they were a sort of bank notes in fact, and parties that did not like drink got flour.

22,090. They had besides 2*s.* a day to dispose of as they liked?—Yes.

22,091. Now I suppose travelling expenses were paid on a very liberal scale?—I am sure I forget whether they were or not.

22,092. That is a trifle you would not remember?—I had nothing to do with the payment.

22,093. This was going on also on the other side?—Undoubtedly.

22,094. To the same extent?—Well, I think to a greater extent.

22,095. And Towneley and Hogg were returned?—Yes.

22,096. Now the next election, in '47?—That was Fox, Towneley, and Goldsmid.

22,097. Nothing like the same sum was paid on that occasion?—No. I do not think there was above a sovereign or half a sovereign a man paid then. Towneley and Goldsmid came in connexion, but Goldsmid being an old jew was very difficult to deal with, and they separated.

22,098. Goldsmid being an old jew he was very difficult to deal with?—Yes. Mind you not as regards the money; no, he presented a large sum of money, which they paid him back again; there was no trouble or difficulty at all.

22,099. He was willing to pay?—Yes; but he threw himself into the hands of Tories, and such like in that way that we were obliged to separate.

22,100. Then there was a sort of compromise that Towneley and Fox should be returned?—No. After that he stood on his own bottom, did Goldsmid, and paid away a large sum of money; but of course he had no chance, he had no party excepting those who wanted money.

22,101. That election did cost Towneley something?—Undoubtedly, but not half what he expected.

22,102. What do you think it did cost him?—I think I heard him say he was prepared to spend 2,000*l.*, but I do not think he paid more than 1,000*l.* By-the-bye, I was not a money payer at either time.

22,103. You were not there?—Well, I was in and out of the committee rooms, but I did not pay.

22,104. Besides whatever Towneley spent have you any rough estimate of what Goldsmid spent?—He spent considerably more than Towneley. He opened a shop for the payment of voters, but he was perfectly ignorant of the whole system, and he paid anyone. He was very stupid.

22,105. What do you think he spent?—He opened a shop and he paid a lot of men from Hull to come and bribe for him, and they would give him the names of 20 and draw the money. They were people who took a list of names of persons who were all good Liberals on the other side. He found them out and dismissed them?—He was robbed, in fact.

22,106. What do you think he got rid of altogether?—I should say myself he could not have spent less than 900*l.* or 1,000*l.*, and I had no idea that it was the Hull people who robbed him. They brought 20 or 30 names of people at a time who never existed, and got the money. The fact was he wanted to stand for the county after.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien inquired how many votes he had?

The Secretary stated the number was 259.

22,107. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That would be, he spent about 4*l.* a vote?—Yes; it was the Hull people to whom the money went, not the voters.

22,108. (*Mr. Barstow.*) A good many Beverley people did get it, we know from what we have heard. I suppose on that occasion Fox did not spend much money?—I think there may have been a little spent on his behalf, but not much.

22,109. It seems to us from our inquiry that no large sums were paid?—He was in the neighbourhood, and he never would have stood but for Goldsmid acting as he did. If the connexion between Goldsmid and Towneley had been kept up he never would have put up at all, but seeing the division in the party he stepped in betwixt and got in.

22,110. The sum of money spent would not be large?—No.

22,111. Would it be as much as 1,000*l.*?—Oh, no; he could not raise 1,000*l.*

22,112. But men very often spend money though they have not it themselves?—But they would not credit him then, poor fellow; he had not paid up before.

22,113. I think the next election was Lawley and Wells?—Yes.

22,114. Were you concerned in that at all?—Yes.

22,115. Actively?—I was an active canvasser.

22,116. And something more?—No.

22,117. You had to do with the expenses of the election?—No.

22,118. Nothing at all?—I sat in the room when there were some men paid at different times; but, at the same time, if you refer to Mr. Wells, I protested against a farthing being spent in the election, because the election was sure without. In consequence of the slackness of the voting about dinner time there was some anxiety on the part of Mr. Lawley's friends, and I believe they started paying, and the other party were paying poor Glover's money away.

22,119. What sums were paid on behalf of Lawley and Wells; we have heard of sums as high as 3*l.*?—I would not say; I would not myself dispute it.

22,120. Was that the general practice, do you think?—There were not so many paid because there were above half voted, I think, before they started to pay.

22,121. What number do you think were paid at Lawley and Wells' election?—I should say there would be 200; I should think there would.

22,122. And I suppose there would be messengers besides?—There would be messengers, and there would be cabs and all manner of things besides; and I might as well correct a person who mentioned my name with that election, a man they call Park, who concocted a story with Mr. Lowther that these country people were paid 10*s.* each for two days, the nomination and the voting, but I distinctly deny that there was a penny spent at Denison's election.

22,123. What sum do you say was altogether spent on behalf of Lawley and Wells?—Above 1,000*l.*, no doubt of it.

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22,124. As much as 2,000*l.* perhaps?—No, I think not. I should say not, but I never saw the accounts. At that time I might say Mr. Leeman's junior partner, Mr. Clark, I believe he brought a clerk or two with him, and the payments went through their hands. I never had anything to do with the money. The clerks sat at the tables, and the payments were made by them. I say the legitimate payments and the out-voters would be paid by the clerks.

22,125. We are not troubling about the legitimate payments; I am speaking of the illegitimate payments?—I do not believe there was a penny given away before dinner time; in fact when it was resorted to I protested against it, because the election was perfectly sure without it.

22,126. You say that 200 were paid?—Some would be paid then, and some would make such a clamour that some would be paid after.

22,127. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) About 1,000*l.* would be spent in bribery?—No, I think not.

22,128. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Not so much?—No. I should say there might be 600*l.* or 700*l.*; I am speaking from memory.

22,129. But you will be able to give us further and better explanations further on about subsequent elections; this is some time ago, 1852?—Yes.

22,130. How many messengers, can you tell us at all, were employed on behalf of Lawley and Wells?—I have no idea, but there were a very great number of doorkeepers and billstickers; a multifarious lot.

22,131. Do you think of the number who voted for them; I forget what number they were?—611 for Lawley; Wells, 588.

22,132. What proportion do you say received money in any shape or form?—200.

22,133. But as messengers and billstickers?—I am not including them; then we called that legitimate.

22,134. Up to a certain point they were legitimate, but after that they were not?—There was no indiscriminate payment as there was at Towneley's election.

22,135. What proportion do you think is your opinion, of these 611 were paid in some shape or form, who touched the candidate's money?—I should think probably not quite half; there are always 400 who will vote without money.

22,136. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Am I right in saying about half?—I think not.

22,137. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose the same thing was going on on behalf of the other candidate?—No doubt of it, according to Glover's account, and to a larger extent.

22,138. Of those who voted for Glover, which were I see 498, how many of those do you think were paid?—There was a different system of payment to what there was in 1841; the Liberals have always given some in the shape of messenger money, but there was an amount of rolling stock, and nobody knew what they got. The money was in so many hands; it never was so with the Liberal party.

22,139. You have lived a long time in the borough, and you are very familiar with the state of parties; you must have formed a sort of estimate?—Mr. Glover said he spent 1,300*l.* I think I furnished some papers about it. There is an old paper, the "Kentish Gazette."

22,140. Was Mr. Glover a stranger to the borough,—Yes; they fetched him from Harrogate.

22,141. You think Glover spent 1,300*l.* in bribery?—No; he says he was robbed by his solicitors and agents, and all that.

22,142. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who were his lawyers?—Messrs. Shepherd, Champney, and Robinson, and Silvester, too, to a certain extent; in fact all the Tory lawyers.

22,143. (*Mr. Barstow.*) They all took him in hand?—I think so.

22,144. The next election was in 1857, the first in 1857?—No, the next was Gordon and Hastings, 1854.

22,145. So it was. Do you know anything about that election?—Yes; I believe I was chairman.

22,146. Can you tell us whether any money was paid?—Not a farthing. I do not think the election cost him 250*l.* altogether.

22,147. Was any money spent on Hastings' side?—I do not think there was.

22,148. There would be a trifle?—I am certain there was not a penny paid at this election. Park has confused one election, and he has concocted things, too. I say there was not a penny spent.

22,149. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They might well mistake?—I do not think there was a penny spent on Mr. Gordon's side. At that time the Earl of Aberdeen was in power; at that time there was no occasion for it.

22,150. We will leave that election.—If anybody said they got money they are under a mistake.

22,151. The next election was the election for Denison, Glover, and Wells. Can you tell me why it was that Mr. Gordon was not a candidate at that election?—Yes, because the late Lord Londesborough wanted his eldest son, he being of age, to stand for Beverley; he wanted to get him into Parliament, and as he had chosen Beverley to come to there was no chance for Gordon. He has large estates in the immediate neighbourhood at Routh; he has an estate about three miles off, and about Driffield, and a number of voters there are there for Beverley in fact.

22,152. Do you mean that he insisted on bringing his son?—No, because we very nearly lost him after that.

22,153. How was it that he came, how was it that Mr. Gordon did not continue to be the candidate?—Mr. Gordon asked me in London what his chance was for Beverley, and I told him we never had a better member; and I told him that if it was pressed on that Lord Londesborough's son was to come that he had no chance.

22,154. Then, I suppose, that Lord Londesborough did insist that his son should come?—That he really did.

22,155. Had you anything to do with that election?—Yes.

22,156. On the part of Denison and Wells?—Yes.

22,157. What money was spent on that occasion?—Not a farthing. Everybody who says so is mistaken.

22,158. We have a very large number say so?—I think there are only one or two.

22,159. A very small number?—I am sure I am not aware of it. I remember at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when a subscription had been got up for Glover at that time, and seeing the canvassers about in cabs, and that there was some money, that I saw the election was going wrong, I went to Mr. Wells and I said, "I see the thing is going against you, and "unless something is done to counteract it you will "lose the election;" and he said, "Well, if 6*d.* would "win the election I would not spend it." It was a perfectly pure election as ever will be in the world I believe.

22,160. But not on Mr. Glover's side?—There was a slight subscription got up, to which Messrs. Champney, Bainton, Barkworth, and Arden might give. Mr. Wells lost the election through his stupidity.

22,161. Do you know any detail of how much was the subscription?—I have no idea; but I have no doubt Mr. Bainton and Mr. Barkworth would be in it.

22,162. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who conducted Denison's election?—Messrs. Leeman and Clark.

22,163. Was Mr. Leeman himself here?—Yes.

22,164. The elder Mr. Leeman?—Yes; but I do not think the elder Mr. Leeman had ever much to do with financial matters.

22,165. Who had to do with the financial matters?—Mr. Clark, his partner.

22,166. The management was in the same office?—Yes.

22,167. You have not told us what amount was subscribed to Mr. Glover?—I cannot tell. I do not think it would amount to 150*l.*; in fact there was so

much rolling stock in the market they could pick up enough at 5*s.* apiece.

22,168. That was through the stupidity of Mr. Wells?—I think they spent 1,000*l.* after to turn him out.

22,169. The next election was Edwards and Wells, in the same year. What was the total amount spent in Denison and Wells' election?—I have not the least idea on that. Well, I do not believe I ever saw any of the accounts. I once heard Mr. Sykes and the present Lord Londesborough talking about them, and Mr. Sykes said, "Well, your election cost 7,000*l.* or 8,000*l.*" I told the present Lord Londesborough to contradict it, and that it did not cost him so many hundreds. It could not have cost him above 500*l.* or 600*l.* altogether.

22,170. We shall have to inquire into it.—Undoubtedly.

22,171. The next election was August 1857, and the candidates were Edwards and Wells. Were you concerned for Wells in that election?—I was in the beginning of the day. The thing was so sudden; the writ was moved for, and it was down immediately; there was no previous preparation much.

22,172. What money was spent on behalf of Wells on that occasion?—I cannot say; in fact he was bribed out of the field in the forenoon.

22,173. What money was paid on his behalf?—I have no idea.

22,174. Some money was paid on his behalf?—No doubt of it.

22,175. As far as the evidence goes, quite as much was paid as on the other side?—I think not five per cent. of it.

22,176. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who were the conducting agents on both sides?—I am sure I do not know whether Mr. Clark came down. The thing came on so suddenly; the writ was moved for at once. I think if anybody came it would be Mr. Clark on behalf of Mr. Wells; in fact there was not time.

22,177. Mr. Wells had as much time as Sir Henry Edwards?—I do not think he had; the Carlton would inform Sir Henry Edwards before.

22,178. Who managed affairs for Sir Henry Edwards in that election?—I really do not know whether Mr. Bainton came on the field. I think Thomas Shepherd had as much to do with it as anyone; it would be a sort of transaction between Robinson, Bainton, and Shepherd. I should not wonder if it was Robinson and Shepherd, unless it was Bainton.

22,179. Who did the paying part of the business, the bribery on the side of Sir Henry Edwards, on that occasion?—I cannot tell you; I am perfectly at sea, for there were a number of men came who were strangers to the borough. I can tell you who was the principal briber running about, a man of the name of James Baker.

22,180. Is he alive?—He went abroad; he failed after; he was a corn merchant.

22,181. Can you give us anyone else?—I observed him taking cabs full and paying them in the cabs, and I went and told Mr. Wells it was all up. I have no doubt at that period Kemplay would be a large distributer of money at that time; in fact I think he was at every election that I remember.

22,182. Cannot you tell any other name?—Robert Oxley.

22,183. He is dead, I am afraid?—He is; but he would distribute money amongst many.

22,184. Can you give us any other name besides Kemplay and Oxley?—I should say Mr. Lowther might, but I am speaking from recollection; if he came and contradicted it I would not persist in it.

22,185. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We quite understand that.

22,186. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Just think if you can give us any more names?—It was an election that I had nothing much to do with.

22,187. Is Mr. Wells alive?—Yes; he is member for Peterborough.

22,188. Cannot you give us any more names?—Upon consideration I believe I could; if you like I will forward them to Mr. Collier after.

22,189. It is always desirable to have the names given in open court?—But I have been so debilitated with gravel and gout, and have taken so much morphia to obtain sleep that I cannot remember so well as I used to do.

22,190. You have not told us what sum of money was spent in bribery at Mr. Wells' election?—I have no idea on that. I do not think it would be a large sum, but Mr. Wells will tell you; there is not a more honourable man in the world. I always railed against bribery.

22,191. We want to hear it from you?—I do not know.

22,192. Will you say the same money was spent in bribery on his part?—I will not say exactly in bribery, but there was money paid.

22,193. There is no doubt whatever there was?—I really do not know, but it is very likely there was.

22,194. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You went to him and told him?—It was the election previous when I went to tell him that he lost the election through stupidity.

22,195. I understood you to say that when the strangers came down they flooded the town with money?—I thought you were referring to something else.

22,196. And then you said you went and you told Mr. Wells it was all up?—I did.

22,197. That is as much as telling him, "Now open the purse strings"?—I should never think of him opening the purse strings when it was all up. I know I shall disappoint the sensationalists, for I never had a penny. I believe that people think that I have spent thousands. I never had any; I never would have any in fact. I acted in the way I said. I have paid out voters on behalf of Mr. Clark, and it may be a few cabs.

22,198. What as to all we read about in 1859?—All that is false, and it does not say there that I bribed them, and there was nothing to warrant the prosecution; it was got up by political spite.

22,199. You cannot tell us what was spent on behalf of Wells in 1857?—I do not know; it will be a very small sum.

22,200. What do you think was spent on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards?—I cannot tell. It was said Sir Henry Edwards spent thousands; it was stuck, it appeared, all over the town, but I do not believe the voters got it for all that.

22,201. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You think Sir Henry Edwards paid, but the voters did not get the money?—Not all of it, they spread it about; and the conduits were so full with it that they never run.

22,202. In 1859 the candidates were Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—Yes.

22,203. You were actively engaged for Mr. Walters?—I was not very active, because I was suffering from gout at the time.

22,204. Will you tell us first who Mr. Walters was?—He was a director of the Eastern Counties Railway, and had a very large property about Newcastle.

22,205. He had been an attorney at Gateshead?—He had a large connexion in the north.

22,206. I have always heard he was an attorney?—I think he had been a speculator in land.

22,207. He was afterwards called to the bar?—I was not aware of it; yes, I believe I was, now you name it.

22,208. He had been an attorney at Gateshead?—I did not know that; I knew he was a director of the Eastern Counties.

22,209. Did you wait upon him at all?—Yes, I went to London with Mr. Crosskill.

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22,210. Do you remember what day the writ came down to Beverley at that time ?—I am afraid I cannot.

22,211. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Lord Derby was in power then.

22,212. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You do not know the day the writ came down ?—I do not know, but I remember the mayor of Beverley being fool enough to go up to London to fetch it.

22,213. What was the name of the mayor ?—Really I do not know ; I believe it was Mr. Robinson.

22,214. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was it at the general election ?—Yes.

22,215. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He did not in fact get it ?—I think he did get there.

22,216. But he did not get the writ ?—No, he did not ; it was not likely they would entrust him with it. I know he made a laughing stock of himself. I do not think it transpired.

22,217. Yes, it is in the report ?—I think not ; I do not remember seeing it in any report.

22,218. I wanted to know the date of the writ on that occasion ?—It could not be above three or four days before the election.

22,219. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The election was in winter ?—It was the last day of April or March ; it was about the 29th of April.

22,220. And the writ was about three days before ?—Yes.

22,221–2. It was a general election, and the writ for Beverley came down the same time as all the other writs ?—Yes.

22,223. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It was at the dissolution after the Crimean war.

22,224. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember if at the date of the writ Mr. Walters was a candidate for Beverley ?—Yes.

22,225. He was at the time of the date of the writ ?—I cannot say. I do not think he intended to be a candidate above three days before the election.

22,226. That is my recollection. He came into the town three days before the election ?—Something of that sort, I cannot say to a day.

22,227. I think it was the day after the writ was received, if my memory serves me ?—I think it was the same day.

22,228–9. The evening of the same day ?—I cannot say.

22,230. Do you remember what day the polling day was ?—I do not know. It would be on the 29th April ; the last day in April, I think.

22,231. Mr. Walters came into town apparently on Monday, the polling day was on Friday, and he was a stranger to the place ; is that so ?—I believe he had had communication with parties in Beverley, but not with me.

22,232. He had never been in the town before ?—I believe he had ; I believe he was here either once or twice before. I believe he had been announced as a candidate before.

22,233. He addressed a meeting some considerable time before. I think his political principles had been approved of ?—Very likely.

22,234. Who managed the election for Mr. Walters ?—I believe his legal agent was Mr. Todd, of Hull ; I think so.

22,235. Has he any office in Hull ?—He is clerk to the Board of Works, and holds many important offices.

22,236. Did he come down here and manage the election for him ?—I remember his son being here ; I cannot say ; I should say he would take part ; I have no doubt he did. I remember seeing the young man said to be his son, but I really had no acquaintance with him.

22,237. Who was the chairman of Mr. Walters' committee ?—I am sure I do not know. I would not say ; I won't really say ; I really do not remember.

22,238. You went about with Mr. Walters canvassing ?—No, I did not.

22,239–41. Not at all ? — No. I went when he first came to the town, to Mr. Stephenson's window.

22,242. That was a place in the market place where Mr. Walters lodged ?—Yes.

22,243. You were in his house from time to time, backwards and forwards ?—No.

22,244. You made a speech to introduce him ?—No ; I think I was lame at the time.

22,245. That would not prevent your speaking ?—No. You put it in two ways, that I went about canvassing.

22,246. What means were taken, as far as money matters were concerned, to secure his return ?—I believe he intended to fight them with their own weapons.

22,247. That is to say, he came here intending to spend money ?—No doubt of it ; I believe he did.

22,248. You, I suppose, were informed of that ?—I should not wonder but I should have some conversation about it myself.

22,249. Before he came to the place ?—Yes, I should not wonder so ; I would not say ; very likely. I know that was the intention.

22,250. You were aware of that intention ?—Perfectly.

22,251. When did he first mention his intention to you ?—I do not think it was mentioned when we were in London.

22,252. At all events, some day before the polling he did mention to you that he intended to do so ?—I believe he did.

22,253. Did he ask your advice as to the way in which the thing was to be done ?—No.

22,254. He did not consult you at all ?—No.

22,255. Whom did he consult as to the proper mode of disposing of any sum he might intend to spend in the borough ?—I really cannot say ; he might mention it. I do not think Mr. Todd had come on the scene. He would be most likely to mention it.

22,256. Mr. Todd being a Hull man he would not have sufficient local knowledge ?—I scarcely comprehend your question.

22,257. Whom would Mr. Walters consult as to the mode of laying out this money among the voters ?—I have very little doubt that I knew of it.

22,258. But you say he did not consult you about the mode of spending it ?—I do not think he did.

22,259. My question to you is, if not you, whom did he consult ?—I cannot say, I am sure.

22,260. You did advise him, directly or indirectly, how to do it ?—No, I did not ; I lent him the house to do it in. The fact is, my house was untenanted at the time. They wanted more room ; I told them they might use the house.

22,261. Something more than that ?—Yes, I sat there ; it is perfectly true.

22,262. Who was his adviser as to the disposing of this sum of money ?—I believe he did it all himself. He was a very wayward sort of man ; he partly managed it himself.

22,263. How could that be, being a stranger in the place, not being more than three days in the place ?—He had conferences with different parties.

22,264. With what parties ?—He had seen Mr. Hind three months before that. I had not seen him myself before that.

22,265. Of course you cannot know what Mr. Hind consulted about. I made sure that you were his adviser ?—I have no doubt I was in his secrets.

22,266. I have no doubt you were in his secrets.—I have no doubt I should know what was going to take place.

22,267. Then you were in his secrets ?—Well, there was no secrets.

22,268. You did not arrange matters ?—No.

22,269. Tell us in your own way what took place between you and Mr. Walters.—I saw very little of him, to tell you the truth.

22,270. You saw enough of him to be in his secrets?—When I say secrets I mean in the general conversation of the party. I do not mean to say that he ever imparted a secret to me; he never did.

22,271. I am using your own words. You say you were in his secrets, and then you say there were no secrets?—I hope you will not seize upon a word. I was in no particular secret.

22,272. That he intended to bribe was a thing publicly spoken of?—Yes, it was, among the party. I hope you will not take advantage of my not having a flow of language; he word "secret" looks as if it was something improper.

22,273. These things seem to have been done openly?—There was no secret among the party.

22,274. They all knew as much as you?—No doubt of it.

22,275. Can you tell us what means he took to distribute this money among the Beverley voters?—Yes.

22,276. How much was distributed?—Now, I must ask for the protection of the Court in this matter. It is now coming to a very dangerous part to myself. You are perfectly well aware that without just and sufficient evidence I was ordered to be prosecuted. I may now inform you that so exasperated was the Tory party at old Walters getting in that I received a writ from Baxter, Rose, and Norton for 1,400*l.* or 1,500*l.* for fines, supposing I had paid the voters instead of furnishing them with tickets; a writ of summons to appear before the Court of Exchequer. That was the first piece of persecution, I believe. Bear with me. You will see that I am saying a deal more than I ought to say. The next thing I was tried, if you remember, through the influence of a gentleman who is now dead, through Mr. Selwyn, who was member for Cambridge, and through the influence of the Tory party. I was tried at York.

22,278. We wish to give you every indulgence. Is it necessary that you should make this statement to us?—I think I am in danger from it yet.

22,279. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We will give you a certificate?—I am not disputing your powers. I was four times before the Court of Queen's Bench to get the verdict in the trial at York set aside. A rule was obtained in Michaelmas Term 1860 to set the verdict aside. The rule was argued in February 1861, before the full Court. The Court took time to consider, and said they would not come to a decision until they had seen Baron Martin. The matter was argued again at length in full Court in April the 25th, when the decision was adjourned. All this was a ruinous expense to me. On May 27th 1861 judgment was given against me. I was called up for judgment. I have a copy of the judgment here; the original was given to my solicitors.

22,280. What was done; were you sentenced?—No, nothing of the kind. When we appeared before the Court of Queen's Bench it was seen that there had been a mistake in entering up the judgment, or something of that sort. The briefs all contradicted each other. I believe it had been entered up in the Crown Office that I was found guilty on the third count; but that was another person. It was the second count on which I was found guilty. They were all at sea together in comparing their briefs. They wanted to rectify the judgment. Chief Justice Cockburn stated that it appeared to him as if there had been no trial, that it was a mistake altogether, and that I was entitled to reply before any judgment at all was given. In point of fact it altogether fell through.

(*The Commissioners consulted.*)

22,281. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We think that you have ground for refusing, if you like, to answer anything as to the transactions in 1859.

22,282. (*The witness.*) Then I hope you will erase what I have said already. I may just mention the termination of it, which I think will not affect me. I have no objection to say——

22,283. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You will be protected from everything except the judgment against you; from everything but that you will be protected by our certificate.

22,284. (*The witness.*) I never had a judgment against me.

22,285. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The verdict remains.

22,286. (*The witness.*) Then I can say no more on that election. I am afraid I have said too much already.

22,287. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You can answer this. To the best of your belief what sum of money was spent by Mr. Walters in that election?—I have no idea in the world.

22,288. You have no idea at all?—None at all.

22,289. You have given us an idea of what was spent in the preceding elections?—Yes; it would depend entirely upon the number of people to pay and the legal expenses. I did not remember until it was called to my mind.

22,290. You can tell us what sums were generally paid?—*2l.*

22,291. Will that give any clue to the amount spent?—I can show you that (*handing in a paper*). That was after I had been up once or twice.

22,292. You cannot give us any information as to the probable amount?—No, I cannot.

22,293. What do you estimate it?—I do not estimate it at all. I never saw the accounts. Neither did I know that Mr. Todd had been the legal agent. I was lame at the time. A person went up and swore that he saw me canvassing, but it was not so.

22,294. You will have no objection to tell us. You cannot be prosecuted for that; anything you know that took place on the part of Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Walker at the election of 1859?—(*No answer*).

(*The Commissioners consulted.*)

22,295. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We will ask you no more as to the election of 1859. Do you know anything about the election of 1860?—Yes. I was in bed with rheumatic gout, and never out except on crutches or in a cab.

22,296. You know nothing more about that election?—Yes. There was a man called Loft, who stated that I amongst others promised *2l.* at the "Pack Horse" at that election. I was never out of the house. Loft stated it, but it could not have occurred, because I was never out of the house. In fact I was so ill that my wife locked me up. When Mr. Walters came to see me in bed I told him that if it would oblige him I would try and vote, and I did. I went in a cab, and on crutches.

22,297. You mean Mr. Gridley?—Mr. Walters was with him.

22,298. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You deny that you promised Loft or any other man?—I could not have done so. I was not out of bed. It is impossible.

22,299. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There was a man named Burton, too?—That refers to the Lawley and Wells' election. He said I paid him *3l.* after the election. That I deny *in toto*. He is the last man in the world that anyone would credit.

22,300. You are departing from our rule.—I cannot help it.

22,301. We cannot allow a witness to cast imputations upon others.—If you would believe him nobody else would.

22,302. You deny Burton's statement?—Entirely. There was something said about "Welshing."

23,303. You can give us no information practically about the 1860 election?—I had nothing to do with it, directly or indirectly.

22,304. In 1865 had you anything to do with it?—Nothing in the world. I had retired.

22,305. You had retired from that sort of thing entirely?—Yes.

22,306. Is this your answer, that you have not taken

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part in any parliamentary election since 1859?—I believe at Keane's election I had not a vote. They succeeded in striking me off. I believe I had no vote. In fact, on the election day, for fear of mixing up with it, I went away.

22,307. You know nothing about it?—No.

22,308. Have you anything to tell us about 1868?—The next time that I came on the scene was about the *quo warranto*.

22,309. Did you vote for Keane?—I had not a vote. Besides, I went out of town.

22,310. We do not want to hear about the *quo warranto*. I think you voted in 1868?—Yes.

22,311. Did you take any part in the election further than voting?—For Maxwell and Trollope, undoubtedly. I went about canvassing.

22,312. Was there any money spent on their behalf that you are aware of?—Not a farthing in the world.

22,313. That you pledge your oath to?—I pledge my oath I never saw a shilling spent.

22,314. That is all you can tell us about parliamentary elections?—I believe it is; but I will answer anything that you can suggest.

22,315. You have told us that you have been a long time in the town council?—Yes.

22,316. You have of course contested many elections?—Yes, many.

22,317. I suppose you have spent money at most of them?—I do not think so. I never spent 5*l.* in my life. I have always been ready amongst half a dozen or eight or ten more to be a sovereign or two towards legitimate expenses, and that is all that I know of.

22,318. Do you mean to say seriously that at no contest in which you have been concerned you, either by yourself or any other person acting in your behalf, ever spent money?—That I will not say; because, if money has been given to pay messengers, they might have been voters. Then, I may as well tell you, there is another class of voters, men that work in the country, in the villages round about. These men will give over work, and come to vote. Well, I will not say that some time after the election, when they have told me that they caused me to lose a day's work, that I have not given them a shilling. I believe that is the full extent of what I have done.

22,319. What is the largest sum you have ever paid out of your own pocket?—Never 5*l.*, and I never knew anybody else pay more than that. I may as well make this public declaration, which will save you a great deal of time. I never knew in my life either a candidate or a member being applied to for a farthing, or ever contributing a farthing for any local election.

22,320. Have you ever had money placed in your hands by any person to be spent in the town?—Do you mean legitimately?

22,321. Legitimately or illegitimately.—Do you mean at municipal elections?

22,322. At any time. Have you ever been a depositary of any fund of money from any person of the Liberal party?—I do not think I have.

22,323. Surely you can remember that?—I do not not remember, for this reason: keeping an inn it might have happened at some particular time that money may have been left at my house to pay the men from the country. I will not say that that has not been so. I have never directly been a briber. I have never had anything to bribe with, in fact.

22,324. That cannot be so. You have been convicted of it?—Now you are returning to Walters.

22,325. I ask you, have you ever been a depositary of any sum of money placed in your hands?—For the purpose of being spent in the borough of Beverley, I believe not.

22,326. When you say you believe not, do you mean to pledge your oath that you have not?—The matter of fact is, that for the three last elections I have never had anything to do with them. At the old elections, when they paid messengers and those things, I would not answer for it.

22,327. Previous to the year 1857 have you never been a depositary of any sum of money to spend as you chose in the borough of Beverley?—I believe not.

22,328. When you say you believe not, do you pledge your oath that you have not?—I would not pledge my oath that in the older elections I might not have been a party to paying those 2*l.*, or something of that sort.

22,329. I mean otherwise than at election time?—Do you mean going about bribing?

22,330. Otherwise than at an election time, have you had money left in your hands to spend as you chose in the borough of Beverley?—No.

22,331. That you swear?—To the best of my belief.

22,332. Don't say "to the best of your belief."—I would not trust my memory. I am so debilitated through illness and various things, and being so old and worn out, I really cannot remember.

22,333. I am glad to see that you do not seem so old and worn out.—Because I have made a great push to prepare myself.

22,334. We have no reason to think your memory is bad.—I have prepared myself very much for it. It is only now and then that I can get out at all.

22,335. It is a sort of thing that you would surely remember whether any sum of money has been left in your hands?—Do you mean municipally?

22,336. No, I did not apply it to any election.—Will you separate the parliamentary from the municipal?

22,337. No, I do not refer to parliamentary or municipal. I ask about money to spend as you chose; in charity, or in any other manner in the borough?—At the last election I had money deposited with me, the municipal election.

22,338. I am speaking of before 1857?—I believe not.

22,339. You never had any money placed in your hands for you to distribute as you chose?—Do you mean otherwise than at an election?

22,340. Yes.—Oh no, decidedly.

22,341. You have not been, as it were, a banker for any person?—No, nothing of the sort.

22,342. That you swear positively?—Yes.

22,343. Can you tell us whether upon any occasion any money has been spent on your behalf when you have been a candidate for the town council?—Never but what was subscribed amongst ourselves.

22,344. Never but among the candidates themselves?—No.

22,345. To the best of your belief?—I never had a farthing; I never had any foreign aid at any time.

22,346. You have been clerk to the pasture masters?—I have.

22,347. Down to 1859?—From 1858 to 1859 we had a year of grace.

22,348. What do you mean by a year of grace?—After Mr. Wells was thrown out by Mr. Walker he petitioned. I believe that would be at the end of 1857. In the spring of 1858 there was some bill brought in, I forget what, and there was a certainty of there being another election in the spring of 1858. I was up in London about it. In a conversation with Mr. Rose (of Baxter, Rose, and Norton's) the question turned upon interference with local elections. I was then clerk of the pasture masters, and I said I could not see why they had a right to deprive me of that situation merely by the influence of the members. He promised that there should be no contest that year.

22,349. There was no contest that year?—No; a messenger came down to stop having a contest.

22,350. During the time you were clerk were there any complaints as to the mode in which the pastures were administered?—I believe I read in the paper this morning that Mr. Skinn had made a complaint. I believe he was the only one. He was fined heavily for stocking with other people's stock. I believe I had something to do with fishing out the evidence against

him. I have no doubt he complained very much. I never heard any complaint but from him.

22,351. You heard no complaint except that?—No. I believe the thing was as fairly conducted as could be.

22,352. There is another thing you have heard of; you had the paying of the non-stockers?—Yes.

22,353. Did you on every occasion pay them the full amount to which they were entitled?—I could not help it. I will tell you how it was conducted. The gates were all let at an equal value. They came to me for a certificate if they wanted a gate, and I had to send to the treasurer.

22,354. I am speaking of the non-stockers?—I had nothing to do with the others. I took the money and furnished them with a certificate. You have a very confused idea about this matter. If I can set it right I shall be very glad. At that period the gates were let at an equal value. Disputes arose as to whether persons had a right to let their own. I let them for them by desire of the pasture masters. There were all let at half a guinea each; and for printing and making out the list I received 6*d.* each gate. It came to about 5*l.*

22,355. What was your warrant for doing that?—I did it by the pasture masters' orders. Everything is in the book.

22,356. Was that from each gate stocker and non-stocker?—No, I had nothing to do with the stockers.

22,357. We understand that every man has a right of running stock upon the pastures?—Yes.

22,358. Some avail themselves of that right, and some do not?—Yes.

22,359. Those who do not avail themselves of it receive the money that is paid by the stockers after the expense has been deducted?—No, you are quite confused there. It is after the number is exhausted that they are entitled to the amount. It is the extra gates. They have 10 gates in all the pastures.

22,360. It is all the same. There is a surplus after paying the expenses?—No, that has nothing to do with it. If I can make you understand it I will.

22,361. At all events, there is a fund to be divided amongst the non-stockers?—That is for gates let to parties above the number.

22,362. Is there a fund (never mind where it comes from) to be divided among the non-stockers?—Yes, arising from the extra gates. I have nothing to do with the other fund for expenses.

22,363. There was a fund, at all events, to be divided among the non-stockers?—Undoubtedly. I am sure you do not understand it.

22,364. That was divided in equal sums among each non-stocker?—Yes; the list was published in the month of May.

22,365. What I ask is this, did you pay to them the full amount, or did you make any deduction?—I was bound to do it; the treasurer had a check against me.

22,366. Did you deduct 6*d.* from each payment?—That was my wages for doing it, which I was out of pocket by, unfortunately.

22,367. Is that the answer you make, that you did, in point of fact, deduct 6*d.* from the payment to each non-stocker?—It was 6*d.* allowed by the pasture master. I did not deduct it; I had it.

22,368. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The question is this: In your long experience did you ever know these charities worked for the benefit of the political party that represented the borough?—This was not a charity; neither was the charity in action during my clerkship.

22,369. It was originally a grant; did you ever know that grant or gift worked to serve the political party in the borough?—The gift was never in operation; it could not be so.

22,370. Did you ever know it?—No; I do not believe it ever was.

22,371. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Your payment was by a fee of 6*d.*?—Yes. There would be 200 gates, and I should get 5*l.* a year. Mr. Walker was an intimate friend of mine. Two years before the gift came into operation we had the codicil of the will, and looking at the money that was charged with legacy duty, and Mr. Shephard's expenses, and, finding it was likely to absorb two years, we agreed not to have any dinners. On sending in the two years, we handed over a balance of 12*l.* to our successors.

22,372. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) My question was this: In the exercise of the patronage which the pasture masters have, as well as any gift which they have to bestow, have you known them worked for the benefit of the political party that represented the borough?—No, I never did.

22,373. You employ a great number of tradesmen, and a great number of men?—The pasture masters do. The clerk has very little to do with it.

22,374. Will you take upon yourself to tell us upon your oath that you never knew an instance of that patronage being worked (you know what I mean) for the benefit of the party to which the pasture masters belonged?—No, I never did.

22,375. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Supposing there is a statement made that in 1852 that the number of Conservative tradesmen employed by the pasture masters was six to one, would you say that that statement was untrue?—There were six sturdy Tories pasture masters at that time. The chairman of the Conservatives was one of the pasture masters.

22,376. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were returned to the municipal council in 1867?—Yes.

22,377. We have had evidence that there was a good deal of money paid away on that occasion?—I do not think there was on my behalf.

22,378. Did you pay a man named Smedley anything?—I was here when he gave his evidence. I wish to explain that matter. He never said I paid him anything.

22,379–80. Hetherington?—No, I do not know him. I will explain with regard to Smedley. I might often have been mulcted in expenses. I deny that he got any grog; but I know he got some ale. He went and represented that he voted for Mr. Boyes, and somebody said he was to have a pint or a quart. I saw him imbibing, and I stopped him because I saw he was not paying.

22,381. Did you spend any money yourself at the town council election in 1867?—I believe I did.

22,382. How much did you spend?—Two or three sovereigns.

22,383. How did you spend it?—I gave it to the parties to pay the messengers; I did not spend it myself, any part of it.

22,384. Not with your own hands?—None of it.

22,385. Did you pay a man named Lovell anything?—I do not know such a man.

22,386. Appleton; did you pay him anything?—There is not a freeman of that name.

22,387. But there is a voter of that name?—I do not know such a man.

22,388. You deny that you ever paid him?—Undoubtedly I do.

22,389. What money did you pay in the municipal election of 1867?—Perhaps three sovereigns.

22,390. To whom did you pay it?—I believe I should pay the principal part of it to John Westerby.

22,391. Is that the same John Westerby that we have heard about?—His father was a great financier before him.

22,392. Are you aware whether any money was ever put into Westerby's hands to spend as he chose in the borough?—No doubt of it; subscribed by candidates. I may as well say that an election cannot be conducted in Minster Ward under 10*l.* or 15*l.*, no matter how. The law is so defective, it is impossible. There are 1,000 circulars, 1,000 addresses, and 1,000 voting papers.

22,393. My question was this: Are you aware whether any sum of money was ever deposited in

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Westerby's hands to spend in charities, or as he chose, in the borough?—No.

22,394. From whom do you suppose he got these sums of money; a pound at a time given to different voters?—I am certain it could not amount to 10*l.* He would get probably from 6*l.* to 10*l.*, perhaps 2*l.* each.

22,395. A pound is a large sum to pay?—It would be paid in case of a crisis. Unfortunately, of late the numbers have been known; they were not formerly; they are not conducted as they used to be.

22,396. How are the numbers known now?—It is ever since Wreghitt came on the scene. His agent is there, and nobody is allowed to go into the room. It used to be conducted with two boxes, one in each ward. When a paper was given, in it was seen if the person was on the register, and then the paper was put in the box. Nobody knew until they were counted out. That was the way in which the elections were conducted for years.

22,397. That is what I asked the town clerk about.—He has the boxes now. I saw one of the boxes in the office not long ago. It is the proper way; it is the fairest way.

22,398. Do you remember some people being at your house on the 31st of October 1868?—That was on a Sunday; there would not be a soul there.

22,399. No; the 31st was on a Saturday?—Yes. I was mistaken.

22,400. There was a meeting there?—No, there was not. There is a meeting of a few friends there every night.

22,401. There were some persons there interested in the election?—Yes.

22,402. Was Mr. Wilkinson there, of Leman and Wilkinson?—No, certainly not.

22,403. He was not there?—No.

22,404. Was he at your house at any time?—Yes, a week after.

22,405. I mean before?—He certainly was not at my house till some days after Maxwell and Trollope came back.

22,406. You understand my question, and I hope you will answer it in the spirit in which I ask it.—He is the deputy clerk of the peace, and he stays at my house. He was at Beverley yesterday.

22,407. Was he at any election meeting at your house?—I never saw him about the election. He knows no more of it than the "man in the moon."

22,408. You mean politically?—Yes.

22,409. You were not present when he was at your house at any political meeting?—No, he never was at such a meeting there.

22,410. Some considerable time ago there was an an action brought against you for slashing General Martin's trees?—Against me? I was not the only defendant.

22,411. You were one of them, I believe?—That was because I was one of the property committee at the time. There were several included. When you say "slashing," I call it removing a great nuisance. There were 20 out of 24 at the council who voted for it.

22,412. And you were prosecuted in 1859 for this affair of Mr. Walters'?—Yes, and it ruined me.

22,413. Did you pay any portion of the costs in General Martin's case?—Not a farthing.

22,414. They were paid by the corporation?—It was not an action against me, but against the corporation.

22,415. The corporation paid the costs?—Undoubtedly. I was included, being on the property committee.

22,416. In 1859, did you pay the whole of your costs?—No.

22,417. Who paid them?—I cannot say.

22,418. You did not pay them yourself?—I paid a large portion.

22,419. You are a man of great experience in Beverley; is it your opinion that a large portion of the electors are mercenary?—I do not think they are. If you will allow me I will explain.

22,420. After that answer I think you ought to explain.—I have been a guardian of the poor nearly 30 years in St. Martin's parish, and I should think I have been opposed by the Tories 26 times. The last time the great Mr. Norfolk put up, and he was 200 behind; therefore I have no reason to say that they are corrupt.

22,421. I am speaking of the parliamentary elections?—I believe there is not a town in England where there is more individuality of opinion than there is in Beverley, if a proper mode of voting was adopted. Under the old *régime*, out of 1,100 voters, when we went about canvassing, we could always get from 450 to 500 men to promise, who never expected a halfpenny. But there was a number on each side that would neither promise nor vote until a certain time of the day. I always termed them the rolling stock. They are obliged to be picked up to turn the scale; and then a good many other voters would take the money too. However, I believe there is no better constituency.

22,422. What, in your opinion, is the number of the "rolling stock"?—I should think 200; but there are more that fall in to take the money. I will tell you why. When a good voter, a poor man, sees you pay another man, he says, "You pay that rascal who won't promise, and I have as much right to be paid."

22,423. Up to the time when you were concerned in the elections, about what number of persons were paid on an election when money was given?—Do you mean 2*l.* payments?

22,424. Yes.—I should say the number varies from 150 to 200. I would not say on the opposite side. 150 on our side probably.

22,425. Do you think there are more or less on the opposite side?—I believe a great deal more, because they never had a proper system of paying, but squandered the money away. The word of the town clerk "stuck" is a very important word now.

22,426. You are a man of great experience, and your opinion, if sincerely given, is worth having. I want to know what number, in your opinion, are mercenary?—I should say from 200 to 250.

22,427. There must be more than that?—When I say mercenary, I mean those that will not vote or promise; but as soon as they get the money there are more who will get it, but who would vote without.

22,428. Take the aggregate of the rolling stock and of those who take the money?—That is a different number.

22,429. What, in your opinion, is that number?—I should think, perhaps, 400; perhaps more; I would not say. I have gone into St. Mary's and never spent a shilling. I was always elected but once.

22,430. Do you put the number of those who would take money at 400?—I almost think I should, not knowing how many there are on the other side.

22,431. We will take your estimate generally?—I should say there were. When I say they would take the money, they would vote without if it was not for these vagabonds.

22,432. Have you, being an influential man in the place, made an effort to put a stop to this sort of thing?—Yes. I have lectured in the Town Hall and Mechanics' Institute, and in every part, and tried to put it down by every means.

22,433. Have you ever made a proposal to the other side to meet together?—I could not make a proposal to such enemies as they are.

22,434. Then you never have done it?—No, I would not do it.

22,435. You are not aware that the respectable men of either party have ever met together and endeavoured to put a stop to it?—I know that the heads of the Liberal party have deprecated it in every way. What the others may have done, as I was never in communication with them, I cannot tell.

22,436. You never have met together to endeavour to put a stop to it?—You could not meet. People clubbed in former times. Latterly there has been such prosecutions that it has been impossible. The

farmers came to ride us down in the surrounding districts, headed by the master of the foxhounds.

22,437. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were clerk to the pasture masters, I understand, from 1852, about eight years?—Yes, that is perfectly right.

22,438. I am now referring only to those eight years. During that time a very large number of tradesmen were employed under the pasture masters?—Yes.

22,439. To your knowledge?—Yes.

22,440. You knew all about it?—Yes.

22,441. Is it not the fact that a large majority of those tradesmen voted on the same side politically as yourself?—No, not by any means.

22,442. Then I must ask you categorically. Is it not true that in the year 1852 a large majority of the tradesmen employed by the pasture masters voted for Lawley and Wells, and very few comparatively for Glover?—It would occur in this way——

22,443. Then it did occur?—I do not believe it did.

22,444. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In 1852 can you tell us what was the composition of the pasture masters?—I believe six and six, but I cannot confine myself to one year.

22,445. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Confine yourself to answering my questions. In 1854 which had the predominance among the pasture masters?—They were six and six. There was one year when we were all turned out by a fresh lot. If that was to happen that year I could not account for it.

22,446. You were clerk in 1852. Now, is it not the case that you had in that capacity a great deal to do with selecting the tradesmen?—Not a word at any time during my clerkship. I never had a voice in it. I will explain it in this way——

22,447. I want you to answer my questions. You told me that it was a fact that a very large majority of the tradesmen voted for Lawley and Wells?—I did not say so. I do not believe it. I never said anything of the kind. It is your mistake.

22,448. You may not have intended to say so?—They took it in turns; they employed one man, and gave another a turn next time. Take the printers. When I was clerk one would do it one year and another another. It might happen that there would be a predominance one year.

22,449. I have an account before me, I do not know what its value is, that shows a list of tradesmen employed in and about the year 1852, when you were clerk. It gives the names of those who voted for Lawley and Wells and for Glover respectively, and it makes out the number of those who voted for Lawley and Wells more than six times as great as the number that voted for Glover?—My answer to that is, that I had no voice in appointing tradesmen of any description.

22,450. Do you think that that statement is likely to be correct?—No. I never had a voice in it; I never had anything to do with the tradesmen. I had no voice in the matter in any shape. I could not have any.

22,451. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Let me give you a case. Apply your mind to it. Given in the year 1864 an election in Beverley, and a man with 4,000*l.* in his pocket, and a perfectly worthless character, and given a man who would do honour to the borough with 100*l.* in his pocket, I put it to you, on your oath, what chance in your opinion would the man with the 100*l.* in his pocket have?—None whatever; they would pick up the rolling stock.

22,452. One man would poll six to one against the other?—No, he would not. I have seen the time when money would have no effect whatever.

22,453. I am putting the year 1864?—I believe Glover had not 100*l.* in his pocket, and he got returned.

22,454. You said the man with 100*l.* in his pocket would have no chance?—No, because the other would pick up all the black sheep; they would make a preponderance. Out of 1,100 voters there would be 400 who would vote with the Liberals if the other man gave 20*l.* apiece.

22,455. I am not speaking of Liberals or Conservatives; I am speaking of money?—Yes, the infirmity of mankind is the same all the world over.

22,456. Do not justify it.—I do not. I have preached against it, and I have practised what I preached, as far as possible.

22,457. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What portion of the constituency would take money for their votes?—I have no doubt 400 out of the old lot. I cannot make any calculation of the new lot.

22,458. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am very sorry that we have received so little information from you.

22,459. (*The witness.*) I am sure it is not for the want of my giving you all I can. You must remember I have had nothing to do with elections for many years. I almost feel myself disgraced. I am sure I have told you the truth. I thought I had told all; if not I am prepared to tell anything else. I have stated to the best of my knowledge. I do not say that I am infallible.

Mr. William Catterson called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

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22,460. What are you, Mr. Catterson?—A tanner, sir.

22,461. And I think you are also a town councillor?—Yes.

22,462. You were elected at the last election, I think?—Yes.

22,463. That was in 1868. We have got it that you were elected for St. Martin's Ward; is that the name it is known by?—That is right, sir.

22,464. Is St. Martin's the same as Minster Ward?—No, sir.

22,465. St. Martin's, as we understand, is Minster Ward; is that so?—Yes. I am returned for that.

22,466. And your colleagues are Mr. Lowther and Mr. Usher?—Yes.

22,467. Usher is dead; who took his place?—Mr. William Brigham was chosen in his place.

22,468. How long have you been a town councillor?—I think eight times. I got in the first municipal election, in 1836.

22,469. We will not go back so far as that, but you were elected in 1868; when was your last election before that?—1865.

22,470. And the last before that?—1862.

22,471. And before that?—1859.

22,472. And before that?—I can't recollect further.

22,473. Now, in 1859 there was a contest?—There was.

22,474. A rather sharp contest. Now, was the practice then that the candidates of the same party shared the expenses of the contest among themselves?—It was always understood so.

22,475. What was your share in 1859?—A little more than it had been otherwise, for this reason. Two colleagues was thrown out, and they came to me to ask if I would pay their share, as they had worked hard canvassing for me as well as for themselves. They asked me to pay their share. I said, "I have no objections." It amounted to 6*l.* or 7*l.*, my own share as well.

22,476. That was a rather sharp contest, was not it?—Not very; there was a contest.

22,477. Well, in 1862 there was no contest, I think?—Very little, sir, I think. I think twice I was returned without any opposition.

22,478. What were your expenses in 1862?—1865 was nothing; I do not think I paid anything. 1862 was from 3*l.* to 4*l.*

22,479. In 1865 you paid nothing, and in 1868 what did you pay?—Nothing.

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22,480. Now, how was that?—I never was called upon.

22,481. But I suppose there was the same understanding in 1868 as on the former occasions, that the candidates of the same party should share the expenses among themselves. There was that understanding?—I always expected to, but I was never asked for it.

22,482. You had that understanding before the election?—That I should pay my share.

22,483. That is to say, you had that understanding with Mr. Usher and Mr. Lowther?—Yes.

22,484. But Usher was absent, so you could form no understanding with him?—He was in Scotland I believe.

22,485. You were nominated by your party some considerable time before the election took place?—I should think a fortnight before.

22,486. And therefore you knew a fortnight beforehand that these gentlemen were going to put up with you, and you also knew probably that Mr. Norfolk, Mr. Whitton, and Mr. Denton were going to put up in the other ward?—Yes, I knew that.

22,487. That being so, had you during that fortnight conversations with them as to the conduct of the municipal election?—Nothing whatever.

22,488. Not with any of them?—I never was consulted about anything.

22,489. Perhaps not consulted, but did you speak to any one of these four gentlemen?—I believe not.

22,490. Did you speak to them separately; did you speak to Mr. Lowther during that fortnight?—I think not. I do not remember.

22,491. I am quite satisfied when you tell me what you think. Did you speak to Mr. Denton on the subject of the municipal election?—Before the election?

22,492. Yes.—I do not remember I did.

22,493. Did you speak to Mr. Whitton?—No, sir.

22,494. Or Mr. Norfolk?—Nor yet Mr. Norfolk.

22,495. How did it come to your knowledge that you were nominated?—I cannot speak positively who it was told me I was nominated, whether Wreghitt or some one else. I believe Mr. Denton told me so.

22,496. Then you were not quite accurate in saying you had not talked with him?—I would not be positive.

22,497. You think it may have been Denton who announced to you your nomination?—Yes.

22,498. Now, did you speak to him as to the manner in which the election was to be conducted?—No, I do not remember anything about what was said about the election. I said I should not interfere or canvass.

22,499. Did he tell you there would be canvassing?—Yes, I understood him he was going to canvass.

22,500. And did he lead you to suppose it would be a sharp contest?—Yes.

22,501. And that was some days before the election, some considerable time, perhaps a fortnight before the election?—Not so much as that.

22,502. At all events some days?—Yes.

22,503. And did he give you to understand that money would be required, that it would be an expensive contest?—He did not say that.

22,504. Had you reason to apprehend it would be an expensive contest?—I never thought anything of the kind that so much money would be spent. I thought we might spend something, but in fact I said I should spend nothing.

22,505. To whom did you tell that?—To Denton and others.

22,506. Did you tell Mr. Wreghitt so?—Well, I will not say I did not.

22,507. Just think. Did you tell Wreghitt plainly you would not spend money?—I have told him frequently I should not when I have been put up, but I cannot speak positively whether I did this time or not.

22,508. Just think. After this last nomination, which took place a fortnight before the election, did you tell Wreghitt you would not be at an expense for the contest?—I would not be confident. I do not think I did. In fact I had very little conversation with him.

22,509. I understand you did see him during that fortnight; that I understood you to say?—Well, perhaps I might.

22,510. Now try and think what took place in particular in that conversation with Wreghitt?—I really cannot say.

22,511. I assume it was about the coming election?—Very likely it might be named, but I cannot say what I said to him about it.

22,512. Was there any reference in that conversation to money matters?—No, sir, none whatever.

22,513. Except your announcement; I think you spoke of your announcement that you would not bear expenses?—He said nothing to me about the expense. He did not; I am certain of it.

22,514. When did it first come to your knowledge that an unusually large sum of money was spent at the election?—Not till after Baron Martin came here. I was astonished when I heard the sum.

22,515. What was your majority; you were returned by a very large majority?—200 and something; I do not know exactly.

22,516. Were you about the town that day?—I just came to vote about 11, and was here about an hour, and then went home, and never came here any more.

22,517. About 11 was a busy time at the election?—Yes.

22,518. And I think I may assume it fell under your observation that money was going pretty freely?—I never saw any money taken. I was in the room when votes were taken.

22,519. And it fell under your cognizance that money was freely being spent?—I thought money was spending, or they would not come in so rapidly as they did.

22,520. You knew money was being spent profusely, and that the voters were getting very large sums. You knew, from using your own common sense and powers of observation, that these men were getting large sums of money?—Yes.

22,521. Unusually large sums of money?—More than they had been used to receive.

22,522. That is what I understand. Having that knowledge, did you inquire where that money came from?—I did not; only my son-in-law told me that Mr. Norfolk had found it, Mr. Usher.

22,523. Is that the Mr. Usher who is now dead?—Yes.

22,524. But I thought he was away in Scotland?—Not at the election day, sir.

22,525. Then he told you that Norfolk was finding the money?—Yes.

22,526. On the election day he told you?—Well, I do not know; it might be on the election day, but I would not be certain.

22,527. I think it must have been from the circumstances, because, of course, you naturally inquired where all this money came from. You knew that you were not supplying the money, and therefore you must have got it from Usher on that day; is not that so? It is obvious it must be so.—Yes.

22,528. Was there ever any meeting or consultation between you and Norfolk and others of the party as to your sharing the expenditure among you?—No, sir, never. I never was consulted anything at all about the money.

22,529. Did you ever hear of any meeting at Mr. Burrell's, at which Norfolk and others of your party were present?—Never knew anything but what I read in the papers.

22,530. You never knew of that meeting?—No, I never had any notice to attend any of them. I never did attend any of them.

22,531. Now, when you knew this large sum of money was being spent under your eyes, did you repudiate any connexion with it; did you repudiate being responsible for it?—Decidedly.

22,532. You told them at the time?—My son-in-law came to me with a document, wishing me to pay my share. I said I would do nothing of the kind.

22,533. When was that document brought to you?—When Baron Martin was here.

22,534. But I want to go to a much earlier date?—I never was asked before.

22,535. Well, take it your own way. You say before Baron Martin came or after?—After.

22,536. Who brought you the document?—My son-in-law.

22,537. The document purported to be an agreement to pay an equal share with the others?—I said I would sign nothing whatever.

22,538. Do you know where he brought that document from?—He had it in his pocket. He asked me to go to his house. I said, "I won't look at it; I "won't sign it."

22,539. Do you know who was the author or concoctor of it?—I do not know unless at the ironworks. I do not know any place else.

22,540. You have reason to think it came from there?—I judged it did.

22,541. Were there any other names to it?—I never looked at it. He told me he had signed it.

22,542. And did he tell you of anyone else who had?—I do not know whether he said Lowther had. I won't speak positively about it.

22,543. Did he mention anybody else?—Well, Norfolk; I understood Mr. Norfolk.

22,544. He also represented that Mr. Norfolk had?—Yes.

22,545. Anybody else; there were only six of you?—I forget.

22,546. I suppose he represented it to you as an undertaking which you were bound in honour to sign?—He expected so.

22,547. You on the contrary considered there was an understanding that you should pay a much lower sum?—I never paid more than 5*l.* but once.

22,548. When was that once?—The time I told you of.

22,549. But what I want to ask you is this. Go back to the time of the municipal election itself. You saw money then being spent very profusely?—I did not see any money. I saw voters coming up, and judged so.

22,550. It was within your knowledge, and you conversed with your son-in-law about it. Did you at that time take any means to repudiate the responsibility for that money? Did you say, "This is not "the sum of money or kind of sum of money that I "will be responsible for"?—I said I would not pay any share of that sum. I was willing to pay the legitimate expense as I had paid before, but not more.

22,551. Did you say so at the time of the municipal election?—Yes, sir.

22,552. Do I understand you that you said so at the time of the municipal election?—I said so at the time, that I would pay no more than the legitimate expenses.

22,553. To whom did you say that?—To my son-in-law and to Mr. Denton too.

22,554. Now is it within your knowledge that at former municipal contests, elections for the town council, money has come from Mr. Wreghitt for promoting the elections?—I had always been told it had before that year.

22,555. Tell me, before I go to that, had you any reason to suppose that this money came directly or indirectly from Wreghitt?—I believe it did not, because my son-in-law said Norfolk was finding it.

22,556. And it is your belief that it did not come from Wreghitt?—Decidedly so.

22,557. Directly or indirectly?—No, sir.

22,558. But on former occasions you understood that it did come from Wreghitt?—The report was so.

22,559. And you believed that report?—I went by report, what others told me.

22,560. I have confidence in you. I ask, did you believe that report?—Well, sir, I almost did.

22,561. Now from what date do you suppose that that practice of promoting municipal contests by money supplied by Wreghitt commenced? When did Wreghitt, do you believe, begin to promote the contests by money?—I really cannot speak to the time.

22,562. Within a few years. In 1865? I only trouble you as regards your own elections. You were elected in 1865. At that time I understand you Wreghitt was supplying money?—It was said so.

22,563. You were also elected in 1862. Was it understood that Wreghitt—— ?—I won't say he supplied the money then. I do not know that he did in 1862. That is seven years ago.

22,564. That was your election last but two. You were elected in 1868, in 1865, and in 1862?—Yes.

22,565. At the election of 1865 you say Wreghitt was reputed to have contributed money?—It was thought so.

22,566. Now think of the election of 1862?—I cannot speak to that. It is too far back.

22,567. Well of course if you cannot you cannot, but it does not appear to me so very far back?—Seven years, sir. I cannot speak to so far back.

22,568. You were somewhat interested in it, because it was promoting your own election?—I was laways charged with the legitimate expenses. I do not know what he paid or anybody else.

22,569. But if Wreghitt was paying money in 1865 he was paying it for your benefit; it was promoting your election?—I am not positive. The report was he was paying.

22,570. Now can you tell me nearly about what time he began to do so, as far as you know?—I really cannot exactly.

22,571. Was it before or after 1862?—I have no recollection, sir.

22,572. You may bring it into your recollection by reference to events in the town?—In 1865 was the election when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane put up. You say he was doing it then. In 1860 there was Walker's and Gridley's election. Was he doing it then, as far as you know?—I cannot speak to that, sir.

22,573. Of course you have had a vote a long while?—Yes, sir, ever since 1832.

22,574. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

22,575. And have been a freeman since that time?—Since 1832.

22,576. Now I must trouble you to give me some information about the parliamentary elections. I think this will be the shorter way, taking the elections from 1841, when Towneley, Hogg, and Fox put up. I might first of all ask you this question. Have you ever received money for your vote?—Never at any time.

22,577. I take that answer. Have you ever from 1841 down to the present time paid money for other people's votes?—Never, sir.

22,578. Have you ever taken any part in distributing money?—Never in any shape whatever.

22,579. Not in any one of the parliamentary elections from that time to this?—No, sir.

22,580. I must also ask you whether at the last municipal contest you paid any money to voters?—Not a fraction.

22,581-82. Have you ever been a pasture master?—Never.

22,583. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are you?—A tanner.

22,584. After being about an hour about at the municipal election, you went home?—Yes, after voting.

22,585. You did not like what was going on, I apprehend?—It was not exactly to my liking. I did not like it at all, and would never have stood if I had known they were going to spend money in that way.

22,586. Why did not you go and see Norfolk?—I had nothing to do with him.

22,587. You knew from your son-in-law that Norfolk was finding money, and why did not you go

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and speak to him, and tell him you would have nothing to do with him?—It was not my business.

22,588. I think it was your business, if you will allow me to say so. You knew you were being elected in a very illegal manner. Up to this time you were in the habit of thinking it was Wreghitt who supplied the money?—Yes, for municipal elections.

22,589. And that time you thought it was coming from Sir Henry Edwards?—I could not tell.

22,590. But you thought so?—I might think so.

22,591. Of course you did think so. You did not think that Mr. Wreghitt had any interest in your elections. You thought he was acting on the part of Sir Henry Edwards?—I did not know.

22,592. But did not you think so?—I might think so, but that would not do.

23,593. But did not you think so?—I cannot be positive.

22,594. I am not asking you to be positive. Did not you think so? I am not saying it came from Sir Henry Edwards?—Well, I might think so.

22,595. But did not you think so?—I do not know, as far as thinking goes, if that would——

22,596. I am only asking you about thinking?—Well, I thought so.

22,597. Your thinking fixes nobody; and when your son-in-law told you that Norfolk was supplying it, did not you think the money was coming from the same source?—Well, I cannot speak to that.

22,598. But did not you think so?—I thought Norfolk would not find the money.

23,599. Just so, and then you thought it came from the same source?—It came from the same parties.

22,600. You knew perfectly well that Norfolk could not supply the money?—But my son-in-law told me he expected we should pay our shares.

22,601. Never mind your son-in-law. He told you that after Baron Martin was here?—(*No answer.*)

22,602. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was your son-in-law in a condition of life to pay the sixth part of 800*l.*?—No, I think not.

22,603-4. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Your son-in-law by telling you it came from Norfolk intended to lead you to believe you would never be charged for it. Was not that so?—That I should never be charged for my share. My son-in-law said he did not expect I should have to pay the money. That is right.

22,605. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I understood you to say you protested against the expenditure at the very time it was going on?—That I would not pay.

22,606. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When your son-in-law told you he did not think you would have to pay, did you leave the conversation there?—Yes, I left him in the street.

22,607. Your son-in-law presented you with a document for signature binding you to pay a large sum of money?—I never saw it. He had it in his pocket.

22,608. And you declined?—I said, "I won't so much as look at it."

22,609. Upon which he said something to you of this sort, "You might as well sign it, for you will never have anything to pay"?—Yes.

22,610. He said so?—He did so.

22,611. Now, did not you then say, "How so?" I suppose you must have known if you signed a document of any kind binding you to pay money you would be responsible?—Certainly.

22,612. Did not you say to him, "How is that?"—I said I would not sign anything, I wanted nothing but what was straightforward.

22,613. That is not what I am putting to you. Your son-in-law said he did not think you would have to pay; did not you say to him, "How so?" or anything of that kind?—I might have said so, but I forget what I said.

22,614. It seems unnatural to leave such a strange expression as that unanswered?—I understood it would be paid by someone else.

22,615. But did not you ask him further than that?—No, sir, I did not.

22,616. When you understood it would be paid by someone else, who did you understand that someone else was?—By the party, sir.

22,617. "Party," you know, is rather a vague word?—Well, say Sir Henry Edwards and the party.

22,618. You thought at the time it was to be paid by Sir Henry Edwards?—(*No answer.*)

22,619. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I only regret you did not resign. You have given us very fair evidence?—I went to the town clerk to have my name erased; but he would not. I went to Mr. Crust and wished to resign, but he said I had better wait a little longer.

22,620. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am very glad.

22,621. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When was that?—After Baron Martin was here, both me and Mr. Denton. I went and named Mr. Denton as well. He wished to resign as well as myself.

22,622. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You named it to the town clerk?—Yes. I wished him to put it on the paper. He said, "You had better wait a short time and we will see;" something of that answer. I did not feel comfortable sitting in the council.

22,623. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I thought you would not, and I am very glad I mentioned it.

22,624. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is your son in any office in the borough?—Yes, sir; he is a pasture master.

The witness withdrew.

J. R. Hall.

JOHN ROBERT HALL called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

22,625. You are a freeman I believe?—Yes.

22,626. Are you a freeman by birth or servitude?—By birth.

22,627. When did you take out your freedom?—Last March I think, sir.

22,628. March 1868?—Yes.

22,629. You voted I think at the election?—Yes.

22,630. Did you vote at the municipal election?—No, sir.

22,631. How was that?—I had not a vote.

22,632. You had a vote at the parliamentary?—Yes.

22,633. For whom did you vote?—Maxwell and Trollope.

22,634. Where were you at work at that time?—In buildings at West Wood; York Terrace.

22,635. With whom?—Mr. Whitton.

22,636. Had you been an apprentice with Mr. Whitton?—Yes.

22,637. Were you out of your time?—Yes.

22,638. And were working as a journeyman for wage?—Yes.

22,639. You had been an apprentice with him?—Yes.

22,640. And were always on good terms with him I suppose?—Yes.

22,641. He canvassed you I think?—Yes.

22,642. And you left his employment some three or four weeks afterwards?—After the election.

22,643. Did your master give you to understand in any way, or threaten you in any way, that if you did not vote he would discharge you?—Not before the election.

22,644. Tell us what he said after the election?—The next morning he came to me about 8 o'clock, I think, and he said, "Hall, you went dead against us." I said, "So I did." So he asked me what for. I said, "I never intended to vote for a Conservative." He said, "Why you are a damned fool." He says,

"I shall remember you for it." He said, "I have a good mind to pay you off now." So I asked if I could not vote as I liked, but he said, "You're silly. I shall remember you for it;" and off he went.

22,645. But he did not remember you at that time. He did not discharge you?—Not at that time, but he said he would.

22,646. You continued in his work for some time?—About three weeks, I think.

22,647. How many men were there in his employ?—I think either seven or eight.

22,648. And when you were discharged, how many were discharged together?—Two of us, I think.

22,649. Were not there more? Just recollect?—I do not remember there was any more.

22,650. How long had you been at work for him?—Since I served my time.

22,651. How many years had you been at work for him altogether?—Six, I believe.

22,652. Now think; at that time the work would be slack, would not it?—Well, it was rather slack, but he was not extra slack.

22,653. Not his establishment?—Not particularly, it was not. But it was not through slack that he paid us off altogether, because he said he should pay us off. He never said aught about it before the election.

22,654. Where did you get work afterwards?—I was working with Mr. Montgomery a few weeks in Beverley.

22,655. (*Mr. Whitton.*) Shall I be allowed to explain?

22,656. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Wait a little. You shall have every opportunity.

22,657. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What time of the year were you discharged? Was that in December?—Yes, about a week before Christmas.

22,658. Are you aware whether any work that was going on at Whitton's was finished at that time?—Well, he had some work at Brantingham nearly finished.

22,659. Did he take anyone in your place?—I do not know that he did.

22,660. What work were you employed on?—Joining and carpentering.

22,661. Was it that particular branch of joinery and carpentery that you were employed on going on after you left Brantingham?—Yes, sir, there were some.

22,662. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What were your wages?—18*s.* a week.

22,663. The foreman discharged you?—Yes.

22,664. Was he friendly towards you?—Yes, sir.

22,665. Having been an apprentice there you know he would have a kindly feeling towards you; what did he say?—He said master said he had done with us.

22,666. Anything else?—We asked him what for, so he said, "For the election, that is what it is for."

22,667. The foreman said that?—Yes.

22,668. What is his name?—Matthew Robinson.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS HARRIS recalled, and re-examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

T. Harris.

22,669. We are told that in 1865 you received 2*l.* for your vote?—No one cannot say so.

22,670. Someone has said so?—It is false, sir.

22,671. Do you know Mr. Akrill?—Yes.

22,672. Did you see Akrill in 1865?—Yes.

22,673. Were you about with him at all?—No, sir. I saw him in the Market Place.

22,674. Had you any conversation with him?—Yes, he asked me if I had voted. I said, "No, not yet."

22,675. You had no conversation about money?—No, sir.

22,676. None whatever?—No, sir.

22,677. Did he promise to get you anything?—No, sir, he did not.

22,678. Then it is not true he paid you 2*l.*?—It is not, sir.

22,679. Did any person pay you 2*l.* for yourself?—No, sir.

22,680. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you vote?—Yes.

22,681. After Akrill spoke to you?—Yes, after Akrill spoke to me.

22,682. You voted on Akrill's side?—Yes, I always did, sir.

22,683. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Well, then, you swear most positively that neither Akrill nor anyone else paid you 2*l.* on behalf of Edwards and Sykes?—Yes, sir, I swear it.

22,684. Do you know a man named William Julian at all?—I do not know whether they call him William. There is a Julian in Well Lane, a shopkeeper.

22,685. Was he with you that day?—No, sir, he was not, nor I am not aware that I ever saw him either.

22,686. Was a man named Griffin there?—I do not know him, sir.

22,687. Very well, you pledge yourself most positively that you did not receive any money from Akrill?—I will swear it, sir, on any Bible in England.

22,688. Certainly Akrill said so, and you had been examined the day before and denied it most positively.—If he said so he has told a falsehood, but as regards that people will say so. John Constable lives in the same street as I do, and he said I gave him money, and I never saw him on the municipal election.

22,689. But you gave to some people?—I gave a deal of people, but I never gave him anything.

22,690. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What time of the day did you vote on the day of the parliamentary election—after 2 o'clock?—No, sir, I think it would not be after 2; it would be after 1. I was getting my dinner, and came up.

22,691. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I won't ask you any more if you deny it most positively?—Well, sir, it is correct, or I would not deny it.

22,692. Have you ever received any money for your vote at parliamentary elections?—No, sir.

22,693. Then there cannot be a mistake about it?—I never voted but twice, and there was none gave last election, at least I never saw none.

THOMAS HENRY WALLIS sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

T. H. Wallis.

22,694. Are you a voter for the borough?—Yes.

22,695. How long have you been a voter?—14 years.

22,696. Are you a freeman?—Yes, sir.

22,697. What was the first parliamentary election you voted at?—Glover's.

22,698. That was in 1852; did you get anything for your vote?—No, sir.

22,699. You got nothing for your vote?—No, sir.

22,700. Did you pay away money?—No.

22,701. You did not pay away money?—No.

22,702. Gordon and Hastings' election I will not question you about. When Denison, Glover, and Wells put up who did you vote for?—That was my first election.

22,703. You voted for Glover?—Yes.

22,704. Edwards and Wells; did you vote then?—Yes.

22,705. Who did you vote for?—Edwards.

22,706. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

22,707. What did you get?—2*l.*

22,708. From whom did you get it?—John Vickers.

22,709. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

22,710. Had you anything to do with paying other people?—No, sir.

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22,711. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover, did you vote then?—Yes.

22,712. For whom?—Edwards and Walker.

22,713. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

22,714. Neither before or after the election?—I got 24*s.* as a runner, after the election, paid at Mr. Bainton's office.

22,715. Did McCoy give it you?—Mr. McCoy was there, but Mr. Bainton paid me the money, I believe.

22,716. Mr. Bainton paid you himself?—I believe so.

22,717. What did you do, you said you were a runner?—Yes.

22,718. What did you do to earn the money?—I delivered out some papers, and I was at the committee room at the election day; not as a runner the election day.

22,719. Which day did you work as a runner?—I worked as a runner the day I delivered the papers out.

22,720. You were employed as a runner more than one day?—Yes, I was employed as a runner for three or four days.

22,721. And for those services they gave you 24*s.*?—Yes, they gave me 24*s.*

22,722. Go to the election of 1860, when Walker and Gridley put up; did you vote then?—Yes.

22,723. For Walker?—Yes.

22,724. Did you get anything for your vote on that occasion?—No.

22,725. Were you employed to pay people?—No.

22,726. Had you no employment on that occasion?—No.

22,727. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you get anything for your vote then?—Yes.

22,728–9. First of all, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Keane.

22,730. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What did you get, you said you got something?—I got 2*l.*

22,731. And that was all you got at that election?—Yes.

22,732. Or after?—Yes.

22,733. Did you get this at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes, sir.

22,734. Were you employed in any way at that election?—No, sir.

22,735. In 1868 for whom did you vote?—For Kennard.

22,736. For Kennard alone?—Yes.

22,737. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, sir.

22,738. Were you employed in any way?—No, sir.

22,739. Did you vote at the last election for town councillors?—Yes.

22,740. Which way did you vote then?—I voted for the Liberals.

22,741. You voted for the Liberals at the town council?—Yes.

22,742. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not for my vote I did not.

22,743. Not for your vote?—No.

22,744. Did you get any money to distribute?—Yes.

22,745. Who gave it you?—Richard Whiting.

22,746. Richard Whiting gave you what?—4*l.*

22,747. Where did he give it you?—At Boyes', the "Angel" inn.

22,748. Was anybody there when he gave it you?—Yes, John Dales.

22,749. What had he got to do with it?—I suppose he was like myself.

22,750. Do you know what he got?—Rolls of paper the same as I did at first; they contained sovereigns.

22,751. They would be the same as you?—The first time; I do not know whether he got more afterwards.

22,752. To whom did you distribute the 4*l.*?—I gave James Hardy 10*s.*

22,753. Have you a list?—No; I gave Thomas Wilson 10*s.*, James Hatton and William Walgate 10*s.* each.

22,754. I want four more names?—How many have you got?

22,755. Only four; 10*s.* each, that makes 2*l.*?—There was Adamson; the other 30*s.* remained in my hands. I spent some of it in refreshment with several people during the day.

22,756. A portion remained in your hands?—Yes.

22,757. Did you return any account to Whiting of this 4*l.*?—No, I never was asked for any.

22,758. I suppose he was aware you had some of it yourself?—Not that I know of.

22,759. Have you ever received money for your vote at former elections, at town council choosing?—No, I never received a penny for my municipal vote but as a runner. I should have voted the same way as I did if I had not been a runner.

22,760. At the pasture masters' election of last year were you employed as a runner?—No.

22,761. Did you vote for pasture masters last year?—I did not last year.

22,762. Did you in '68?—Yes.

22,763. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

22,764. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What did you get as a runner a day?—

22,765. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Five shillings a day?—Yes, and I generally found it cost me another five.

22,766. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am anxious to know how it was you voted for Kennard; you received money from Edwards 2*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, and from Keane 2*l.*, and about 30*s.*, at the municipal election; how came you to vote for Kennard?—Well, I went back to my old party. I was always a Conservative. The reason I went to the Liberals was about a grievance among themselves as to the Fishwick works being down.

22,767. But why for Kennard?—Well, I thought I would give the young one a lift, and bring him up to the old one.

The witness withdrew.

M. Robinson.

MATTHEW ROBINSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

22,768. You are the foreman to Mr. Whitton?—Yes.

22,769. How long have you been foreman?—Well, I believe 10 or 11 years. I cannot tell to a year.

22,770. You had a workman in your employ, John Robert Hall?—Yes.

22,771. How long had he worked with you; was it to the end of last year?—He was bound apprentice for four or five years.

22,772. Had he worked at Mr. Whitton's consecutively all that time?—Yes, I believe so.

22,773. You believe he worked with him up to the end of last year?—Yes.

22,774. Was he a joiner and carpenter?—Yes.

22,775. In your opinion was he an efficient workman?—No, I am sorry to say I think not, I should have liked him to have turned out much better than he was.

22,776. Your answer is, he is not an efficient workman?—No, he is not, I was very near getting him away.

22,777. Having been six years in the employment of Mr. Whitton, I thought you would be a good person to speak upon the matter?—I left Mr. Whitton for three years, as I was ill, and when I went back again I was sorry to see him in the position he was.

22,778. How was that?—He had been used to do what he liked; he could only do one sort of work, and he was not fond of that; he had got into one way

and would not go another, and when I went back I was sorry to find him no better than when I left.

22,779. What time did you go back to Mr. Whitton's employment?—I cannot tell to a month, but I believe it to be about 18 months back.

22,780. You have been back about 18 months?—Somewhere about that.

22,781. Tell us at what time you went back to his employment?—I could not tell, to be sure, what month it was.

22,782. If you went back 18 months ago, you can surely tell us what month you went back?—It may be two years since I went back; if I had known what questions were going to be asked me, I might have thought of it and given evidence.

22,783. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I see Mr. Whitton is here; cannot you tell us the month of your foreman's return?

22,784. (*Mr. Whitton.*) It is nearly two years.

22,785. That would be about September '67?—Yes.

22,786. About 15 months from the time we are now speaking of?—Yes.

22,787. You and John Robert Hall were together in the employment of Mr. Whitton for 15 months up to the time of December last?—Yes, I believe so.

22,788. You in capacity of foreman?—Yes.

22,789. And Hall working under you?—Yes.

22,790. If he was such an inefficient workman as you found him to be, how was it that you did not complain to Mr. Whitton?—I have complained many a time, and Mr. Whitton has spoken to him about it, but I have let him work to keep him on, but half a dozen times I have wanted to discharge him, but he wanted to stop, and his father knows it.

22,791. In what way was he deficient?—He would not like anyone to teach him, he would do as he liked.

22,792. He had been apprenticed to Mr. Whitton?—Yes.

22,793. It seems curious if he did not do his work, or do it well, that Mr. Whitton should have kept him on?—I believe it was entirely through me he was kept on, and his father knows it as well as I do.

22,793*a*. Was his work ever complained of?—Many times.

22,794. Were his wages stopped in consequence?—No.

22,794*a*. Was he treated otherwise than any other workman in consequence?—He was spoken to about it frequently; I spoke to him myself several times.

22,795. He was spoken to frequently but still kept on?—Yes; he asked if he could stop a twelvemonths longer with me, and I did.

22,796. So though he was injuring Mr. Whitton's work, merely because he asked to stop another twelvemonths on you kept him on?—Yes.

22,797. Was that consistent with your duty to Mr. Whitton?—I might be lax, but if I did not make him pay over one thing I did over another.

22,798. You did not stop his wages?—No.

22,799. If a workman spoils work you do?—I never worked with a master where a workman's wages were stopped for spoiling work.

22,800. You would discharge the man?—It is universally the case.

22,801. Universally the case if a man does not do his work properly you discharge him?—Yes.

22,802. In this particular case you kept him on?—We were busy at the time, he was out, and I could not be ruler over him.

22,803. You told me just now you frequently complained of him?—Yes, when he was under my control, but when he was at Brantingham Thorpe I could not.

22,804. When did you complain of him?—When he came home.

22,805. When he was at Brantingham you did not complain?—I did not go much to Brantingham Thorpe, only two or three times, he got on the best he could there.

22,806. The time he was at Brantingham Thorpe?—Yes.

22,807. You went over there from time to time?—Yes.

22,808. Was his work there well done or ill done?—He was along with another man.

22,809. Was his work well done or ill done?—Pretty well.

22,810. You did not complain of it?—No; when he worked there we did not.

22,811. How long was he at Brantingham Thorpe?—About three months.

22,812. I understood he was at Brantingham up to December?—Yes, he was.

22,813. It seems during the time he was at Brantingham Thorpe you made no complaint of him at all?—No.

22,814. What time did he go to Brantingham Thorpe?—I should think it would be in May, perhaps April or May.

22,815. Then whatever time you complained at all to Mr. Whitton of him, you did not complain of him between May and December?—I cannot say that I did.

22,816. In other words you did not?—I do not know.

22,817. In your opinion whatever sort of a workman he was up to May, from May to December he was in fact a good workman?—Well, he filled the place of a man.

22,818–19. He filled the place of a man, and was so far a good workman that you did not complain of him?—I could not give him credit, upon my word I could not, he was a young man, but I could not.

22,820. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He did his work efficiently up to that time?—I was not there all the time.

22,821. You tell me it was your business to look after the work there?—Yes; but I would only go personally perhaps once a fortnight or a week.

22,822. To overlook?—Yes; but perhaps when I went that day he was all right, and I could not tell what he had been previously.

22,823. I only repeat you did not complain of him between May and December?—No.

22,824. You told him he was dismissed in December?—Yes.

22,825. Who gave you the order to discharge him?—Mr. Whitton.

22,826. What did Mr. Whitton say to you, what were his orders?—I went into the house to receive the men's wages and he gave them to me, and told me of course his intention was to part with some of the men. He said, "I have done with some since you have been away, Robinson." I said, I understood you so, who are they? he said, "Of course Elliott, he is going to Mr. Watson." I said, "Who is the other?" he said, "Hall." I said, "Will you not give Hall a week's warning?" and he said, "No; you know he has had warning long enough." I said, "I know that, but he is just married; he is a young man, and you had better give him a week's warning." He had got married, I knew that, and I was interceding for him then as he was a newly married man.

22,827. You thought it was a hardship?—Yes; just then I did.

22,828. Then you went to Hall?—Yes.

22,829. Was he at work when you discharged him?—No.

22,830. Where did you find him?—We left Beverley rather late, and it was 9 o'clock or after when I got there. I had told all the men to go into the "Rose and Crown," and to get a glass of beer, and then I would pay the men; it was a wet night and I went there.

22,831. You went there and you told Hall he was not to come again?—I paid him his wage and I paid all the men first; then after all the men had been paid they said, Where are we to go on Monday morning; I said, Hall, you have done, and Elliott, you have done, you are to go to Watson. I said, I am very sorry, I

had much rather be setting on men instead of paying off.

22,832. What did Hall say to you?—He never spoke to my knowledge.

22,833. Did Elliott speak in his presence?—Yes, he got up and he says, "It is d——d dirty work."

22,834. Elliott said, It is d——d dirty work; that was in Hall's presence and hearing?—Yes. I believe Hall was there, and all the men belonging to the place.

22,835. What did you say to that?—I could not answer him; I said, Well I am very sorry for it in that way.

22,836. Did you say nothing?—I do not know, I never uttered another word to him.

22,837. Did you ask him what he meant by stating it was d——d dirty work?—Who?

22,838. Elliott?—No, I never exchanged words with him; he is a very excitable man when he gets drinking, and he had had a couple of pints then.

22,839. You could not have known what he had had, did you say nothing to him, did you not ask for an explanation?—I do not know that I ever exchanged words.

22,840. It was your act discharging him, and it was to your act the term "d——d dirty work" was applied. Did you let that be said before all the men without an explanation?—I am used to his language in that respect, I did not give ear to it, I did not really take notice of it.

22,841. It was no dirty work of yours to discharge the man by your master's orders?—No, it was no dirty work of mine. I did not look at it in that respect.

22,842. Did you make any reply?—No, I never exchanged words.

22,843. Did not you say the election had something to do with it?—No.

22,844. Did you not say, It is through the election?—Never.

22,845. You swear positively you never did?—I swear positively I never did.

22,846. Was the election mentioned in your presence?—Never, not at that time.

22,847. Was it at any future time?—No.

22,848. What do you mean by saying, "Not at that time"?—He comes to me a day or two afterwards or perhaps a week after.

22,849. Who?—Elliott; he lives next door, next door but one.

22,850. Was Hall with him?—No.

22,851. What did Elliott say to you afterwards?—Well, I cannot call to mind what he said, it was in passing from my meal.

22,852. He lives in the next house to you?—The next but one.

22,853. Was it in the street he saw you?—I was passing his front gate.

22,854. It would be in the street?—Yes.

22,855. What did he say about the election?—I am sure I cannot say. He charges me with saying things here, and I do not remember ever saying anything of the sort.

22,856. He swears positively you said something to this effect, "It is the election, it is d——d dirty work"?—It is impossible for me to have said it, when the man after asked me if any work ever came in.

22,857. Do yon swear positively you did not use such an expression?—I do.

22,858. You swear that?—I swear positively I never said it to that man.

22,859. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) To whom did you say it?—I do not know that I ever said it to anyone.

22,860. Now I must ask you were any men put on in their places?—No.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

22,861. Was the first intimation that you gave to young Hall, who you knew to be recently married, that he was to be discharged, was that the first intimation you gave him at 9 o'clock on Saturday evening?—Yes.

22,862. Is that usual in the trade?—Well, it is invariably the case to give them a week's warning.

22,863. Very well, then, it is not usual?—That was the reason I asked for a week's warning for him.

22,864. It is unusual, you say?—Yes.

22,865. This was an apprentice who had been in Mr. Whitton's employ for six years, did you ever know him do it before that occasion to any one of his apprentices?—No.

22,866. Did you ever know it done to any man in his employ who had been at work for him for two or three years, unless the man misconducted himself?—I have known him go within three days or within a day, and tell the men they would have to look out for another place in that way.

22,867. That would be giving them more than a week's notice, would it not?—No, on Saturday night they left. On Friday morning I have known him tell Elliott, on a Friday morning he has told him so, and on a Saturday morning he has left, previous to this.

22,868. Then Mr. Whitton's mode of dealing with his men is different to that of others?—It was rather different, that was why at the time it was noticed. Previous to this time he had told Elliott.

22,869. You have put Elliott upon me three or four times. You met Elliott, and he asked as to getting work elsewhere. You had nothing to do with him?—He asked me several questions about it previous to going.

22,870. Did you get it for him?—No, he showed me a note, he had gotten work himself.

22,871. Was there any man in your employment at that time who had no tools?—He had no tools because they had not come here.

22,872. Was there any man in your employ who had no tools?—He had not them then, but they were on the road.

22,873. He was kept on?—Yes, he had his tools come the next week, the tools came from Leeds, he had more than Elliott had when he himself came.

22,874. How many did you dismiss besides Elliott and Hall?—A man named Walker.

22,875. On that night?—On the Saturday night before.

22,876. Before Christmas how many other men did you discharge?—None.

22,877. You will not swear that you did not say it was electioneering?—I will swear I did not say it.

22,878. You will not swear it was not said in your presence on that occasion, This is electioneering, it is d——d dirty work; remember Hall was there?—I do not remember it.

22,879. Will you swear it was not said?—I do not know that ever I heard it.

22,880. You will not swear that it was not said?—Well, I will not swear.

22,881. At 9 o'clock, as you say, and as if to aggravate it, on a wet night these men were turned off; how far had they to come in to their work?—From 11 to 12 miles I should think it was.

22,882. When had they been in Beverley before that night?—The week previous.

22,883. Was any man from the office there, was Whitton in to the work during the week?—I am sure I do not know. I do not understand your question.

22,884. Was there anyone from Whitton's office out at the work 10 or 12 miles away?—None but them who came along with me that night.

22,885. None but these men?—None but these men, six or seven of them.

22,886. You had not been out yourself, had you?—Yes, part of the week.

22,887. When did Whitton give you the order to discharge these men?—On the Saturday night when I came home.

22,888. Oh, I see; my object was to know whether you had been out there, and whether you had got the order during the week. He did not give you the order till you came home that evening?—When I went in for the money.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

22,889. Now, I understand both these men complained very much to you of being so suddenly dismissed?—Not any more then I have repeated.

22,890. Did you give them any explanation in answer to their complaints?—Nothing, but I was very sorry, and I had much rather they had been setting on than paying off.

22,891. Did not you say it was dirty work?—Oh, dear no.

The witness withdrew.

The *Chief Commissioner* informed Mr. Whitton he need not give an explanation unless he chose. Mr. Whitton said he should prefer being called.

Mr. M. L. Whitton recalled; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

Mr. M. L. Whitton.

22,892. You have heard what he said?—Yes, I have.

22,893. Have you any explanation to offer?—Oh yes, I have made complaints to my foreman on different occasions respecting Hall. We have had his work to take from together at different times. I told him last spring, and some time after, it was loose, and that I would much rather not keep him. He was a young man, and he never tried to improve himself.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien*). Try not to affect the young man's character.

22,894. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose he is at work now?—I do not know. Of course if he had been a good workman I should not have discharged him.

22,895. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Tell us what you said?—Robinson wished that I would keep him on longer, he said the young man would like to remain in the town. I did not know until now from Robinson that he had just married at that time. Of course through Robinson's pleading for him, I said that he might keep him on and give him work which he thought would be most suitable for him, and of course he did so. Through Robinson interceding I allowed him to remain on. Some time after that we had this work at Brantingham Thorpe; and I thought it might be a good chance for him to improve, and I allowed him to go there; there was a great deal of good work. Unfortunately, Robinson the foreman was not with him all the time, he only worked with him a day or two occasionally. He was not there, not regular all the time; he was not at Brantingham Thorpe until the job was completed; after that I had him at work in the town at different times.

22,896. Let me understand, was he not there from May to December?—No, he was working in Beverley on different occasions at different times after that; we could not proceed with the work; altogether there was not work there for all the men at all events. I had him in the town occasionally. During that time I had to complain, and to get his work out a good deal, in fact I said over and over again that I would not keep him. I did not discharge him through any voting in any way whatever. As for Robinson going in that night to pay the wages, I always pay my own men, but unfortunately I was lame for a week or a fortnight, and so I did not. I could not get out of my house. I told Robinson only a week or two before that I should part with him and two or three more as soon as ever the job was done at Brantingham Thorpe. I told Robinson a short time before that he and the others would have to leave.

22,898. Is that your explanation?—Yes, he and the others. I think you took down my evidence respecting Elliott; I should have liked you to have questioned Robinson about that.

22,899. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Pray do not direct us what we are to do?—But after the evidence you heard from Elliott I thought perhaps you might have done so.

22,900. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you give any notice to Elliott, Hall, and these other men that you were going to discharge them?—Yes, to Elliott some time previous.

22,901. Did you give notice to Elliott and Hall and the other men you were going to discharge, that you were going to discharge them?—I gave notice to Elliott, but I do not think I gave notice to the other three. I parted with four at the same time. It is not usual to give notice.

22,902. Your foreman said it was usual?—It is not usual.

22,903. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say it is not usual?—It is not usual at all; at those large works, such as the Iron and Waggon Company or Crosskills, I do not think they give them a week's notice.

22,904. I think it rather a misfortune they do not? Well, I have given a man a week's notice and he does no good. I find that after they get notice given they do not care whether they work or play as long as the week is got over, they do not care what they do. You do not get half a week's work out of them. I have not done it, and I do not intend in future to give a week's notice, they take every advantage when they know the notice is given and they do not do half the work.

22,905. Who were the men you discharged with these two, Hall and Elliott?—There was one of the name of Dunn and another of the name of Walker.

22,906. Were they voters for Beverley?—Walker was, I am sure.

22,907. Which way did he vote?—I think he voted for the Conservatives.

22,908. You have had this matter before you for some time and you ought to be able to inform us on on that?—I did not think that it would come before you gentlemen.

22,909. But you were examined before Mr. Baron Martin about this?—At all events I parted with four altogether.

22,910. All went to Brantingham Thorpe, which is Mr. Christopher Sykes' place?—Yes.

22,911. And that is a gentleman's mansion?—Yes.

22,912. I suppose that the work required there is of the very first quality?—Yes.

22,913. For the highest class in your particular trade?—It was very good work, there was mixed work.

22,914. Is the great request at a gentleman's mansion for work of the first description in quality?—Some part of it is, there is both carpenter's and joiner's work.

22915. And I suppose the carpenter's work would be the best sort of carpenter's work, and the joiner's work the best sort of joiner's work?—Oh yes, all tolerably good work.

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22,916. And I presume when you gave in a specification for the work you undertook, you undertook it should be of the very best class?—Yes.

22,917. And to do work of that description you employed among others John Robert Hall?—Yes, not to do best class work.

22,918. Best class of the kind, it was not cabinet making I know?—If he had been a good workman I should never have thought of giving him so low wages as 18*s.* a week, my workmen have 24*s.* and 25*s.* a week.

22,919. That brings me to the next question I was going to ask you. Did you pay Hall the same as other men doing the same class of work?—No, I had none of the kind.

22,920. Were you paying Hall the same wage that you were paying men doing the same class of work?—I was paying him according to his worth, or in fact more than his worth, I say so.

22,921. Now, Mr. Whitton, you understand my question quite well?—I had no other men at that wage.

22,922. No, I daresay not, but you have other men working for you elsewhere?—Yes.

22,923. Were you paying all the same wages you were paying men doing the same class of work?—No.

22,924. Then is your answer this, you being engaged on Mr. Christopher Sykes' house, and having contracted you would do each kind of work in the best kind of manner, you send a man there whom you pay less wages to than other men who do the same class of work?—I sent him there for improvement.

22,925. For the improvement of Mr. Sykes, or to improve himself?—Himself.

22,926. At Mr. Sykes' expense?—No, it was a contract.

22,927. It was a contract to do the work in the best possible manner?—It was not at Mr. Sykes' expense, it was at my expense. I was working by contract.

22,928. But Mr. Sykes would have the work when finished?—He would have no more to pay for having a man like him there.

22,929. I may be wrong, but I suppose a good workman does good work, and a bad workman bad work, that is my notion, is that so?—Yes.

22,930. And if you employ a man who is an inefficient workman or a bad workman he does bad work?—Yes.

22,931. And the man you have sent to serve that person does bad work instead of good?—No.

22,932. I am wrong then, you say?—It is this, if you have an inferior hand, and he wants to improve himself, we must send him where good work is, or he never will improve.

22,933. But if I order good work of you, have you a right to send an inferior man to improve at my expense?—You do not understand.

22,934. Well, I suppose not?—We take him to improve at our expense; if I contract to do a certain amount of work for a certain amount of money, it would not be to employ him at your expense.

22,935. If you put the quantity of work it would not, but the quality would?—I contracted to do the work.

22,936. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Would it be doors and windows and that sort of work?—Yes, doors, and windows, and shelving.

22,937. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It seems very plain to me and easy to understand it, though you think I cannot?—Well, I rather think you do not understand it.

22,938. I can understand if the man works slowly that would be slow work, but if he is an inexperienced hand and worked badly that is bad work; and the person for whom the master contracted the work should be done has had work instead of good work. That is my notion, I do not know whether I am right?—No, he was there to do such work as he could do, and there was another foreman of the works there as well as Robinson. There was a man there regularly, his name is Robert Farrer, he was on the building, he was there to watch them and see the men do their duty when Robinson the other foreman was not there. He would set him to do such work as he thought he could do.

22,939. Well, in whatever way he did his work you continued and kept him there from May till December, seven months?—He would not be there all the time.

22,940. He was on the job off and on?—Yes, off and on.

22,941. And during that time your foreman never complained of him?—Yes, and I complained of him.

22,942. Did your foreman complain of him?—I believe he did several times.

22,943. Will you, swear that Matthew Robinson your foreman complained?—I will not swear Robinson did; I did.

22,944. I ask you will you swear that Matthew Robinson did?—I will not swear he did.

22,945. Matthew Robinson is called at your desire, he is called to explain this matter, and you say during those seven months he did not complain of this young man?—Yes, he did complain, and so did all the other men.

22,946. I am asking you about Matthew Robinson?—Matthew Robinson was not there often, he was only there occasionally.

22,947. We called him on your information, and now you shirk away from him and say Matthew Robinson was not there?—Well, he did not give proper evidence.

22,948. What do you mean?—He did not give it straightforward as he ought to have done.

22,950. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Matthew Robinson had been in your employ before, and you took him on as foreman again?—Yes.

22,951. You are speaking against him, but I suppose you think him an efficient person?—He is effieient, but he might be rather excited before you gentlemen.

22,952. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We are to be judges of that, not you?—No, but I can judge of a man's work when I see it, and I know that this man's was inferior.

22,953. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At all events it comes to this, that his work as you say being inferior you kept at work at Brantingham Thorpe for seven months?—And other places.

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22,954. When was the job finished?—In December.

22,955. The work at Mr. Sykes'?—In the early part of December.

22,956. Then it was not on account of that job you sent him away, the job was finished?—He left when the job was finished.

22,957. I say so, it was finished early in December?—Well, I do not know the exact state just now.

22,958. I beg you to call your attention to my questions. When was the job at Mr. Sykes' finished?—I say perhaps the middle of December it might be, I do not know the exact date.

22,959. He was not discharged on account of that job then, he was discharged the week before Christmas?—He was discharged as soon as the job was finished.

22,960. It was not on account of the job at all?—It was on account of the job he had finished.

22,961. You must have been working out of town

a good deal during that time?—I often went over to Brantingham Thorpe.

22,962. How long altogether had he been in your employ, this inefficient workman?—I forget what age he is now, he was bound for something like five years.

22,963. Pray did you go with the two members to canvass this boy. I will put it plainly to you; did you go with the two members to canvass the men in your shop?—I do not remember whether the two members were there.

22,964. Did you go with the two members to canvass this boy; when did you know he had a vote?—As soon as he took up his freedom he told you.

22,965. He first had a vote the last time, last election?—In March, yes.

22,966. Of course he had not a vote before, and you never could canvass him before. Where did you canvass him?—I believe in our shop, on our works.

22,967. You canvassed him on your works; did you go with the two members there?—I do not know.

22,968. Did you go with the two members there?—Well, I really do not know.

22,969. Did you go with the two gentlemen there to canvass this worthless boy?—There were a lot of men in the shop as well as him.

22,970. I will take you another way. When you got there he told you he would not promise?—He promised Sir Henry there and then.

22,971. He promised you you say?—He promised Sir Henry Edwards, I do not know whether they were both there.

22,972. You see how well you recollect it now?—Of course I do recollect it.

22,973. Why did you hesitate when I asked you whether you went there with the two members?—I did not hesitate; I do not know that I went with them, I went in when he was there.

22,974. You were there when Sir Henry Edwards canvassed him?—Yes.

22,975. And when he promised them?—Yes.

22,976. How many men in your establishment were voters?—Eight or ten.

22,977. Voters I am asking?—Perhaps eight or ten, I do not know.

22,978. I think you said you are a town councillor?—Yes.

22,979. Then you told him afterwards he was a man who was not to be relied upon for his word; he did not keep his word?—Very likely I might.

22,980. The man said you did, and you do not deny it?—Well, I did say so, I do not deny it. I said he was not a man of his word, and he was not, when he promised the members and then went and voted against them.

22,981. You were there?—I was there merely——

22,982. Attend?—I am attending. They asked me if I would introduce them into my shop. I was not out canvassing with them.

22,983. That is the very thing I am speaking of. They asked you for your presence, and you went with them. You know that would be the very thing that would be most efficacious, you the master of these men?—They asked me whether I had any voters, and I told them.

22,984. When did you speak to him about his not being a man of his word?—That would be after the election.

22,985. Where was he then at work?—I believe he would be at work at Beverley, Westwood York Terrace, at some buildings that I had on there.

22,986. Who else was there?—A man named Walker I paid off at the same time, I believe.

22,987. That was a fortnight before he was discharged, or more?—Yes, I should think it would be.

22,988. Then why did not you put Walker on instead of dismissing Walker at the same time?—I have said that I discharged him about the same time.

22,989. About a fortnight before, you said just now?—I discharged four about the same time.

22,990. When did you discharge them?—The same time as Hall. I do not know the exact day; it might be within a few days.

22,991. Might it be a week?—It might probably.

22,992. You would not discharge them in the middle of the week?—If they did wrong I should.

22,993. I do not ask you about their doing wrong. Did you discharge Walker for doing wrong?—He had not done sufficient work.

22,994. Did you discharge him for doing wrong?—I discharged him because he had not done sufficient work.

22,995. On what day?—I do not know.

22,996. Was it Saturday?—No, before that time.

22,997. Then you told this young man at work that he was not a man to be depended upon for his word?—I did, about the same time I discharged Walker.

22,998. I want to know what you think. Did you think that he had a right at all to exercise any discretion or any judgment of his own?—Oh dear yes, I allow every man to have his own opinion.

22,999. You do?—I do. I allow every workman that I have to exercise his own discretion, to a certain amount.

23,000. Why should you reproach your workman for the manner in which he voted?—I did not reproach him for the manner of his voting. I might merely say, "You are not a man of your word," nothing more; that was not a reproach.

23,001. Now I ask you, did you intend that as a reproach?—No.

23,002. Did you intend that as a compliment?—More so than a reproach.

23,003. As a compliment?—I never parted with money in my life——

23,004. Now attend. Will you adhere to that answer, that it was more as a compliment than as a reproach; do you adhere to that?—I never part with money for electioneering.

23,005. Do you adhere to that answer, that it was more as a compliment than as a reproach?—Very likely. I was not cross at the time, I was not angry.

23,006. Do you adhere to that answer, that it was more as a compliment than a reproach?—Well, I do not know that I do.

23,007. That was about a fortnight before you discharged him?—Yes.

23,008. What did he say; did he say he had a right to vote as he pleased?—He made no remark about voting. I merely just made that remark when I was in the house with him.

23,009. Yes, you paid him that little compliment, "You are not a man of your word." Did your foreman plead (in your own language) with you for giving this young man a week's notice? He had been six years in your employ, and must have entered it when he was a boy. Did he plead with you to give him a week's notice?—I do not know whether he did or not, I am sure.

23,010. Just consider?—I do not know.

23,011. We have had your foreman here?—I do not know. I cannot recollect now.

23,012. You heard what your foreman said?—It is no matter; I did not give my men a week's notice, and I do not intend in future.

23,013. I am not going to interfere with you at all, or express any opinion as to how you conduct your business, but I ask you did your foreman appeal to you?—No, I do not know that he did. He might say, "Are you going to give any notice?" but I do not know that he did.

23,014. Was there any other man with regard to whom your name was introduced and your conduct questioned in reference to the last election?—I do not know what other man.

23,015. Any other workman? — I believe Mr. Crosskill came to me one day and asked if I had a man of the name of Waldron, and after——

23,016. Do not tell me about Mr. Crosskill. Was

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there any other workman ?—This gentleman (*pointing to Mr. Crosskill*) came to me one day——

23,017. Now I am asking you ?—Will you allow me ?

23,018. No, answer me the question ?—But, pray hear me, sir, Mr. Crosskill——

23,019. Was there any other workman with reference to whom your name was introduced, and was brought before Mr. Baron Martin ?—Yes, there was another man.

23,020. That is what I want, not all this story about Crosskill ?—But I was going to tell you, if you will allow me.

23,021. Tell me what was the man's name ?—Atkinson.

23,022. I believe he stated something to this effect, that he also was turned away on account of the election ?—Well, he stated a falsehood then.

23,023. Of course ?—Yes, of course he did. The fellow came to me; call him.

23,024. Do not call him a fellow ?—He is a fellow, I should like you to see the man.

23,025. He did mention your name in reference to it, that is all I ask you, he mentioned your name in reference to being dismissed. Did you give him any work ?—Yes, he came to me with tears in his eyes.

23,026. Attend ?—But I must say this.

23,027. Answer the question ? — Allow me to explain.

23,028. You will have every opportunity of explanation after, but I ask you now did you give him any work ?—You say did I give him work, I say I did, I was just answering the question. He came to me with tears in his eyes begging for a job, and out of charity I said I would set him on for a few days.

23,029. I am not asking you about charity, I am asking you did you give him work ?—I gave him work. The fellow, the man, said he had nothing to eat in the house, and he could not get a job any way, he came with tears.

23,030. Did you give him work ?—I did for a few days.

23,031. Did he work for you before the election ?—He would for a few days the best he could.

23,032. How long before the election did he work for you ?—Perhaps five days.

23,033. Was he a voter ?—I did not know at the time he was a voter, I believe he was.

23,034. I did not ask you whether you knew it at the time or not. Was he a voter ?—I believe he was.

23,035. How did he vote ?—I do not know, I have never seen his name in the poll book, and I do not know how he voted.

23,036. This case was gone into before Mr. Baron Martin ?—I know it was, and I never had a chance to reply to it.

23,037. You shall have ample opportunity. Do you know how he voted ?—I do not know, and I do not care either.

23,038. Did you take the trouble of inquiring ?—No, I did not, I really do not know how he voted.

23,039. Did not you inquire after your name was mentioned in reference to him before Mr. Baron Martin ?—No, I never looked at the poll book.

23,040. I am told in that case Mr. Baron Martin read out the Act of Parliament. Did you canvass him ?—No, not at all.

23,041. Edwards and Maxwell he voted for, you did not canvass him ?—No, I do not know that I did.

23,042. He split his vote ?—Oh, I did not know it before; Edwards and Maxwell you say.

23,043. Yes. Did you ever canvass him for his vote ?—I do not think I did.

23,044. Will you swear it ?—I know I was superintending the work in a lane when the men were working there, and the members were there.

23,045. Will you swear you did not canvass him for his vote ?—Not personally, I did not.

23,046. You were there ?—I was there when the candidates went round, they were making a drain in the neighbourhood where the candidates were.

23,047. I was just asking you that, where was he at work ?—In Tiger Lane.

23,048. He was not on your works, but you were with the candidates down Tiger Lane ?—I had a contract there, and I was superintending the men who were on the works.

23,049. He was one of them ?—Yes.

23,050. And the members came down to Tiger Lane ?—Yes.

23,051. And canvassed him ?—Yes.

23,052. Might I inquire did he promise ?—I do not know, I was not near him at the time, I think he promised.

23,053. Did he ever ask you for any money after you discharged him; we shall have him up, remember ?—No, he got his money when he had done his work, his week's work, his five days' work, or whatever it was.

23,054. What was the day he was engaged ?—He was engaged five days I think, or perhaps five days and a half previous.

23,055. Tell me the day he commenced, and the day he was discharged. The election would be the 17th, what day of the week did he commence ?—The mayor wished the work not to proceed until after the election was over. I think he was discharged probably the day previous to the nomination, it was just previous to the nomination.

23,056. On the day after ?—Oh no, it was previous.

23,057. Did he meet you and ask you to lend him half-a-crown ?—No.

23,058. And did you say to him, "You Atkinson "have not been a man to your word; you promised "to vote for Edwards and Kennard, and you voted "for Maxwell and Edwards" ?—I never thought of such a thing.

23,059. Did anything of the kind ever occur ?—What do you mean ?

23,060. What I have read to you, his asking you for half-a-crown, and you telling him that ?—No, I paid him his wages as soon as I had done with him.

23,061. After you had discharged him did anything of the kind occur ?—No, nothing.

23,062. Remember this is the last opportunity you will have, because we shall not call you again, and we shall call him. Did anything of the kind occur ?—No. He may tell you a wilful lie, the same as he did before Mr. Baron Martin. He is a man who will swear anything; he is a bad character. I know plenty and others do in the town; he is well known.

23,063. Now mind ?—You of course will judge for yourselves.

23,064. I certainly shall. Are you sure that he did not continue at work till after the election was over ?—I am quite sure.

23,065. Quite sure ?—Yes.

23,066. Did you yourself discharge him ?—Yes, I paid the men myself that Saturday night. I told him that I had done with him along with some two or three other men, similar men whom I did not regularly employ I had only had them two or three days.

23,067. Who were the other men ?—Oh I had three or four strangers, I do not know their names. They were quite new; they were set on just to excavate, a set of navvies we call them.

23,068. Were they voters ?—I do not know that any of them were, and I do not know that this man was. You will just allow me; I was just going to say this respecting Mr. Crosskill. I was going to give you a case in point that I never tried to influence a vote. Mr. Crosskill came to me one day when we were in Tiger Lane, the same day the candidates were there. Maxwell and Trollope and Mr. Crosskill asked me if I had not a man of the name of John Waldron with me, a voter, and I said yes, I believed so, and he said, "Will you be kind enough to tell him that I have "been at your buildings where you are working, and "that I called to canvass his vote." He said, "Will "you tell him to save it for me, or tell him that I have

" called." I said I would. If you remember, Mr. Crosskill (*addressing Mr. Crosskill*), I think he had seen you after, and you had asked him for his vote. He told me so, and he said that he would vote just as I thought proper, and I said, " You vote according to " your own conscience. I do not want to persuade " you to vote for me or anyone else, and vote as you " think proper," and I believe he voted for the Liberal side. I say I never did part with a man for electioneering purposes in my life. I have three or four who voted the other way.

23,069. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I want to ask you further on this. I think in justice to yourself it ought to be asked. You stated that you had eight or ten voters in your employment. At what time do you mean that you had eight or ten. What time do you speak of?—I do not know.

23,070. Previous to the election you had eight or ten voters in your employment?—Yes.

23,071. Can you tell me how the men voted?—They all voted as they thought proper.

23,072. Can you possibly conceive that I should ask the question if I wanted an answer of that sort?—I think four of them voted for the Liberal party. I believe one half voted for the Liberal party.

23,073. Do you know that that is so?—Yes.

23,074. You answer on your oath that?—Yes, I believe so.

23,075. How many voted for the Liberal party?—Four or five voted for the Liberal party.

23,076. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What are their names, the 10 men that you have?—I do not know the exact amount that I have now. John Scruton, John Waldron, Robert Farrah, Joseph Elliott, Hall, the man that has just been up.

23,077. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Those are five names?—Thomas Bewell, George Russell.

23,078. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Atkinson, he was one of them?—No, there is Henry Martin.

23,079. Yes; have you any others?—I do not know just now, there are others.

23,080. Matthew Robinson?—I think he has not a vote.

23,081. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Well. there are eight names?—I sometimes have 20 and sometimes 10.

23,082. I asked you what voters you had at the date of the election, what you have at other times is of no importance to us. Do you know how these men voted?—I think John Scruton voted for the Liberals, Waldron voted for the Liberals, Farrah voted, I believe, for the Liberals, and Hall voted for the Liberals, and Elliott.

23,083. Is Scruton in your employment now?—Yes.

23,084. Is Waldron in your employment now?—Yes.

23,085. Farrah is the foreman, is he not?—He is second to Robinson.

23,086. Farrah I find voted for Edwards and Maxwell. Farrah of Wood Lane?—No, it is Robert Farrah; he lives in Walker Gate.

23,087. He is the same man. Waldron voted for Edwards and Maxwell.

23,088. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien to the witness.*) You do not seem to be very accurate.

23,089. John Scruton?—Yes, of Keld Gate.

23,090. There are two?—That is it, John Scruton.

23,091. John Scruton, bricklayer, he voted I see for Maxwell and Trollope; Elliott, for Maxwell and Trollope; Thomas Bewell?—I think he voted for the Conservatives.

23,092. Matthew Robinson?—I think he voted for the Conservatives.

23,093. Martin is the only other man?—I do not know how he voted. He is a man who lives in Keld Gate.

23,094. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Scruton polled for both Liberals, Waldron for Edwards and Maxwell, Robert Farrah for Edwards and Maxwell; James Elliott, Maxwell and Trollope; Hall voted for Maxwell and Trollope; Bewell, Edwards and Kennard; Russell, Edwards and Kennard. John Scruton is still in your employ?—Yes, and Farrah too.

23,095. Have you any other explanation to give?—I do not know that I have anything just now.

23,096. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Shortly before the election had you any other voters in your employment excepting those whose names you have given us?—I cannot tell you any.

23,097. There are only two of those who voted for Edwards and Kennard; is that so?—Very likely, sir.

23,098. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There are three voted for Maxwell and Trollope, two for Edwards and Kennard, and two split their votes; that is the way it stands. I do not know whether you have any observation to make upon it?—I believe that will be right. I do not remember any more just now.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Denton stated that he wished to correct something he had said in his former evidence. He had been reminded that he had said that in 1865 he had stated his proportion was 30*s.*, but he meant 1868 at the contested election, as in 1865 the election was not contested, and there was nothing paid.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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The Commissioners having been informed that Mr. Alderman Arden wished to make a statement, said they were ready to hear any explanation he might wish to make.

Mr. Arden.

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Mr. CHARLES ARDEN recalled.

23,099. (*Mr. Arden.*) There is one thing I quite forgot to state in my evidence, and which I now wish to add. On Monday the 2d of November, in the morning, I met Mr. Norfolk. As soon as he saw me he put a parcel into my hand, and he said, "Will you "give this to Mr. Wreghitt"? I asked him what it was, and he said it was money which Mr. Wreghitt had given him, which he wished to be given back again. I went to Mr. Wreghitt afterwards, and gave him the parcel. That is all. I had quite forgotten to state it when I was here before, but as soon as I recollected it I thought it my duty to inform the Commissioners of what I had omitted.

23,100. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You gave it back the same day?—Yes.

23,101. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What sort of a parcel was it?—It seemed to me like a parcel of bank notes.

23,102. Just describe it?—It was not a large parcel, much such an one as I could hold in my hand.

23,103. Was it a roll?—Yes. I do not know it was bank notes, but I supposed it was.

23,104. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I thought this so very important that I made a note of it, and I will read it over to you. I met Mr. Norfolk; he put a parcel into my hand, and said, Will you give that to Mr. Wreghitt? I asked him what it was, and he said it was money Mr. Wreghitt had given him.

23,105. (*Witness.*) He might have said, "it was something," or "money." I will not be sure he said money.

23,106. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No; he said it was something Mr. Wreghitt had given him which he wished to have back again?—I went to Mr. Wreghitt afterwards, and gave him the parcel.

23,107. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The same day? It was within 100 yards?—Yes; there is one thing. When Mr. Norfolk applied to me, in fact to get some money, I told him positively I would have nothing to do with it. Mr. Norfolk asked me to go to the bank, and I declined it.

23,108. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There is nothing inconsistent in your evidence in that.

23,109. (*The witness.*) It is all I said. I had forgotten it.

23,110. (*Mr. H. Cox*) You told Norfolk?—Norfolk asked me if I knew how to get money. I think he said, I told him Mr. Forge had told me if any respectable person applied to him for money for the municipal election, he would let him have it.

23,111. When did Forge tell you that?—It was two or three weeks before the municipal elections, that if they wanted money for the municipal elections he would let them have it.

23,112. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now that your memory has been working on what occurred, and facts have been brought to your memory which you did not before think of, a very common thing, do you recollect what Mr. Forge said; he spoke to you about a cheque?—He did not at all, I swear it.

23,113. You said so before?—Yes.

23,114. On the 2d of November you said this conversation took place?—About half-past 8, after I had breakfasted.

23,115. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did Mr. Forge come to you by appointment when he made that announcement to you?—No, he did not make the announcement. I saw him in the street; we were talking about the municipal election. I asked him because the Conservatives before had no money, at least I so understood.

The Commissioners were informed that Mr. Ackrill, who was examined the previous day, wished to make a statement to the court.

The *Chief Commissioner* stated he might do so; it was right that everyone should know every opportunity would be afforded for the fullest explanation by persons who had given evidence, the only object the Commissioners had in view being to elicit the truth.

23,116. (*Mr. Ackrill.*) Edward Harris was examined yesterday, and he made a statement he had never received anything from me.

23,117. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Yes, that was his statement.

23,118. (*Mr. Ackrill.*) As soon as I read the report last night in the paper I went down to his house, and he acknowledged that I gave him 1*l.* He said it was not 2*l.* but 1*l.*

23,119. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think he is bound to come here; I think you ought to bring Harris here.

23,120. (*Mr. Ackrill.*) But I wanted to clear myself.

23,121. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) If you bring him to say he was mistaken.

23,122. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Or if he chooses for his own credit sake to come here. You say that he has acknowledged he received the money, and he has sworn here twice that he did not.

The witness withdrew.

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JOHN SMALES VICKERS sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

23,123. Are you a freeman of the borough, Mr. Vickers?—No.

23,124. Are you a voter?—Yes.

23,125. How long have you been a voter?—18 years; it is 19 years ago since I became a householder.

23,126. You are a voter as a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

23,127. Do you fill any office in Beverley?—I am assistant overseer and inspector of weights and measures.

23,128. I suppose the guardians put you in?—No, the parishioners.

23,129. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The parishioners of what parish?—The parish of St. Mary's.

23,130. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is to say, you perform the work, you have a salary for the performance of the work?—Yes.

23,131. And who appoints you as inspector of weights and measures?—The corporation.

23,132. How long have you held these offices?—Since 1863. Six years.

23,133. Have you at all been active in the politics of the borough, in the municipal and parliamentary matters of the borough?—Previous to 1863 I was so engaged.

23,134. How far back can you say ?—I should think to 1852.

23,135. How have you been voting since 1852, on what side ?—I voted for the Conservatives twice and for the Liberals once, those are the only times I have voted.

23,136. Up to 1857 has any money passed through your hands for the purpose of being distributed amongst the voters ?—No.

23,137. Recollect, has any money passed through your hands ?—No.

23,138. Have you received any money by way of remuneration for any services you rendered ?—Do you mean previous to 1857 ?

23,139. Yes ?—No.

23,140. Did you ever receive any money for your vote in 1852 ?—I did not vote, I took no part in the monetary affairs, though there was sufficient money stirring.

23,141. I suppose you were paid for your services ?—No, I was not.

23,142. 1857 was, I think, the first election of Edwards and Wells ?—No, Denison, Glover, and Wells.

23,143. That was in March, and the other in August, Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—But I took no part in the election, I merely voted.

23,144. Did any money pass through your hands or reach your hands in any way ?—No, I was not 10 minutes in the street.

23,145. In August 1857, Major Edwards and Wells, did you take part in that election ?—I did.

23,146. On which side ?—Major Edwards.

23,147. Were you introduced to anyone, or were you in connexion with anyone that acted for Major Edwards; who was his solicitor ?—Bainton and John England.

23,148. They were his conducting agents ?—Yes.

23,149. Did any money pass through your hands or reach your hands on that occasion ?—Yes, I received 30*l.* odd from Mr. McCoy, Mr. Bainton's clerk.

23,150. Was he taking a part in the management of the election under Mr. Bainton ?—Yes.

23,151. How long before the day of election did you receive the 30*l.* ?—I received it after the election.

23,152. You received it after the election ?—Yes, some time after.

23,153. Who introduced you to Mr. Bainton ?—I could not say who introduced me, it was a general introduction of those who took an interest in the Conservative party.

23,154. What were you to do with the 30*l.* ?—I was to pay the voters, I had no limit, he only said what I should pay more than I received should be paid me afterwards, and I handed in a list to Mr. McCoy.

23,155. Did you advance money out of your own pocket ?—I did.

23,156. At whose instance ?—Mr. Baker was the first, James Baker.

23,157. What did he say to you ?—Mr. Kemplay was at the "Green Dragon" giving money there. I was on the stairs to prevent people going crowding up. The money was getting short. A person sent some people ; they had got promises the same as some others. I went to Kemplay and Baker and told them the money was expended. They said if I would advance the money I should be reimbursed. I did advance the money and it was repaid.

23,158. Paying money in the room ?—Yes.

23,159. On the day of election or before ?—On the day of election.

23,160. Who was in the room besides Baker and Kemplay ?—Four or five people were engaged to pay the money to voters, I know a list was made out by me. Wilkin was one, David Nutchey was one, Baker was one, and Kemplay.

23,161. You were on the stairs letting the people up ?—Yes. Thomas Oxley the bricklayer was another.

23,162. Tell me, had you seen the conducting agent or his clerks there that day ?—No.

23,163. Had you seen Major Edwards that day in the room ?—Not in the room. I saw Mr. Williams from Messrs. Baxter's office two or three times that day.

23,164. From Baxter, Rose, and Norton ?—Yes.

23,165. There was Kemplay and Nutchey ; had you seen Major Edwards or his agents in company with these persons that day ?—I could not say I did.

23,166. Did you see them in company with him in the canvass ?—Yes, several days.

23,167. You know what canvassing means ?—Yes.

23,168. Were they canvassing with him ?—They were going about the streets with him calling upon voters.

23,169. You received 30*l.* some time after the election ?—About 30*l.*

23,170. You gave a list to McCoy ?—I did.

23,171. Did you keep a copy of that list ?—I did not, I handed a copy to him ; he told me I had better destroy it as the money had been paid, and I did, I gave him a stamped receipt.

23,172. Can you at all help us with the names of those men ?—It is so long ago, and I get connecting one election with the other, it is so long ago. I have been trying to recollect this last week; I daresay he would have the list, for he is very particular in all matters.

23,173. At this time had you known Mr. Wreghitt ?—Yes.

23,174. Had you known him before the election ?—Oh, yes.

23,175. Had you known him in any way in connexion with Sir Henry Edwards, as acting in any way for him ?—I believe he came by the same train with Sir Henry, bringing him into the town.

23,176. That was Sir Henry's first appearance ?—Yes, that was Sir Henry's first appearance.

23,177. Had you had any conversation with Mr. Wreghitt at the election ?—Not any particular conversation.

23,178. Nothing in reference to the election ?—No.

23,179. Did you at all afterwards become in any way connected with Mr. Wreghitt ; did he employ you in any way after that ?—Not the election.

23,180. After the election were you employed by Wreghitt in any way in respect to the parliamentary or municipal elections ?—The position I held naturally brought me in connexion with him.

23,181. What position ?—As chairman of the Working Men's Association.

23,182. When did you become chairman of the Working Men's Association ?—In 1859 or '60, it might be '61 or '62 ; it was after Walker's election.

23,183. Then we will go to Walker's election; that would be in 1859, would it not ?—Walker's election I think it was.

23,184. That was Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover ?—Yes.

23,185. Did you take an active part in that election ?—I assisted in the general election, canvassing, and so on.

23,186. Did any money pass through your hands on that occasion ; I will go through it regularly ?—No.

23,187. Did you receive any money ?—No.

23,188. You know whether any money was going at that election ?—I do not believe that any money was going, not on behalf of Edwards and Walker.

23,189. But we know now there was ?—I believe the witnesses were mistaken as to the time ; they were mistaken in the year.

23,190. We know there was 300*l.* ?—That was Walker's, another election.

23,191. Yes, I remember, Walker and Gridley; you are quite right ?—I know both the members and the principals in connexion with that election protested against spending, and I do not think there was any money at all spent at that election.

23,192. Walters was unseated ?—Yes, he was.

23,193. You yourself took no part in that ?—No, I did not.

23,194. Now we will come to Walker and Gridley ;

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had you at all been in communication with or acting for Mr. Walker at that time?—No, I had not.

23,195. Then we will come down to 1860. In 1860 it was Walker and Gridley; you took no part in that election?—Yes, I did, on Mr. Walker's behalf.

23,196. Did any money reach your hands?—It did.

23,197. From whom?—From Mr. Kemplay.

23,198. How much?—I should think about 60*l.*

23,199. Where?—At the "Cross Keys."

23,200. When?—On the day of the election I believe I received 50*l.* at 7 o'clock in the morning; it was before the poll opened.

23,201. That would be at 8?—It would.

23,202. What did you do with it?—I kept it to pay voters.

23,203. In the street?—Yes, in the street.

23,204. And then?—Well, when the money was out I went for a fresh supply.

23,205. You went for a fresh supply to the "Cross Keys"?—Yes.

23,206. Who was there?—I saw no one there but Mr. Kemplay, with some person keeping the door. I do not know who he was, a labouring man; but Mr. Kemplay was stationed there the whole of the day.

23,207. Did any other money pass through your hands, do you remember?—No, no more.

23,208. How did you account for that?—I kept a memorandum of the money. The last night before I knew there was money to be going, I spoke to Bishoprick, and Sturdy, and Moore, who were to assist me. I stood in a back place, the narrow lane in the market place. They brought the voters to me, and I gave the money to them, and sent them to the poll.

23,209. How much did you pay?—I paid from 1*l.* to 2*l.* I commenced at 1*l.*, and it extended to 2*l.* till about dinner time, when the tariff dropped down to 1*l.* again.

23,210. Did you give any memorandum accounting for the money you had spent, or discharging yourself of the amount you had received?—I did.

23,211. And you say you saw that list afterwards in McCoy's possession?—I did.

23,212. How soon after?—Some months after.

23,213. Was Mr. McCoy the conducting clerk of Mr. Bainton at that time?—He was.

23,214. And was Mr. Bainton acting for Mr. Walker?—He was; there was a petition——

23,215. You were going to say there was a petition?—There was a petition, and we looked over his book to see whether there were any names likely to give evidence; that was the reason we looked over the list to see.

23,216. Do you know what became of it?—I do not, it was left in his possession. There was a small bill I went with Kemplay to settle; it was an account at Musgrave's house, the "Valiant Soldier," it was six or eight pounds for beer; it was open house the night before.

23,217. The night before this election?—Yes.

23,218. And the "White Swan" also?—The "White Swan" also, the election day.

23,219. Do you know who was paid at the "White Swan"?—I do not. We sent to Mr. Bainton; he grumbled very much I know.

23,220. That brings us down to '60—'61. Were you at all connected with the Working Men's Association?—I believe I was chairman to the Working Men's Association, I could not say to the year.

23,221. Who founded that association?—It was founded in Glover's '57 election; Collison and Oxley were two of the original promoters of it.

23,222. Who acted as chairman in '60 and '61?—I did.

23,223. And did that bring you in communication with Mr. Wreghitt?—It did.

23,224. In what way?—I was usual in all local matters, whenever there was a vacancy for a candidate, to consult him, and if he approved of one he would be nominated. I went to Mr. Wreghitt at that time for funds to support them.

23,225. I did not ask you if you recollect the names of those you paid in 1860?—Yes, I have some names of them.

23,226. Will you hand them in? (*The witness here handed in a list of names of which the following is a copy:*—Wallace, Walker Gate; John Walker, Matthew Walker, John Needham, Rt. Needham, A. Griffin, S. Bishoprick, Holliday.) Those are eight I recollect.

23,227. Those are some of the names that are in the memorandum?—They are.

23,228. You told me that if there was any contest for a local office, you, as chairman of the association, used to nominate, I suppose, the candidate?—There were candidates for every local office nominated at the association.

23,229. And then, you being chairman, you waited on Mr. Wreghitt; for what purpose?—They wanted funds if there was a contest.

23,230. And was it for that purpose you waited on Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes.

23,231. Who told you to wait on Mr. Wreghitt, or how came you to wait on Mr. Wreghitt?—Because I knew he had funds in hand for that purpose.

23,232. How did you know it?—When Mr. Walker was first announced, a deputation was appointed to wait upon him, Sir James Walker that now is, to inform him what sum would be wanted for local elections, and they did wait upon him, and the report was that he was willing to provide the same as Sir Henry Edwards, and Mr. Wreghitt being the banker we could not apply to anyone else.

23,233. You understood Mr. Wreghitt was the banker?—On behalf of Mr. Walker and Mr. Edwards.

23,234. To supply money for a contest when there was a local office?—For all local offices.

23,235. Will you tell me what were the local offices?—The town council, the pasture masters, and the churchwardens and the guardians of the poor.

23,236. Do I understand you that for contests in reference to all these objects money was being supplied by Mr. Wreghitt?—It was.

23,237. I need not go through the town council or pasture masters, but how about the churchwardens. What could be the object, or what do you suppose was the object to supply money?—Considering their number they have more patronage and influence than anybody in the town, St. Mary's churchwardens.

23,238. They exercise the patronage?—Yes, they have an income of about 1,000*l.* a year to distribute annually.

23,239. And in your judgment was it to have that patronage exercised for Walker and Edwards that the money was spent?—Undoubtedly.

23,240. I mean the churchwardens of both parishes?—In St. Mary's I am speaking of, they have been supplied in the Minster parish, but they have not so much patronage there, in fact they have none.

23,241. Then you say deliberately that your belief is it was for the purpose of having the patronage exercised on behalf of those who supported the Conservative candidates?—Undoubtedly.

23,242. Did you ever learn that from Mr. Wreghitt?—A committee was appointed, and that was a matter of arrangement at all times.

23,243. Who were members of the committee?—I was one myself, Mr. Wilkin was another, he is dead; Mr. Wreghitt was one. I at present do not remember the others. Mr. McCoy was a member of the committee and the association, and took an active part in it.

23,244. Who else?—I do not remember the other names now, but I will ascertain, and furnish them to the secretary.

23,245. Did you ever see the candidate Mr. Walker or anyone in his behalf in reference to that?—I did not; all the correspondence came through Mr. Wreghitt.

23,246. Did you ever see Sir Henry Edwards himself in reference to that?—No, I wrote to him on various subjects, but the answer always came back through Mr. Wreghitt.

23,247. When did you first correspond with Sir Henry Edwards?—When I was chairman of the association several people applied for various charities; if they had lost a cow, or anything at all, or a horse; some of them had been ill, and they wanted remuneration. There was always some application; they were very clamorous, and if I wrote the answer came back through Mr. Wreghitt, and they had to go to him.

23,248. You knew Sir Henry Edwards' address?—Yes, I did.

23,249. You wrote to him when he was in parliament?—Yes.

23,250. And to him too in London?—Yes, in London and Halifax.

23,251. And instead of getting a reply from him he wrote to Mr. Wreghitt?—Sometimes I heard from the parties themselves.

23,252. Can you give me the name of any one party who called on you after you had written to Sir Henry Edwards?—I cannot just now.

23,253. We have done with the churchwardens, but it puzzles me about the guardians of the poor, what can there be in that?—I cannot see much myself, but I believe it was to please the party who was going to be a guardian to make him a supporter.

23,254. Have you yourself received any money or known any money to be given by Mr. Wreghitt for the purpose of influencing a contest for guardians?—He gave 1*l.* to Mr. Dale of St. Nicholas parish.

23,255. Any larger sum?—I never heard of it.

23,256. We will leave the guardians of the poor. Will you tell me for churchwardens did you ever receive any money?—I had 5*l.* once for St. Mary's parish of Mr. Wreghitt, and 2*l.* for St. Martin's.

23,257. From whom?—From Mr. Wreghitt.

23,258. Any other amounts?—No.

23,259. Now we will go to the town councillors. Did you ever receive any money from Mr. Wreghitt for the purpose of being used on account of town councillors?—I did not receive any myself directly for the town council, although I know it has been provided for it. In Baron Martin's report it is put for the town council, but it should be pasture masters.

23,260. How do you know it was supplied by him?—When I was the chairman I went to get candidates. There was some difficulty in getting gentlemen to stand for the place when they knew there had been so much money spent, and one condition of their standing was that they should be at no expense.

23,261. When did you tell them that, and on whose authority did you tell them that?—Mr. Wreghitt's authority.

23,262. Can you tell me any one of the candidates for the town council that you told that to?—Mr. Underhill was one; he retired last year from the council.

23,263. Anybody else?—I could not remember anybody else so particularly as him, not for the town council. Mr. Wreghitt found candidates himself; what conditions he made I do not know.

23,264. Used he to nominate them, or propose them before the working men's committee?—Yes.

23,265. In your judgment, was it known amongst the persons who were likely to be candidates for the office that they might contest it without any expense of their own?—Yes, it was generally known; it was no secret.

23,266. And to whom would they look for the expenses?—Mr. Wreghitt. In fact, it was a household word that no one need stand unless they were approved of by Mr. Wreghitt.

23,267. When did you cease to be chairman of the Working Men's Association?—I was chairman about a year and a half.

23,268. You ceased to be chairman in 1862 or 1863?—1861 or 1862.

23,269. Who became chairman of the association?—Mr. Wreghitt was the man who filled the office after me.

23,270. Although you ceased to be chairman did you cease to be a member of the association?—Yes.

23,271. When did you cease to be a member of the association?—I believe it is about a year and a half or two years; they did not allow me to remain a member any longer.

23,272. About a year and a half or two years ago you were turned out of the association?—Yes.

23,273. While you were a member of the association who supplied the funds for the purpose of conducting the association?—The subscribers. There were many people subscribed from 1*s.* to 10*s.*, but there were very few at 10*s.*; in fact, most of them were 1*s.*; in fact, 2*s.* 6*d.* was about the average for tradesmen, and the remaining balance was supplied by the two members.

23,274. I do not want the amount to a penny, but about what would the amount be annually?—I believe in one year it was either 10*l.* or 20*l.* I know I wrote to Mr. Walker saying that the subscription was not paid, and he wrote back saying he had sent it to Mr. Wreghitt some months before.

23,275. The money supplied for the Working Men's Association, did it always come through Wreghitt although it was supposed to come from the members?—It did.

23,276. When did he cease to be chairman of the association?—He is chairman now.

23,277. Does it exist still?—Yes.

23,278. Was he chairman then?—He was.

23,279. Was Kemplay a member?—He has been the vice-chairman ever since it commenced.

23,280. I suppose you had a good many members from the old foundry?—I could not say.

23,281. Was Norfolk a member?—He was not in existence in Beverley then. I remember one year Mr. Lowther was proposed, and Mr. Wreghitt brought a flood down from the ironworks to upset him and get himself re-elected.

23,282. Was Mr. Lowther a member?—He was on the committee. The greater part of the Conservatives were members.

23,283. Then I suppose they had money to distribute?—Yes.

23,284. The men of the association?—Yes, all of them.

23,285. All the bribers, in fact?—Yes.

23,286. About how many members did it consist of?—At one time it had over a hundred, I think; I do not think it has so many now.

23,287. Were you ever a member of the town council?—Yes.

23,288. When?—I became a member in 1857; I contested in 1856 and was not elected, and I was elected in 1857, in August of that year.

23,289. It was the election when Sir Henry Edwards and Wells contested the borough?—Yes, I believe it was.

23,290. And that was the first time you had taken an active part?—Yes.

23,291. You contested in 1856 but were defeated, but in 1857 you were returned?—Yes.

23,292. How long did you remain a town councillor?—Six years.

23,293. Had you many contests?—I was only re-elected once.

23,294. Just so, that would be so. Who found the money in 1857?—Mr. Almack advanced the money; it was subscribed by the gentlemen in the town.

23,295. What was the figure that used to be going then amongst the voters?—That election was an exceptional one. I believe as much as 10*s.* was paid at that time. It commenced in the morning at 5*s.*

23,296. In 1857?—In 1857.

23,297. Had you a contest in 1860. You would be eligible?—I think so.

23,298. Who supplied the money in 1860?—I do not know; I did not.

23,299. Did your colleagues?—No.

23,300. You do not know who supplied it?—Mr. Bainton was one of my colleagues, and whether he

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paid or who paid I do not know. At all events I did not pay, and was never asked for anything.

23,301. It was a contest?—It was.

23,302. How was the rate of pay among the voters?—I have really forgot, but I think about 3*s.* 6*d.* or 4*s.*

23,303. Do you know from your own knowledge of the town that from 1863 down to 1868, if there was a contest, was money going on both sides?—On both sides; but I never voted or took any part, but the report was such.

23,304. Did you fill the office of assistant overseer then?—I did.

23,305. You think money was going?—Yes.

23,306. Do you know at all what was the rate up to 1868?—I do not, because I did not come in the town; I did not interfere in it.

23,307. Did you take any part in 1868?—I did.

23,308. What part did you take?—I assisted the Liberals.

23,309. In 1868?—Yes.

23,310. Did any money pass through your hands?—It did.

23,311. How much?—Fifteen pounds.

23,312. From whom did you receive that 15*l.*?—From Mr. Hind.

23,313. At what rate did you pay?—I commenced at 7*s.* 6*d.* and finished 1*l.*, that was the highest rate I paid. Some 10*s.*, some 15*s.*, and some 1*l.*; those that received the 1*l.* had carried out papers; there were about a thousand notes and voting papers, and those that received 1*l.* were some of the men who carried the voting papers.

23,314 What time did you cease to pay, did you continue paying?—I should cease to pay very soon after 10, from 10 to half-past.

23,315. Did you give him an account?—I did not give him an account, although I had one.

23,316. Were you ever called upon for a detailed account?—No, he never asked me for the names.

23,317. You did not give a detailed account?—I did not.

23,318. Have you an account of the names?—I have.

23,319. Will you hand it in?—(*The account was handed in, and is as follows*):—

"2d Nov. 1868, from J. S. Vickers, William Lancaster, 1*l.*, delivering circulars; William Hunsley, 7*s.* 6*d.*; Robinson Crosby, 1*l.*, messenger; John Graham, 15*s.*, not a parliamentary voter; Stephen Holtby, 15*s.*; Benjamin Spivey, 15*s.*; James Chapman, 15*s.*; John Kelty, 15*s.*; John Duffill, 15*s.*; Edward Doncaster, 10*s.*; John Mitchell, 15*s.*, not a parliamentary voter; Abraham Porill, 15*s.*; William Charlton, 15*s.*; John Herring, 15*s.*; Thomas Gamble, 15*s.*; Jesse Bewell, 15*s.*, not a parliamentary voter; Charles Levitt, 12*s.*, not a parliamentary voter; Torey Baxter, 15*s.*; John Andover, 15*s.*, not a parliamentary voter; William Dosser, 15*s.*; William Gray, 5*s.*, not a voter, a messenger. Received 15*l.* from Mr. J. Hind."

23,320. Did you take any part in the parliamentary contest?—Yes.

23,321. For that year?—For that year.

23,322. For whom did you vote?—Maxwell and Trollope.

23,323. Did you canvass?—I did. In fact I commenced when they commenced canvassing, and I do not think I missed a day.

23,324. Canvassing with them?—Canvassing with them.

23,325. Who introduced you to Maxwell and Trollope?—Mr. Crosskill.

23,326. Was he canvassing with them also?—He was.

23,327. We heard from some of the men who you paid money to that the members in company with you canvassed them?—Yes, I remember canvassing two of them, being present when they were canvassed, but I did not speak myself or take any notice, in fact I did not speak to any; I only went round with them to show them where they lived.

23,328. It is quite enough, you were there with them and you handed these men money on the 2d of November. You were there with them canvassing. Very well?—I believe if you look at the list there are half of them that are not parliamentary votes that I paid.

23,329. It is quite enough if you went to one, that will suit our purpose. When did you, because I suppose I must take it, when did the Conservative Working Men's Association, or the persons who governed it, quarrel with you or you with them?—I do not know that I ever had any particular quarrel, except with Mr. Wreghitt.

23,330. I want the when?—The year before last was the principal one.

23,331. I wish you would give me dates, I am fond of dates?—In June 1868.

23,332. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In June 1868?—November 1867, I did not vote for Mr. Wreghitt.

23,333. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You began to disagree with him in November 1867?—It was in 1867 I did not agree with him, in fact I have not agreed with him for some time. I believe the first feeling of coolness was in 1863.

23,334. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I do not want to go into particulars at all, I only want to know the time. Take it as 1868. You remained a member of the Conservative Association down to 1868, did you not?—Yes.

23,335. To June 1868?—No, not to June, to March 1868. The year expires in March 1868; the subscriptions are due in March 1868, and I never received any notice to attend any meeting after.

23,336. Well, now that brings me to another branch of the inquiry, because the pasture masters are elected on the 1st of March?—They are.

23,337. Have you filled the office of pasture master?—I am not a freeman.

23,338. Are you acquainted with the contests of the pasture masters?—With one or two. I am with one in particular.

23,339. Tell me the one?—In 1863.

23,340. Do you know at all the proportion of the pasture masters up to 1857. I mean was it composed of persons of both parties?—It was. In fact one of them was the chairman of the Conservative Association who filled the office, Mr. Fussey.

23,341. It was composed of members of, what shall I call it, both parties?—Yes.

23,342. They have very considerable patronage?—They have.

23,343. In paying of tradespeople?—Yes, in fact, all branches of trade, and a number of cartmen and labourers.

23,344. I have looked at the account, it is clear they have. Well, I will take it in 1863, was there a sharp contest then?—It was a severe one.

23,345. Could you tell me the candidates?—One side was Mr. Burrell.

23,346. Do you mean Burrell of the "White Horse"?—Yes, he was one of the candidates supported by Mr. Wreghitt, and the other side was composed of both parties, both Liberals and Conservatives. They were six and six. I have got the list of the 12.

23,347. I wish you would give it me, I want that. There was a very severe contest in 1863. (*The witness handed in a list, of which the following is a copy*:—"Henry Johnson, merchant, Saturday Market; Thomas McCoy, attorney's clerk, Walkergate; William Ramshaw, gardener, Toll Gavel; William Padget, painter, Toll Gavel; Matthew Bielby, butcher, Toll Gavel; William Browsho, stone mason, Well Lane; Richard Jameson, cabinet maker, North Bar Without; William Brigham, merchant, Newbegin; William Westerby, tallow chandler, Saturday Market; George Swailes, nurseryman, Toll Gavel; William Southwick, butcher, Flemingate; John Eyre Atkinson, cooper, Wilbert Lane.")—Those are the 12 who were unsuccessful.

23,348. Was one list against another list?—Yes.

23,349. A whole list?—Yes, the 12 are taken as one.

23,350. Was this the successful list?—No, that is the unsuccessful list. The successful list is the same as they are now, with the exception of one or two.

23,351. Have they continued ever since?—They have, excepting either one or two.

23,352. Are they all of Mr. Wreghitt's way of thinking?—They are, at least they are all Conservatives.

23,353. Did you receive any money on that occasion to assist in the contest for pasture masters?—A meeting was called at the Working Men's Association, and several of the men up had been pasture masters previously, and they quarrelled among themselves, and I think they did not receive the support of Mr. Wreghitt, and they adjourned to the "White Horse," and it was agreed that there should be six fresh men. Mr. Matthews was one, and the other six joined with six Liberals; Mr. McCoy was one, and Mr. Burrell asked me if I would assist the 12 of Mr. Wreghitt's party, and I consented to do so. I told them that it was no use unless they had a good sum. Mr. Burrell waited upon Mr. Wreghitt to see what money he would subscribe.

23,354. Do I understand you that there were two lists, one composed of six Conservatives and six Liberals, and the other list twelve Conservatives?—It was.

23,355. Orange and crimson we will call them. He told you that it would be advisable to have the list of the 12, and you told him it would require a good deal of money, what did he say?—In the first place he waited on Mr. Wreghitt to see if he would supply the funds, and I told him we should require 100*l.* to carry them. He went to Mr. Wreghitt, and he said that if there were 12 respectable men who would stick to the party there would be funds forthcoming.

23,356. Did Burrell tell you that?—He said there were only two or three names then. The list was not complete.

23,357. What meaning did you attach to what Burrell said by sticking to the party?—He meant good Conservatives that would support Edwards and Walker. We then had to go round the town to make up the list. We waited upon several to get them to stand, some refused, and we told them there would be no expense, that it would cost them nothing. One was Mr. Marshall; we had some difficulty in getting him to stand, but when he knew it would cost nothing he stood.

23,358. Some refused?—Mr. Catterson, jun., refused.

23,359. Did you go to Mr. Wreghitt?—On the Saturday night we got a list and everything was arranged. Mr. Burrell sent for me down to his house, we made all arrangements for the battle on Monday morning. I arranged the time I should meet him, and we were to get the money from Wreghitt. I had occasion to leave him before the time, and they came down to my house.

23,360. Who?—Burrell and Wreghitt. I had gone to the polling place, and going back again home I met Mr. Burrell and Mr. Wreghitt. We had arranged on Saturday night that we should commence to pay 10*s.* on the Monday to secure the election. He had told Mr. Wreghitt this, and he thought it would come to too much money, more than the members would like to spend over it.

23,361. Did Wreghitt say that?—He said that, he said it would be wasting the members' money; it would come to too large an amount. I told him, well they would not secure their election without they did stand that amount.

23,362. Was that before any money was advanced?—It was. He told me he could not advance such a large sum, and I told him it was no use contesting it, and I would have nothing more to do with it. I left to go home, when Mr. Burrell came after me, and said he had had another explanation with Mr. Wreghitt, and it was all right, and I went with him and we got the money from Mr. Wreghitt.

23,363. Where?—At the square.

23,364. You got the money yourself?—I got the money from his own hand. He paid it, and we opened two shops, Lythe and Dickinson's.

23,365. Who paid the money?—I believe Mr. Kemplay and Mr. Carrington. I thought at first it was Kemplay and Train, but Mr. Kemplay paid at Mrs. Dickinson's.

23,366. These 12 gentlemen who were seeking the office of pasture masters, were they tradesmen most of them?—Yes.

23,367. In fact respectable men?—All in respectable positions.

23,368. And then you carried the day?—We did. We had the election over by dinner time. One thing to secure the election was to get Mr. Bentley to stand, and he did stand, and got a cab and took voters up six at a time.

23,369. What is he?—Foreman in the ironworks.

23,370. In what capacity?—In the implement department.

23,371. What in the world would he have to do with the pasture masters?—There was one thing; he exercised a great deal of influence for the members.

23,372. With the men employed in the firm?—Yes.

23,373. I will ask you, generally, have you seen the published lists of the gifts, for example, Walker's gift, is that published?—It is.

23,374. I have read the will of Mr. Walker, which is most admirably framed. One would think it would be secure from any description of abuse, for it is most admirably framed, have you read the publication of the gifts?—I have.

23,375. From time to time?—Yes.

23,376. Now, I am speaking to a man of experience, an overseer of the poor, and you have often had it before you and are well acquainted with things, with parish affairs. Now, in your judgment, do you think these gifts were at all distributed with any reference to the persons who were supposed to be supporters of the sitting members?—My opinion is so.

23,377. And does that opinion extend from 1863 down to the present time?—It does.

23,378. Can you suggest to us any other reason why money should be supplied through Wreghitt by the sitting members, for the purpose of these men being elected. Can you suggest any other reason?—I can only suggest one reason, that was to secure the patronage and interest to support the members. By filling all the local offices they secured a great amount of support to the members.

23,379. Does that in your opinion apply to the distribution of Walker's charity?—It does.

23,380. Had you any conversation with Mr. Wreghitt ever on the matter?—No.

23,381. Or with Burrell?—No.

23,382. Or with any other pasture masters?—No. I have not had any conversation with any of them lately.

23,383. At any time had you any conversation with Burrell or Wreghitt, the chairman of the pasture masters, clerk of the pasture masters, or any pasture master, with reference to that. You were in their confidence then?—I have previously.

23,384. With whom?—I could not say particularly now, but I have wrote applications for some persons to get the charity. Those were supporters of the members, otherwise I should not have done so.

23,385. Did you state that?—I did not state they were supporters in the application.

23,386. No, but to any of the pasture masters?—Yes, the application was sent on a form to the clerk.

23,387. In addition to the formal application, before the thing was decided did you ever mention to the pasture master's clerk that this man was a supporter of Sir Henry Edwards. Did you?—I daresay I should; there were so many occurrences I would not say positively.

23,388. It is a very important subject. Do you know the clerk?—Well.

23,389. Have you ever had any conversation with him upon the subject?—I cannot say I have particularly.

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23,390. Nor with the chairman?—No; we were not on conversing terms latterly, in fact I had no particular conversation about anyone.

23,391. Your opinion is formed on what you observed?—My opinion is formed on the whole procedure, and knowing the intention of the election they have carried that intention out.

23,392. Have you anything else that you can inform the Commissioners of?—No. I do not think of anything at present, if I do I should be very happy to mention it.

23,393. You were in confidential communication with Mr. Wreghitt, and you knew that money was supplied through him. Have you yourself ever received any money from Wreghitt as coming from Sir Henry Edwards, or have you received it from Sir Henry Edwards himself?—I have never received a farthing from Sir Henry Edwards in my life, neither directly or indirectly, except the 30*l.* received from Mr. McCoy.

23,394. Did you ever receive from Mr. Wreghitt any money for your own purposes, knowing it came from Sir Henry Edwards?—No, never in my life; and more than that I never applied for any.

23,395. You took a list to Mr. McCoy?—Yes.

23,396. Was anyone present when you showed it to Mr. McCoy?—I could not say.

23,397. Was Mr. Bainton there?—I could not say he was.

23,398. When you were looking over the list afterwards, six months after, was Mr. Bainton there then?—I could not say he was, they did not let anyone know at the time there was a petition pending.

23,399. When you received the money from Mr. Hind, you knew that the members used to supply money to Mr. Wreghitt for the purpose of the municipal contest. When Mr. Hind supplied you with the money, where did you think that came from?—From himself.

23,400. Did he tell you so?—He did.

23,401. What did you say?—I told him they had no chance at all to get in, in fact Maxwell and Trollope would have no chance, and that Major Edwards and the party would risk anything to be elected. They would not care about any bribery Act whatever.

23,402. You told him before you got this 15*l.* that Maxwell and Trollope had no chance in getting in at the parliamentary election?—Yes, and I said I had been told that they had received an immense amount of money, and if the Liberals paid 10*s.* they would pay 1*l.*, and if we paid 1*l.* they would pay 2*l.* I said, If I were you I would test them, and if they do so I do not see how you can disconnect it from the parliamentary, and he said he would think about it.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

23,403. The 30*l.* you received from Mr. McCoy, was that in repayment of bribery paid to voters?—It was.

23,404. It was not for messengers or anything of that kind?—No, it was paid for voters. Thomas Oxley is not subpœnaed, who was a member of the corporation and was present at one of the conversations when I handed my list in of the voters. I do not know whether he was present when I was paid or not.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

23,405. I understand you that when the counter list was put forward for pasture masters, you went round soliciting various persons to be candidates?—Yes.

23,406. And as an inducement you told them that they would be at no expense?—Yes.

23,407. Mr. Marshall was one?—He was.

23,408. Did you tell him who would bear the expense?—I did not. Mr. Burrell was with me at the time. We called on Mr. Catterson, jun., but he refused.

23,409. Did you go to anyone else besides Marshall?—Mr. Bentley was one.

23,410. Did you tell him it would not cost him a farthing?—Yes.

23,411. Did you tell them all that?—Of the lot we were to get there were four or five.

23,412. Do you remember four or five?—Mr. Bentley, Mr. Marshall, but I do not remember who the new ones are.

23,413. The election for town councillors in 1867, was that very excitable and severe; you said there was as much as 10*s.* paid?—The Conservatives seemed to be under a cloud for some time, and it took some money to bring them out of it.

23,414–5. You told us also that you received 5*l.* from Mr. Wreghitt on one occasion, for the election of churchwardens for the parish of St. Mary's?—Yes; I forget what year that was.

23,416. I do not think you told us what year?—I think that would be about 1860; I do not remember the year.

23,417. Did you understand that the money came from Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

23,418. He gave you so to understand?—He did not say so then, but I formed my own opinion about it, from what I saw.

23,419. I understood also that while you were a member of the Working Men's Association, there was a committee formed, for the purpose of nominating persons to various offices in the town?—For the purpose of conducting the business.

23,420. They did nominate the persons?—They did.

23,421. There was a sort of standing committee?—The committee had to solicit gentlemen to allow their names to be brought forward, and a meeting of the association was called to carry that out.

23,422. The committee was formed out of the association. Does that system continue to the present time?—I am not a member now.

23,423. As long as you remained a member did that system of nomination continue?—Yes.

23,424. You say that when Mr. Walker put up, Wreghitt was constituted a sort of banker on his part; did you not say so?—On the part of the two members.

23,425. And a deputation—you were going on, but you were interrupted, that a deputation waited on Sir James Walker with reference to what subject?—To submit the amount that would be required annually to support the local contests.

23,426. Did Sir James Walker refer you to Wreghitt?—He did not refer me, but the deputation reported that it was all right. Mr. Arden was one of the deputation I think.

23,427. (*Mr. Arden.*) Certainly not, it is not true.

23,428. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He only says that he thought you were.

23,429. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In your various applications to Sir H. Edwards for money has he ever referred you to Mr. Wreghitt for an answer?—No.

23,430. You have conversed with Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes, on many occasions.

23,431. Has he ever referred you to Mr. Wreghitt for the answer in the matter?—He has at various times stated that Mr. Wreghitt was his agent.

23,432. In the matter of subscriptions?—Yes, he paid all the subscriptions; there were various classes and things that he supported; Mr. Wreghitt paid all.

23,433. Those that you applied for?—I made applications in two or three cases; it was perhaps during the time I was chairman of the association.

23,434. And the people were relieved by Mr. Wreghitt; you cannot carry it further than that?—No, I received no reply from Sir Henry Edwards.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Henry Johnson called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

23,435. What are you?—A wine and spirit merchant, brewer, and maltster.

23,436. Are you a freeman?—I am a freeman. I took up my freedom in 1840.

23,437. Are you a member of the town council?—No, I am not.

23,438. Have you ever been?—Yes.

23,439. In what years were you a member of the town council?—I believe in 1857, 1858, and 1859. I think those are the years, as near as I can remember.

23,440. From 1857 to 1859?—Yes.

23,441. And subsequently?—No, not since.

23,442. Have you been a candidate since?—No, I have not.

23,443. Have you been an active man in elections?—Not lately.

23,444. Ever?—I was formerly.

23,445. On which side?—On the Conservative side.

23,446. We will take you first to Towneley's election in 1841; were you active then?—Yes, I was.

23,447. In what way were you concerned?—Merely in looking out for votes; that is, getting parties to vote for the Conservative members.

23,448. Do you know anything of the money transactions?—No, I do not.

23,449. The next election was in 1847?—Yes.

23,450. Towneley, Fox, and Goldsmid; were you busy then?—Yes.

23,451. Were you concerned in money matters then?—No, I was not.

23,452. The next would be 1852, Lawley, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

23,453. Were you active then?—Yes.

23,454. Were you concerned in money matters then?—No, I was not.

23,455. Never perhaps?—Yes, I have.

23,456. Then let us come to it at once; what year was that?—It would be in 1857.

23,457. Denison, Wells, and Glover?—No, I think not. Edwards and Wells.

23,458. That is the one in August 1857, you mean?—Yes.

23,459. That is Edwards's first election?—Edwards's first election.

23,460. You were concerned in money matters there?—A little.

23,461. Did you receive any money for the purposes of that election?—No, I never did.

23,462. In what way then were you concerned?—I paid a voter who was examined the other day, a man of the name of Frank Greenhough, 3*l.*

23,463. Where did you get the 3*l.*?—I paid it out of my own pocket, and it was refunded to me afterwards.

23,464. Who refunded it to you?—A man of the name of James Baker.

28,465. Is that the only man you paid in that election?—I could not say whether I paid any more or not. If I did it was only trivial sums, and I used to get the money of him. I had no money directly given to me.

23,466. At all events you paid one man in that election a bribe of 3*l.* on Major Edwards's part?—No, not on Major Edwards's part. I got the man to vote for Major Edwards, and gave him 3*l.*

23,467. Have you been concerned in parliamentary elections subsequently to the year 1857?—Merely as a voter.

23,468. Have you paid any money except what you have told us?—No, I have not, never a farthing.

23,469. Have you taken any men to poll who you know have been paid, after 1857?—No, I have not, not after 1857.

23,470. You have not what is here called "voted" a man; that is, taken him after he has been paid, and seen that he has voted right?—Not for the parliamentary election.

23,471. Have you been engaged at all in the council choosings?—I have.

23,472. In what election particularly?—In them all, that is from the time when I was elected, from 1856.

23,473. Down to the last year?—From 1856 to 1859. I was three years in.

23,474. Have you been active in the council choosings since?—No.

23,475. You have not interfered?—No.

23,476. You have not taken people to vote?—No, I have not voted the last six years myself.

23,477. What is the reason of that?—I had a reason for it.

23,478. Is it a reason that you do not like to tell us?—Not particularly. There was a little squabble in the party, and I turned my back on them and said, "I should not help them any more," and I never have, neither in the municipal elections nor the others.

23,479. The parliamentary?—I have voted at the parliamentary elections.

23,480. You were one of the defeated pasture masters?—Yes I was, in 1863.

23,481. What was this quarrel in 1863?—Well, I can tell you all about it. In the first instance there was some party objected to a gentleman named David Nutchey; he had to look after some drainage, and they told him if he did not resign they should come and take the job from him.

23,482. Nutchey being a pasture master was doing some drainage work for the pasture masters?—No, he was overlooker of the drainage.

23,483. He was a pasture master himself?—He was pasture master at the same time, and a very good pasture master he was.

23,484. Was it a place of emolument, this overlooking of the drainage?—I do not know whether he had a small salary or not.

23,485. Was he general superintendent of the drainage?—I think so. I believe it was Skidby drain where he was superintendent.

23,486. Was he appointed by the corporation at a salary of 5*l.* a year to superintend the drainage?—I think he had a small salary.

23,487. And some people objected to his remaining pasture master?—Yes.

23,488. On that ground?—So it was said, on that ground.

23,489. Is that what you yourself believe was the ground?—Yes; and he resigned.

23,490. Was that the cause of the split?—No. The year following there was another pasture master called Ramshaw, I believe, and at a pasture dinner, when he got a little bit elevated, he called one or two of the pasture masters and told them what he thought about them, that they had not attended to their duties, or something of that sort. Then in November 1863 there was a meeting at the Working-men's Association, and it was determined that they should call so many. I said, "Well if you do take any of my fellow pasture "masters away from me I will resign myself, and if "I do resign I will make it hot for you next year."

23,491. So you were the leader of the schism among the pasture masters?—I was in 1863.

23,492. And that really was the ground of the quarrel, was it?—That was the ground of the quarrel. They wanted to make a split. Twelve went in. We had always worked together. It was not right to do so.

23,493. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had you any money on your side in 1863?—We had. I can give you an account of it. We had 103*l.* subscribed. I gave 25*l.*; McCoy gave 17*l.* 10*s.*; Browsho gave 15*l.*; Beilby gave 7*l.*; Swailes gave 7*l.* 10*s.*; Brigham gave 5*l.*; Atkinson gave 2*l.*; and Jameson gave 1*l.*

23,494. The others were smaller sums?—There is another 10*l.*

23,495. Who gave 10*l.*?—William Westerby. Ramshaw gave 5*l.*, and Southwick 2*l.*?

23,496. Was that your own money?—Yes.

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23,497. Was any money contributed by anybody but yourselves?—No.

23,498. You were still beaten?—We were beaten.

23,499. Beaten hollow?—No, we were not.

23,500. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who paid away this money for you?—My clerk.

23,501. Who is he?—Mr. Skelton. Here is the account that he kept of the persons whom he had paid, and who they voted for. After he had paid me the money he gave me the book.

23,502. What sums did he pay?—About 7*s.* 6*d.*, I think. I have never seen the account since. I see there are one or two who were paid 10*s.* They are nearly all 7*s.* 6*d.*

23,503. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Six of you who retired were of one way of thinking?—I believe we were.

23,504. Were any complaints made against you of the mode in which you had exercised your powers or patronage, that you should be turned away?—Oh, no.

23,505. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you understand that Mr. Wreghitt was the leader of the opposition on that occasion?—I do not know who was the leader of the opposition.

23,506. You know now; you have heard the evidence to-day?—I heard what Mr. Vickers said; I know they had more money than we had, or else they would not have succeeded.

23,507. Who did you understand at the time led the opposition?—The Working-men's Association.

23,508. And Burrell?—He was one of them. There was a meeting there.

23,509. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted at the last parliamentary election?—Yes; I was canvassed, but did not promise.

23,510. How did you vote?—I voted for Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

23,511. In 1852 did you take up any voters who you knew had been bribed?—I cannot say I did.

23,512. You do not remember, perhaps?—No, I do not.

23,513. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you know about the contest for churchwardens?—I do.

23,514. Do you bear out Mr. Vickers's statement?—I did not hear it.

23,515. Do you know of money being paid?—Yes.

23,516. They have considerable patronage, or are supposed to have?—The money I paid I paid out of my own pocket.

23,517. I am not speaking of you. Have you been a churchwarden?—I have been. I can tell you the years. I was churchwarden in 1856, 1857, 1858, and in 1861.

23,518. For what parish?—St. Mary's.

23,519. Had you to fight for the election?—Very hard.

23,520. (*Mr. Barstow.*) About what sums did you pay?—The first year when Mr. Cox and myself were chosen we paid 1*s.* and a glass of grog.

23,521. Do you remember what each election cost you?—The first election cost me 50*s.*; the second election cost me from 5*l.* to 10*l.* 1858 was not a very heavy contest; I think the amount was 2*l.* The men had 2*l.* for refreshment after the election.

23,522. 1861?—That cost about 5*l.*, I think.

23,523. Were you a candidate at any other times besides these?—No.

23,524. You were always successful?—Yes.

23,525. May I ask you what was your object in being a churchwarden?—Merely to get to know the parish, and likewise the business of the church. I was churchwarden only three years, and then I resigned. I was in long enough; then I thought someone else should get in. I thought the town ought to know something about the income of the church, and know how the money was laid out. When I went in the church was 1,100*l.* or 1,300*l.* in debt; when I went out she was free.

23,526. You were a very good steward. The church has very considerable estates?—Yes, about 900*l.* a year.

23,527. You had the management of those?—Partly so, with my fellow churchwardens. There were two churchwardens for the parish and two for the clergymen. There were four.

23,528. We have heard that they were used for political purposes?—No, they were not.

23,529. What can be the object of spending these sums of money?—I think it was only opposition between the gentlemen. One gentleman says, "I will be in," and another says, "I will be in."

23,530. That may be between themselves; but what can be the object of a candidate spending money upon the election of churchwardens?—Do you mean the borough candidates?

23,531. Yes?—I do not know. When I was in there was nothing of the kind.

23,532. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are not anxious to repel some serious imputations that have been made upon you?—I will answer any question.

23,533. You did not seem to refer to it. Have you not read that it has been said that you were seen putting 4*l.* into a man's hand in the presence of Sir Henry Edwards?—I have read so. I am sorry the witness did not bring forward the party's name.

23,534. The first thing I should have done, if I were in your place, would be to denounce that, if it was false?—Well, it is false.

23,535. I call your attention to it now. You did take an active part in Keane's election?—No, I did not.

23,536. Let me tell you what was said: "Some "time in the morning, at Edwards and Wells's elec- "tion, I saw money paid in the streets for Edwards. "Mr. Wells's committee room was in the square; I "had charge of it. Some time in the morning I saw "Mr. Henry Johnson pay 4*l.* into a man's hand, a "man who was a voter; he had Mr. Wells's card in his "hat. I do not remember the man's name just now. "Mr. Johnson is a spirit merchant. I saw Mr. John- "son take up Andrew Picard in a beastly state of "intoxication to vote?"—That is false.

23,537. You paid one man 3*l.*?—I did.

23,538. Who was it?—Frank Greenhough.

23,539. Where?—At his own house.

23,540. Did you go to his house—I did.

23,541. It is very singular, paying one man 3*l.*?—I was sent there by a party.

23,542. By whom?—By Baker; he said Greenhough was in the house and he could not get in, and he asked me if I would go. I said I would go and see him.

23,543. I do not think you denied having paid other men. Did any other money pass through your hands upon that occasion?—I could not say; perhaps there might; no doubt there would.

23,544. How much?—I am not aware of it. I have no account.

34,545. About how much would you say?—I could not say.

23,546. How would it pass through your hands?—I should go and get it. Baker was the principal man. If there was a voter who wanted money I used to say, "So-and-so wants money, give it to me"; and I used to go and take him to vote.

23,547. Do you recollect Sir Henry Edwards being appealed to; a man shouting out to him, "That man has four sovereigns in his hand," and Sir Henry Edwards turning his head aside? You remember that that was sworn to on more than one occasion?—(*No answer.*)

23,548. Do you recollect Walker's election of 1860?—I do.

23,549. I think some money passed through your hands then?—No.

23,550. Recollect yourself for a moment. Will you swear that no money passed through your hands?—I would not swear that I did not pay any voters, the same way as I paid before there were sums given to me. I have no memorandum.

23,551. But you know perfectly well that you paid some voters, do you not?—I would not say I did; I would not swear I did not.

23,552. In 1860 ?—In 1860.

23,553. Where were you during the day of the election ?—I should be all over the town. Nowhere particularly.

23,554. All over the town in search of voters ?—Yes.

23,555. And you knew that money was going at that election ?—Yes ; I heard that money was going.

23,556. You knew that money was going ?—I knew that money was going.

23,557. And you promised voters when you canvassed ?—Perhaps I might.

23,558. You know you did. You knew that money was going, and you went all over the town canvassing voters. You promised the voters, and said that they would be paid like the others ?—I have no doubt I did.

23,559. Did you take an active part in Mr. Keane's election ?—No.

23,560. Did you take any part ?—No.

23,561. Did you ask any man to vote ?—I do not believe I did.

23,562. Did you canvass any man ?—No, I do not think I did.

23,563. Will you swear you did not go for the purpose of canvassing men ?—If you will tell me theyear ?

23,564. It was in 1865 ?—No, I did not; not after 1860.

23,565. The Edwards and Walker's election in 1859, you canvassed then, did you not ?—I did.

23,566. You went all over the town for voters ?—Yes.

23,567. You knew that money was going ?—I heard it was going.

23,568. And you promised the voters, did you not ?—Yes ; I should promise them that they would be paid the same as the rest.

23,569. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In 1859 when you promised the voters did you see them paid ?—I should take them to the parties who were paying the money, or else I should go to the parties and get the money and take it to them.

23,570. That is very like money passing through your hands, is it not ?—Well, it is.

23,571. Why did you say that no money passed through your hands ?—I did not take it in that light.

23,572. I do not know in what light you could have taken it ; how many did you pay in this manner in 1859 ?—I am sure I cannot say.

23,573. A dozen ?—I could not say.

23,574. Can you give us no number at all ?—No.

23,575. Where did you take them to be paid in 1859 ?—That I could not tell you.

23,576. Oh, come ?—I cannot.

23,577. You know well enough. Which way did you vote in 1859 ?—I should vote for the Conservatives.

23,578. Then that was money paid on the Conservative side, was it not ?—What money ?

23,579. That you paid the voters in 1859 ?—Yes, it would be.

23,580. Who did you go to to get the money ?—I could not say. There were several parties who had money. I generally used to meet them in the street. There was no particular place appointed to go to to get money.

23,581. Who besides James Baker had money ?—There were several parties besides him.

23,582. We want to know their names ?—There was a man named Wilkin who had money.

23,583. He is dead, is he ?—Yes ; and Robert Oxley, he is dead.

23,584. And Baker is dead ?—Yes.

23,585. Do you know anyone whom we can call ?—No, I do not.

23,586. You do not tell us of any persons of whom you got money except these dead persons ?—I do not recollect anyone except Baker ; he is the principal man that I got money of ; he was a friend of mine.

23,587. Baker, Oxley, and Wilkin, you told us ?—I know those parties had money.

23,588. We cannot call them ?—I cannot help it ; it is not my fault.

23,589. Is there anyone whom we can call ?—I do not know of anyone.

23,590. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The court has decided to allow you no expenses.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS HARRIS recalled, and examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

23,591. You have a statement to make, what is it ?—Mr. Akrill came to my house last night. He says, "Didn't I give you 2*l.* ?" I says, "No, sir." He says, "Didn't you meet me in the market place ?" I says, "Yes, I did, against the 'White Swan' and Jemmy Mowld Robinson's." He asked me if I had voted, I says, "No." "Money is going," he says, "I will make you right." "Well, sir, I can depend upon you," I says, and walked away. That passed on for perhaps a month, or it might be two, I won't say. I saw him several times, and he never offered to pay me any money. One day I was short of money and I went down to him and asked him if he would lend me a sovereign. He lent me a sovereign, and not a word was never named about election, nor anything else, neither to him nor me.

23,592. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Which you paid back, of course ?—No, I have not paid it back yet.

23,593. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am very sorry we allowed your expenses.

23,594. (*Mr. Barstow.*) So am I very sorry.

(The secretary informed the Commissioners that witness had not yet been paid, and the Commissioners directed that his expenses should not be allowed.)

23,595. (*Mr. Barstow.*) But Akrill said he gave you 2*l.* ?—It is false. He came to my house this morning and wanted me to say the same again this morning.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES EDWARD ELWELL called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

23,596–7. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

23,598. How many years ?—I took my freedom up I believe in 1863.

23,599. Have you voted at several parliamentary elections ?—Only two.

23,600. In 1865 I suppose you voted ?—Yes.

23,601. For whom did you vote ?—For Mr. Keane.

23,602. Did you get anything for your vote ?—I got 2*l.*

23,603. Who gave it you ?—Mr. John Bird.

23,604. Did you have anything to do with paying others ?—No.

23,605. Did you not pay anybody else ?—No, sir.

23,606. Were you employed at all at that election ?—No.

23,607. In 1868 for whom did you vote ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

23,608. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

23,609. Were you employed at the municipal election ?—I was not employed ; I volunteered my services.

23,610. And you paid people, did not you ?—Yes.

23,611. How much did you get to pay ? How much money did you receive for the purpose of paying ?—I received 30*s.* from Mr. Whiteing, and I believe 2*l.* from Mr. Green, but I could not be positive upon the exact amount, because I did not receive it in one amount. When I had voters he gave it to me to pay them.

23,612. Not more ?—No.

23,613. As far as you recollect only 3*l.* 10*s.* ?—As far as I recollect.

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J. E. Elwell.

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23,614. Can you tell whom you gave it to?—I can tell whom I gave the 30*s.* to, with one exception to Hutchinson, and the rest to two men who worked for Mr. Whitton.

23,615. You gave 10*s.* to Hutchinson, and the rest of it to two of Mr. Whitton's workmen?—Yes.

23,616. What Mr. Whitton?—Mr. Robert Whitton, stonemason.

23,617. Then the 2*l.* that you got from Mr. Green, what did you do with that?—I paid it, I believe, to four voters. I could not be positive it was 2*l.*, but I believe that that was the amount.

23,618. Can you mention the name of any one of them?—I cannot.

23,619. Not a single one?—One I think I could.

23,620. Who was it?—He happens to be dead. My reason for remembering him is, he was the only one in St. Martin's Ward; the others were in the Minster Ward, and I knew very few men in it.

23,621. But you knew the men when you paid them?—I saw them vote; that was all I knew of them.

23,622. But you knew the names at the time?—I knew the names by seeing them on the roll.

23,623. Who were they?—I did not try to remember them, and I did not know them.

23,624. What time of the day was this?—From half-past nine to half-past ten.

23,625. Was all your paying over by half-past ten?—Quite.

23,626. Have you ever been employed to pay men at the election of pasture masters?—No.

23,627. You were a freeman. Did you vote at the election of paiture masters in 1868?—Yes, I should vote in 1868. I have always voted when I have been eligible to vote.

23,628. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, on no other occasion but the occasion of Mr. Keane's election.

23,629. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is there a society in the town called the Anti-Bribery Association?—No.

23,630. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is very unfortunate.

23,631. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are not the chairman of it?—There is no society, as I know of, of that kind.

23,632. Was there an association for putting down bribery formed here?—No.

23,633. Never?—There was a Liberal Association here.

23,634. That is another matter altogether?—That is the only society I am connected with in that respect. I confess that it was very strongly spoken against, was bribery, by the members of that society.

23,635. By yourself?—No, I never did speak against it.

23,636. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I forgot to ask you where Whiteing and Green got that money from?—I only know from what I have read in the evidence here. I did not know then.

23,637. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a freeman by birth?—By servitude.

23,638. When did you take up your freedom?—In 1863.

23,639. Did you pay it out of your own earnings?—I paid it out of my own pocket.

23,640. Then you voted for Keane in 1865?—Yes.

23,641. I should like to know who promised you 2*l.*—Nothing was promised me at all.

23,642. Who spoke to you to canvass you, because it is the same thing?—Mr. Keane canvassed me himself.

23,643. I do not apply it to him?—There was a Mr. Dunnett with him, and Mr. Allen, and Mr. Southwick.

23,644. Did no one promise you that you would be paid as the others?—No, no one did.

23,645. Did you get the money before you voted or after?—Before I voted.

23,646. Who told you to go there?—I am sure I could not say. I did not get it at the Mechanics' Hall.

23,647. Where did you get it?—At Mr. Duffill's.

23,648. Thomas Duffill of Highgate?—No, William Duffill.

23,649. At the public-house?—At the public-house, yes.

23,650. Who took you there?—No one, I went by myself.

23,651. How did you know to go there for the money?—I was told, but I am sure I could not recollect by whom.

23,652. I mean you were told by someone to go there; and who gave you the money?—Mr. Bird.

23,653. He was there distributing money?—Yes.

23,654. Where was he?—He was in a back room. I am not acquainted with the place.

23,655. Were you living here at the last election?—Yes.

23,656. You are not living here now?—I am living in Beverley now.

23,657. Were you away in 1868?—Away?

23,658. Had you to come to vote?—No.

23,659. What connexion had you with Mr. Whiteing?—Only known him by attending meetings where he attended.

23,660. The Liberal Association?—The Liberal Association.

23,661. Besides the money you paid did you offer any man money?—I believe I read in the evidence that Brusby said so, but he did not tell all the truth.

23,662. I am afraid that may be said of a good many?—It shall not be said of me.

23,663. I never make a personal observation. Go on?—I asked him to vote, and he hummed and ha'd and hesitated, and I thought he was trying to make a market.

23,664. Naturally enough. You had the money in your pocket and went to buy?—I don't think I had. I knew he professed to be a Liberal, so I asked him why he hesitated so and would not go and vote like anyone else. I didn't expect to see him stand huckstering there. He told me he had no vote. I went away with the impression that he had a vote, but would not vote for the money I told him he could get. I told him he could get 10*s.*

23,665. That is an offer you know?—I do not deny that I offered it; I deny he told me he had a vote.

23,666. Anything else. Anything about Maxwell and Trollope's election?—Yes, a good deal. If you ask me any question I'll tell you.

23,667. Do you know of any voters being engaged canvassing?—I canvassed.

23,668. How many days did you devote to it?—Only nights.

23,669. Did you send in your bill?—No, I had no bill to send in.

23,670. Were not you paid for your services?—Never a penny. With the exception of the 2*l.* from Keane I never received any money in any shape.

23,671. I mean for your services?—I gave a great deal of time, but I never expected anything.

23,672. Do you know of any others in your class of life who gave their time?—Yes, I do, that gave their time.

23,673. Do you know of anyone who was paid a claim for services, not for voting?—I do not know anyone that I was connected with or acquainted with that was paid in any shape.

23,674. For services, carrying out messages?—I do not know one.

23,675. Did not you get any refreshment or anything of that kind?—Never a drop. I was at the hotel with both candidates and saw them there often, but I never got anything.

23,676. Are you chairman of the Liberal Association?—Yes.

23,677. And you went about canvassing only on one or two occasions at night?—I canvassed myself to try and persuade voters.

23,678. Oh yes, I know?—I went frequently, whenever I had an opportunity.

23,679. I am afraid you had not much success?—Yes, I had.

23,680. Some of them asked you about money?—At the parliamentary elections?

23,681. Yes, they asked you whether there was money going?—I never was asked that question once that I remember.

23,682–3. (*The witness.*) Will you allow me to ask you a question, sir?

23,684. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I will, indeed.

23,685. (*The witness.*) Mr. Robert Thirsk was examined here a day or two ago. He handed in a list with the names of those he said he had bribed for the municipal election. Will you oblige me by telling me if my name is in the list?

23,686. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Yes, you are entitled to ask that question. You, as everybody else ought to, know that we shall aid in every way any attempt at arriving at facts. It is not in Robert Thirsk's list. We cannot tell you anything else.

23,687. (*The witness.*) I can only say that he has publicly said in the town he paid me a sovereign, and it is a base lie.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Your name is not in the list.

23,688. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) And he never paid you anything?

23,689. (*The witness.*) He never did, sir, but he has said so.

23,690. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We won't be guided by the rumour of the town.

Adjourned to Monday, 13th September, at 11 o'clock.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

Monday, 13th September 1869.

THOMAS OXLEY sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

23,691. Are you a freeman of the borough?—No, I am not, but I voted at Towneley's election.

23,692. Are you then a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

23,693. Do you fill any office in the borough?—Yes.

23,694. What?—Councillor at present.

23,695. How long have you filled the office, and how often?—About three years, only two years; lately I was sent there by Mr. Baron Martin.

23,696. What?—I was sent in the chamber by Baron Martin.

23,697. By a decision in the court above, you mean?—Yes.

23,698. Had you been town councillor before?—Yes, I had.

23,699. How many years?—Three.

23,700. Before this last time, tell me what years you were town councillor?—1857.

23,701. From 1857 to when?—Yes, in August.

23,702. Till 1860, I suppose; you go out every three years?—Yes.

23,703. Did you contest the office in 1860, or did you go out?—We contested it.

23,704. You were thrown out?—In 1860.

23,705. Yes?—Oh, no, I would not stand any more; the last time they put me up against my will.

23,706. How was it in 1860 you would not stand; what objection had you to stand?—I was past age.

23,707. I did not catch what business you carried on?—I have been a builder in this town.

23,708. Now, then, we will go to the elections. You recollect Towneley's election?—Perfectly well.

23,709. I will only take you very shortly through it; did you take an active part in that?—Towneley's election I did not; I voted one and one, one for Fox.

23,710. Did any money pass through your hands?—There was money flying about the town, all through the town; that was the time that you gentlemen ought to have come.

23,711. We shall get on very well, but you are not answerable as to when we ought to come. We do not come of our own accord you may be sure?—I did not take anything for my vote. Town councillors did, and borough magistrates even went and got the money; it is right what I tell you.

23,712. Did money pass through your hands?—No.

23,713. Did money reach your hands?—No, never.

23,714. You say money was going very freely?—Very freely indeed.

23,715. Now the next election of Towneley's?—That was the election I was speaking of.

23,716. I thought it was the first?—No, the second.

23,717. The next election was 1852?—Yes, it was.

23,718. You took an active part in that election?—No, I did not.

23,719. Did you take any part?—None at all but to go and vote.

23,720. Did any money pass through your hands?—No, no money.

23,721. Did you pay any?—No.

23,722. Did you canvass any voters?—No.

23,723. Do not be confused or flurried?—No, I never asked for a vote.

23,724. And you say no money reached your hands?—No.

23,725. How did you vote?—I believe Lawley and Wells in 1852, and I never took a penny.

23,726. 1854, Mr. Oxley, was the next election. I do not ask you about it, because we understand it was really a pure election?—No purer could be, but there was a large bill, almost as large as you and me, with all the names, against my poor friend Glover, to try and blacken his character.

23,727. Keep yourself as quiet as you can?—I am as quiet as I could be, but my own friend Glover to bring such charges against.

23,728. Never mind. You remember Denison's election in March '57, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Very well indeed.

23,729. I think you took part in that election?—I did.

23,730. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Glover and him only.

23,731. You plumped for Glover?—A plumper for Glover, and I am sure almost all the workmen did; you see they all turned round, and we got him in beautiful, without a penny expense.

23,732. He was not got in this time I think; I am speaking of the second time?—You speak of '57.

23,733. Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

23,734. You voted for Glover?—I did.

23,735. Did you canvass largely that time?—I did; indeed I took a very active part.

23,736. Did you promise many voters money?—Not a penny, they did not want money. When they saw that bill it was sufficient.

23,737. We have now on our notes money was spent on that election. Did you give any money?—I do not think I ever gave a penny.

23,738. At that election?—At that election I might. I cannot remember it, and I am sure if I had I should remember it.

23,739. I am satisfied you would. You do not recollect?—I do not.

23,740. Were you one of his committee?—I was.

23,741. Who was his conducting agent?—I do not think we had any; I am telling you the truth.

23,742. Where were his head-quarters?—Sometimes he was at one place and sometimes at another; often amongst the workmen; that was our head-quarters. We called a club meeting it may be, of 300 or 400 men, and there Glover was invited to take dinner, and Thomas Oxley too.

23,743. Can you positively say you promised no money on that election?—I am sure there could not be any promise at all.

23,744. I am asking whether you promised any?—I never did, and I never heard of any.

23,745. Did any money at all pass through your hands?—No.

23,746. Did you pay any of the men for their loss of time?—There were a few men made very strong claims upon us, who had run all over the country and town together.

23,747. What were they paid?—10*s.* a man.

23,748. A day?—Oh dear no; it was the whole week.

23,749. Do you recollect the names?—Perfectly well, a deal of them.

23,750. Give us some names?—Robert Padget, he was one, his brother another, and I think a lot of them that have gone to sleep as well; there were about 12 or 13, I do not know how many. And we had runners; that is all we could afford to employ. I did go to the man and ask him if he would be kind enough to favour me with a list.

23,751. You called them runners, then?—Yes, runners.

23,752. They were all voters?—Oh, yes, none need make any application but those who could vote to be set on.

23,753. Was not Mr. Tilson the conducting agent for Glover in '57?—I did not know he was an agent.

23,754. He took an active part?—He did take an active part.

23,755. Is he a solicitor?—I do not think he was; I do not think he had been, honestly speaking.

23,756. I will bring you from that to the election when Edwards first appeared; that was in August '57?—Yes, it was '57 again, then my old friend was turned out for not having a qualification.

23,757. Whom did you support on that occasion?—I voted for Edwards, on account of the abominable abuse this man met with.

23,758. I believe money passed through your hands then?—Yes, it did.

23,759. From whom, Mr. Oxley, did you receive that money?—Well, I believe I received it from a person of the name of Williams. I believe he walked very lame of his feet.

23,760. Was he a native of Beverley?—No, he came from London.

23,761. Did you understand him to be a solicitor's clerk in London?—I expected he was something belonging to that department.

23,762. I think there is a Mr. Williams, supposed to be of the office of Messrs. Baxter, Rose, and Norton?—That is the gentleman. I have been in his office.

23,763. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You have been in his office?—Yes, I have. Yes, but mind you, I did not give evidence against my old friend Glover.

23,764–5. How soon after the election were you up in London?—I forget, I am sure; perhaps you know better than I do.

23,766. I think I can tell you almost the time you went up. The election was in August '57, and you went up in February '58?—Very well, sir.

23,767. Was it not at that time?—I will take your word before mine.

23,768. But I ask you, did not you go up about February or March '68?—Yes; I knew this was going on.

23,769. There was a petition?—That was it.

23,770. Then about that petition you were called up, and you saw Mr. Williams at Messrs. Baxter, Rose, and Norton's office?—I did.

23,771. How long did you remain in town?—I think nearly a week.

23,772. You were well paid for it, then?—I was not paid for it then; another man got my expenses, and I never got it.

23,773. You do not know Mr. Williams's christian name, do you?—No, I am sure I do not; he walked bad with his feet.

23,774. I do not think you were examined; the petition did not go on?—I would not give evidence against my old friend.

23,775. Will you tell us about the election of '57, when you got the money from Williams; how much did you get?—I forget exactly, but it was something like 55*l.*, or somewhere thereabout.

23,776. About 55*l.*?—Yes; I could not say exactly.

23,777. You got it, I presume, from Williams, before the day of the election. Did you get the money the day of the election or the day before?—Oh no; it was after the election, to pay those runners.

23,778. Did you get a list, or how?—There was a list of every man.

23,779. Did you make the list out yourself?—No.

23,780. Who made it?—I went the other day to ask the man to be so kind as to get it.

23,781. Who did you ask?—He said, I have burnt it; and I said, Why have you burnt it?

23,782. I want to know, who did you ask?—I asked Robert Padget, the bricklayer.

23,783. You did not go to Williams?—Oh no, the other was the man I went to, and he said, I burnt it as soon as ever I heard that Baron Martin had entered the town. Truth goes furthest you know, sir.

23,784. And you paid about 55*l.*?—I believe it was that.

23,785. How many days after the election?—Perhaps two, perhaps one.

23,786. Two or three days?—Yes.

23,787. Did Williams call upon you?—Yes.

23,788. Did he give you the list?—No, stop; it was Padget came to me. He said, Now, Oxley, are not you going to pay us? I said, I cannot pay nought, I have nothing to pay with. Then he said, I will go with you to Williams. I said, Well, I will go with you.

23,789. Then Padget took you to Williams?—Yes, we went together.

23,790. Where did you find Williams?—At the "Beverley Arms."

23,791. I have a list here, you can tell me whether I am correct in the names of the men you paid, though you have not a list. Do you know John Denny?—I perhaps might, I really have forgot.

23,792. You do not recollect paying John Denny 3*l.*?—No, I do not recollect such a sum.

23,793. Do you recollect paying a Mr. Southwick of Hull 6*l.*?—I am sure I would confess it if I had paid him, but I do not remember such an amount of money.

23,794. Do you recollect paying a man named Sugden, of Hull?—No, I do not think I paid anyone that side of the water.

23,795. Four pounds?—No, no, it is false.

23,796. Do not say that; you say you do not remember. Do you remember paying Constable 3*l.*?—Yes, I believe I did.

23,797. Do you remember paying John Dowling 4*l.* ?—No.

23,798. You do not remember John Dowling ?—No.

23,799. Do you remember paying Charles Edward Fitzgerald 3*l.* ?—No.

23,800. Or Robert Simpson ?—No.

23,801. James Leatham 3*l.* ?—No.

23,802. Thomas Farrar 4*l.* ?—Yes, I believe I did pay him.

23,803. Do you recollect John Andover ?—Very well indeed.

23,804. How much did you pay him ?—I believe either 4*l.* or 5*l.*

23,805. Quite right, 4*l.* Do you recollect Henry Morrell ?—I never paid him a penny that I know of.

23,806. William Horner 3*l.* 10*s.* ?—No.

23,807. Richard Horner 3*l.* 10*s.* ?—No.

23,808. William Constable ?—No, I think not.

23,809. Did not you give him money to pay six men ?—No.

23,810. Just recollect yourself ?—No.

23,811. Will you give me an account of the 55*l.*; how you say you expended it ?—There were a few voters that had voted for us and they got 20*l.*, Andover and Denny, and these here who you name.

23,812. I should be glad if you gave me the names the 20*l.* voters ?—Twenty pounds ?

23,813. You say you gave 20*l.* to them ?—I fancy it was 13*l.*

23,814. Give us the name of one ?—Andover one, Farrah another.

23,815. Twenty pounds ?—Not 20*l.*

23,816. How much did you give Andover ?—I believe it was 4*l.*; there was Andover I can give you by name.

23,817. Will you give me the name of a voter to whom you gave a large sum of money ?—That was the largest I ever did give.

23,818. How much ?—Four pounds.

23,819. But you gave me the name of no voter ?—I told you Andover.

23,820. I told you him first ?—I have thought about it, it was him.

23,821. Now another ?—Farrah.

23,822. I told you him. Give me another ?—Cook, I believe; he was not a voter. I found out that he had not voted.

23,823. Which Cook ?—He is a sweep, and he swept me.

23,824. How much did you give him ?—I believe he got 4*l.*

23,825. Anybody else ?—Have you got Farrah ?

23,826. Oh yes ?—There was Andover and Cook.

23,827. Now another ?—Bless me, there were four of them all of a heap.

23,828. That goes a very short way ?—They got a very nice sum out of it.

23,829. Cannot you give me another name ?—I think I will, if you give me time; it will all come back to my memory. I have not a scrap of paper. Whitelock.

23,830. How much ?—Four pounds.

23,831. Do you know his christian name ?—Thomas.

23,832. Anyone else ?—It is no use giving you dead men; I know one dead.

23,833. Yes, they will do ?—Samuel Foreman, I believe, or I do not know whether it was his next door neighbour.

23,834. In transactions of this kind men pass away, no doubt ?—They do.

23,835. Do I understand you to say, Mr. Oxley, that every farthing of the 55*l.* passed from you ?—Why me and this Robert Padget.

23,836. I mean did it all pass from your hands; did any of it remain with you ?—None at all; no I was in debt.

23,837. That is to say that you paid more than 55*l.* ? Yes, it is true.

23,838. But who introduced Sir Henry to you that you got in debt for him ?—Sir Henry.

23,839. Yes, then Mr. Edwards ?—I do not know that anyone introduced me ?—I speak conscientiously. The reason why I supported him was, I believe, he supported us. He assisted Mr. Glover in getting in, and I was very active for Mr. Glover.

23,840. You think he assisted Mr. Glover in getting in ?—Yes.

23,841. Do you suppose he advanced money on behalf of Mr. Glover ?—No, I do not know that he advanced it.

23,842. What interest could Mr. Edwards have ?—He had a very great deal of influence.

23,843. In Beverley at that time ?—Yes, the party that was connected with him.

23,844. Who ?—Such as Wreghitt, and Vickers here he is a very active man.

23,845. Now I will bring you to the election of '59, do you remember it ?—Perfectly well.

23,846. I will tell you who were candidates, Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Ay, to my sorrow I voted for Walters, and I had seconded Glover; it was all because Mr. Boyes came.

23,847. You voted for Walters ?—I voted for Glover.

23,848. It was Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I fancy I voted for this here Walters.

23,849. Was Glover up then ?—Yes he was, I was his seconder.

23,850. Some money passed through your hands then, I think ?—Well, you might think; I was Mr. Glover's seconder.

23,851. Never mind that ?—Oh, but we will have the whole truth of it. Mr. Boyes comes into my shop, and he says, Now Oxley let's pull these Tories down, and now you stick to Glover, and we will split to you. Well, sir, time came, day appeared, and they did split to us. They see us to the devil first.

23,852. Be so good as to attend, you have up to this time. Do you recollect how much money passed through your hands on that occasion on behalf of Walters ?—Not one farthing.

23,853. We know there was a great deal of money going then ?—Money! bless you, yes!

23,854. And did not they give you any ?—Not a penny.

23,855. To spend ?—Not a penny.

23,856. They promised you some ?—I asked for coaches and convehicles and all sorts of traps; I had it all in view in front of my house.

23,857. Did not they promise you any ?—Not a penny.

23,858. At Walters' election ?—No, they promised to assist me, and they said they intended it.

23,859. Say whether or not you did not receive some money on behalf of Walters in '59. You were going against your old friends. Did not you receive some money on behalf of Walters ?—Not a penny, I voted for my old friend Glover.

23,860. And Walters ?—I fancy I did, because on that account Boyes said he would split to us and help us up.

23,861. Do you recollect the "Pack Horse" ?—Very well.

23,862. In '59 did any money pass through your hands ?—No.

23,863. Did you pay any voters afterwards ?—I never paid a penny in '59, not a penny to any man man breathing. Just look at the number of votes we had, 54, and the rightest and best fellows in Beverley.

23,864. Glover had no money ?—No, he only polled 54, and I voted for him, I was his seconder.

23,865. Was that the election in which they were watching him ?—I can tell you this, they cut a cork in small pieces for to choke him. I saw it with my own eyes.

23,866. Now attend ?—That is the truth.

23,867. You recollect in '60 it was Walker and Gridley ?—Yes.

23,868. For whom did you vote ?—Gridley.

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23,869. Did you take an active part in the Gridley election?—No, I did not.

23,870. You took some part?—No.

23,871. Do not you recollect the "Pack Horse"?—I took no part.

23,872. Do not you remember the public-house called the "Pack Horse"?—Ay, very well.

23,873. We have heard a good deal of it, and I think, Oxley, you were at the "Pack Horse" during the election?—Yes, I was.

23,874. I think you were door-keeper there?—No.

23,875. I think you were standing at the door to see the proper persons went in. Now attend; were not you standing at the door of the "Pack Horse" to see only proper persons got in?—I think not.

23,876. I think you were?—No, I think it was Force Herdsman.

23,877. What were you doing at the "Pack Horse"?—I do not know, perhaps looking on.

23,878. That will not do?—Well, but it will do.

23,879. No, it will not indeed. At what were you looking? I can understand looking on at a game of cricket; at what game were you looking on?—This is at Gridley's election you are speaking.

23,880. Yes?—I do not know that I was at the "Pack Horse."

23,881. You have said you were looking on; what were you looking on at?—I was watching them going forward in and out.

23,882. Did not you know voters were going to be paid there; we know they were?—Oh yes, I was watching them.

23,883. Who was paying them on that occasion, do you recollect?—I could not tell you, they were two strangers. One came from Pontefract I believe I was told, and another from London.

23,884. Was that a man with a hairy cap?—Yes.

23,885. He came from Pontefract?—I could not say.

23,886. One of them did. How long did you remain at the "Pack Horse," do you recollect?—I believe it was about half an hour.

23,887. You see I am not satisfied with the account you give of the 55*l.* I thought you would give a much better account for your own sake. Do you know Bainton?—Of Beverley Parks do you mean? There are many Baintons.

23,888. The solicitor?—Oh, the lawyer.

23,889. Yes. You do?—Yes.

23,890. I think you have had some dealings with him in respect to elections?—Yes.

23,891. I believe you think he did not treat you well on one occasion?—Very shamefully; not on the election, mind.

23,892. Oh no., of course not on the election. At what election was it, that after the election you waited upon him and wanted to get some money?—I do not recollect that ever I waited on him for money. I remember his having a chancery suit with me, and that is what I am speaking of his behaving badly in.

23,893. I do not want to go into chancery suits, we are here about elections. Do you remember waiting on him after some election and asking him for some money that you had spent and he refused to give any?—I do not remember that ever I did in my life.

23,894. Just recollect yourself; you changed sides. Was not that the reason of your changing sides?—No, it was on account of the cruelty with which they behaved to my old friend Glover.

23,895. On account of the way ——?—Oh, they treated him most shamefully; that made me turn over to the other side, and there I remained.

23,896. Williams gave you 55*l.* and you only give us the names of three or four persons. Can you give us any other information?—There were 12 men paid about 10*s.* apiece.

23,897. Any other information?—I should be most glad to do it if I could.

23,898. What about Keane's election in '55?—Well, I voted for Keane.

23,899. Money was going then?—Yes, briskly.

23,900. Did any money pass through your hands?—Not a penny; I never took a penny for my vote, and I never will.

23,901. If you recollect, my questions have not been at all directed to that. I do not ask you that. I do not think you did, but I ask you did any money pass through your hands?—Not a penny piece.

23,902. Now you were a town councillor, were you a pasture master at all?—No; I was not eligible, I was not a freeman.

23,903. When you were elected town councillor in '57, was there a sharp contest?—There was indeed.

23,904. What did it cost you?—I do remember paying a trifle, not a deal.

23,905. Where did the rest of the money come from on your side?—I could tell you the election before what it cost me, but it was very trifling the last one. I put up the year before and it cost me a nice little round sum. Mr. Catterson told you it cost him very little, it cost him 25*l.* and me 15*l.*, and that gentleman there 15*l.*, and we raised a purse of 200*l.*, and we got one in of the name of Fox. Now we come here in this very present election it did not cost us a deal.

23,906. What year was that?—The year before.

23,907. I do not know the year; what was the year?—It would be '56.

23,908. I did not want to go back so far as that. I believe you were beaten, and then you got in on the *quo warranto*?—Yes.

23,909. What did you contribute to that?—Not a penny, nor yet ask a man to vote. I would not let my own tenants vote for them.

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23,910. In the election of 1857, I understood you to say that you went about with Major Edwards?—Oh, no, you did not. I went with Glover.

23,911. You told us you spoke to Edwards. You voted for Edwards at all events in '57?—I voted a plumper for Glover, did I not?

23,912. I am satisfied there is some confusion about dates?—There is.

23,913. Now let us get that put straight. At which election did you get the 55*l.*? Do answer me carefully; which election was that?—It was '57.

23,914. At the election when Edwards and Wells put up?—I voted for Glover.

23,915. There were two elections in '57; one was Denison, Glover, and Wells?—I voter for Glover, not for Denison.

23,916. Was that the time you got the 55*l.*?—No, not a penny.

23,917. Which was the time you got the 55*l.*?—I did not get it.

23,918. Was not it at Major Edwards' first election?—I think it was; I have answered you that many times.

23,919. Was it Major Edwards' first election?—It was.

23,920. You said something about speaking to Major Edwards?—I do not know that I spoke to him, I could not meet him but speak to him I should imagine.

23,921. Did you go about asking for votes for him?—No; I went for Glover. Glover was my man.

23,922. But you voted for Edwards?—Well, I could hardly say so.

23,923. You could not have voted for Glover, because he was not up then?—In '57 he was.

23,924. But he was up twice?—Oh yes, he was. I was particular in telling you about the 55*l.* I have told you already.

23,925. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You said you were at the "Pack Horse." Do not you know who paid the money there?—No.

23,926. Mr. Vickers was there, was he not? Was it he?—Mr. Vickers; no.

23,927. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You do not know who did ?—No, I do not ; I did not get money.

23,928. Do you know who that was ?—No ; I wish I could remember. I am sure if I knew I would tell you.

23,929. Who was Mr. Gridley's conducting agent ? —I am not able to speak as to that. I do not know who it was I am sure.

23,930. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Perhaps Mr. Hind can tell.

23,931. (*Mr. Hind.*) It was Mr. Clarke of York.

23,932. (*The witness.*) I took no active part whatever in that election ; none at all.

23,933-4. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. Oxley, I wish you could give us some more names ; it is rather meagre at present ?—I have thought of as many as I could ; I am sure I would give them if I could remember more. I have no papers, none at all, but have taken them out of my head.

A person of the name of Padget here stated Mr. Oxley had made a mistake in his evidence.

Mr. Norfolk, who had been examined, presented himself for the purpose of making a statement. After being heard shortly, he was stopped, and the Commissioners adjourned to their private room. On their returning into Court, the official shorthand writer in attendance upon the Commission was informed it was the unanimous decision of the Commissioners, the statement made that day by Mr. Norfolk should be struck out of the note.

Mr. Oxley here stated he had made a mistake in a person's name, it should have been Charles and not Robert Padget.

Mr. Joseph Hind recalled ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

Mr. J. Hind.

23,935. What are you, Mr. Hind ?—Deputy registrar of deeds for the East Riding of Yorkshire.

23,936. How long have you been in Beverley ?—All my life.

23,937. You have been active on the Liberal side in the elections of Beverley ?—Only from 1854.

23,938. Have you not interfered in or been interested in them since that time ?—The only way in which I have interfered was when Mr. Clark was acting as the agent for the candidates ; I was generally with him in his private room assisting him there.

23,939. We may take it you knew as much as Mr. Clark did on the subject ?—I think I did.

23,940. What was the first election in which you were in Mr. Clark's confidence in the way you have mentioned ?—It was in 1852.

23,941. That was the election of Lawley and Wells and Glover ?—It was. I may say I was clerk in the committee room of Towneley.

23,942. I suppose, if we were to question you as to that election you would only confirm what we have heard before ?—Exactly ; I should accept Mr. Boyes's evidence ; I should confirm it.

23,943. Will you tell me what money was spent in 1852 ?—The total amount ?

23,944. Yes, the total ?—I am not aware what was spent in bribery.

23,945. You cannot state for certain what money was spent in bribery at the election of 1852 ?—I should say from recollection it would be 200*l.* or 300*l.*, in sums of 2*l.* or 3*l.* each.

23,946. You would say from recollection that between 200*l.* and 300*l.* was the sum spent on the Liberal side ?—I should say 200*l.* or 300*l.* was the amount. I need not say that at that time Mr. Clark would have no cognizance of anything of that kind.

23,947. Can you tell me from whom the money came ?—No, I cannot.

23,948. Do you not know how it came into the town ?—No.

23,949. Do you know who distributed the money ? —No, I do not.

23,950. How do you know it was 200*l.* or 300*l.* ?—Simply from a report that was given out at the time.

23,951. Given out by whom ?—It was talked about ; I had no means of knowing openly ; I never was in connexion with parties paying money.

23,952. Were these people paid before or after the election ?—Some would be paid before the election and some after.

23,953. Would the 200*l.* or 300*l.* include messengers ?—Yes, I should think it would.

23,954. Do you know what were the legitimate expenses of the election ?—I could not tell precisely, but I should think 400*l.* or 500*l.*

23,955. Can you tell me where we can get a return of those expenses ?—You can get them from the town clerk's office ; I applied on Saturday for that return and hoped to have had it here by this time, but I can procure a return of the expenses.

23,956. Can you tell me who distributed the money ? —I think a person of the name of Tigar, John Tigar, I think he would have to do with some of it.

23,957. Is he alive at present ?—I believe he is alive at present.

23,958. That is so ?—Yes, he is alive at present.

23,959. Are you aware whether any money was spent on the other side in bribery ?—There is no doubt about it.

23,960. Who concurred with Tigar in that distribution ?—I cannot say.

23,961. You know Glover's election ?—Yes ; he came two or three days before the nomination. Edwards and Wells had made a complete canvass of the town, and it was not expected there would be any opposition. Then Glover came. Nothing was paid before Glover came, and then money was paid and for the other party.

25,962. It was stated Glover came from Harrogate ?—I never heard before, but it was said he came from Ireland.

23,963. You were concerned in the election of 1854 ?—Yes, I was.

23,964. Gordon's election ?—Yes.

23,965. Were Mr. Clark and yourself concerned in that election ?—Yes, on behalf of Mr. Gordon.

23,966. And did you communicate with him in the same way ?—Yes.

23,967. And generally I may take it you are acquainted with the Liberal party's matters ?—Yes.

23,968. Was any money spent then ?—Not one farthing.

23,969. That you will undertake to swear ?—Yes.

23,970. And on the part of Mr. Hastings ?—No, there was not.

23,971. It was a perfectly pure election ?—Yes.

23,972. Then the next election would be that of 1857 ?—Yes, 1857. I should say with regard to Mr. Glover's first election Mr. Champney was a very active man for Mr. Glover. He told me in this court he spent 150*l.* for him. I have quite a right to name it, for he told me without making any secret of it.

23,973. The first election of 1857 was Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—Yes.

23,974. Well, in 1857 the candidates were Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—Yes.

23,975. And Denison and Glover were, I think, returned ?—Yes.

23,976. Were you assisting Mr. Clark on that occasion ?—I was.

23,977. And what in your opinion was the amount of corrupt expenses on that occasion on the Liberal side ?—There were no corrupt expenses whatever on that occasion.

23,978. On the Liberal side ?—On the Liberal side.

23,979. Do you know what the cost of the election

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was to the Liberal party?—Not more than between 500*l.* or 600*l.*

23,980. Why do you speak so certainly of there being no corrupt expenses on that occasion?—The fact is that when Mr. Glover came into the town he was completely discarded by the Tory party; they never thought of his being elected. Mr. Denison was expected to start for Hull. He waited upon me to ask if we would adopt him as a second candidate. Mr. Glover was staying at the "Beverley Arms." He told me he contemplated leaving. Mr. Oxley asked him to remain. After that he was entertained at a breakfast, and under those circumstances he remained as a candidate. The Liberals never looked upon him in the light of a serious opponent, as 200 of the Conservatives had promised during the Liberal canvass they would not support Mr. Glover, and on the election day the Liberals expected they would have a certain victory.

23,981. What do you say as to corrupt expenses on the Conservative side?—The forenoon of the election day a brother of mine who works at the ironworks came to me and said they were paying money in the stables at the "Green Dragon" on the part of Mr. Glover. I made an inquiry afterwards, and found out that was the case.

23,982. Do you know who distributed the money for Mr. Glover?—Yes, he was a person who lived only two doors from me, unfortunately since dead; a person of the name of Taylor.

23,983. Taylor?—Yes, one who had been a barrister's clerk. He paid the money, but James Watson, a painter now living, he told me, and I took it down, that he saw people going in and out of the stable, and that he saw Mr. Barkworth, the banker, going in and out.

23,985. The stable of the "Green Dragon"?—Yes. I may also state that when a petition was presented against Mr. Glover it was contemplated to include bribery to unseat him, but not being able to prove agency that was dropped.

23,986. Did you pay any messengers?—Yes, they were paid at every election. They were employed as runners and take out papers.

23,987. They were voters?—Yes.

23,988. What number were engaged?—Never more than a dozen, and sometimes only half a dozen. They would be allowed at any time; they have always been returned in the accounts.

23,990. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The next election would be August of the same year, Glover, Edwards, and Wells, 1857; were you engaged in the same way?—Yes.

23,991. On the part of Mr. Wells?—Yes.

23,992. Was any money spent in bribery in that election?—None whatever on the part of Mr. Wells.

23,993. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We have evidence that there was?—I will explain. I do not recollect a single case. I have paid great attention to the evidence from the first, and do not find out a case. I may state this, that on the part of Mr. Wells we had two detectives to watch the Conservative party, one from York and the other from Leeds, and if there was bribery on the part of Mr. Wells it never came to our knowledge.

23,994. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did Mr. Clark conduct the election?—He did. I have paid particular attention to it.

23,995. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You may be right?—I am only stating my own conviction.

23,996. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your opinion of what took place on the other side?—A new system, never introduced into this borough before, then prevailed. We had men furnished with money to bribe in the public streets, which never existed or was known in the borough before at any previous borough election.

23,997. Who distributed the money on the Conservative side?—Mr. Williams took a very prominent part. There was no secret about it. He came from Baxter, Rose, & Norton's, and he went about the public streets.

23,998. What is Mr. Williams' christian name?—I forget his christian name; I think I could get it He was calling on voters on part of the Conservatives.

23,999. The next election is 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I may just say a petition was presented against Sir Henry Edwards at his first election.

24,000. Sir Henry?—At least Major Edwards.

24,001. A petition was presented?—Yes, and the committee was appointed to meet at a certain day, and I went up to London and was there at the time when the petition was agreed to be withdrawn.

24,002. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who were the parties to that agreement?—I could not tell who were. I saw Mr. Leeman there, and he told me that a ministerial crisis was expected, and suppose the petition went on, we might have an election within a week or ten days; it was a question whether they would go on with it on the ground of expense, especially as a general election might take place. It was in the month of February, 1858, that I am speaking of.

24,003. The general election did not take place till 1859?—No, but at the time there was a ministerial crisis expected. It was withdrawn on that ground, on the ground of expense.

24,004. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We come to 1859. Did Mr. Clark conduct that election?—No, he did not.

24,005. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Who was conducting agent?—Mr. Todd of Hull.

24,006. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who were the conducting agents for Sir Henry Edwards?—Messrs. England and Bainton.

24,007. Did you see either of them in London?—No, I did not.

24,008. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe that Mr. Walters came to the town only a very few days before the election?—He came first in February 1858.

24,009. Did he come here with the intention of being a candidate for the town?—Undoubtedly.

24,010. Did he address the electors?—He addressed the electors in this very hall.

24,011. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Brought by the Liberal party, I suppose?—By the Liberal party.

24,012. (*Mr. Barstow.*) From 1858 he was the recognized future candidate of the Liberal party?—He was; he came down in May 1858, and a large meeting was held in this hall. Mr. Sedgwick and others were present, and there were resolutions carried adopting him as the future candidate.

24,013. I suppose that in 1859, a few days before the election, he came to the town?—He came two or three days before; he was expected much sooner, but there were some plans of bringing a Liberal colleague with him, and that delayed the time of his coming. Two deputations went to London for the purpose of looking after a Liberal candidate.

24,014. We know there was a considerable corrupt expenditure on his side?—There was.

24,015. Do you know anything about that?—No, nothing, except from report; I will give you what I think were the numbers paid.

24,016. What number?—Over 300 would be paid 2*l.* each. Some might only be paid 1*l.*, because the old custom was to give 2*l.* for a plumper and 1*l.* for a split; it was not considered honourable to take more than what was fixed by the custom.

24,017. Do you know at all where the money came from?—Not at all.

24,018. Do you know who distributed it here?—Mr. Taylor was one, I think he was the principal; I think he would be the only one; I think nobody would distribute money that time except Mr. Taylor, that was according to the old plan.

24,019. Well now, there was also we believe a considerable expenditure on the Conservative side?—I believe there was.

24,020. What should you say about that?—There was one very particular kind of corruption. Mr. Walters did not come in till two days before the election; up to that time the Conservatives had gone

about canvassing, but I do not think they had put any messengers on at all, or taken any considerable part, but on the election day they put down the names of persons as messengers; they acknowledged before a committee of the House of Commons they put on 65, but we have reason to believe there were a great many more put down and paid too, and in addition to this there were Mr. Baker and Mr. Oxley, and all the persons who had been the bribers previously were actually at work. I was only surprised Mr. Vickers was not at work, only looking over the evidence I do not find his name.

24,021. There was a counter petition presented against Major Edwards?—There was, and the committee decided because Mr. Bainton had paid them after, therefore it was not bribery, that seems to be the distinction which they drew as far as we could comprehend, and there was one significant fact, Major Edwards was not up before the committee or Mr. Baker, nor any of the persons who were committing bribery, as we alleged. It went off on the point of agency. We had a great mass of evidence which was not brought out, because the counsel advised that if we could not furnish agency by that which was before the committee we could not establish it at all. It went off entirely on a question of agency.

24,022. What amount do you think was spent on the Conservative side?—I could not say; it cost 22*s.* 6*d.* each for messengers. One man gave evidence that he had not done any work at all, and another that he had only worked two days.

24,023. What number do you consider were bribed on the Conservative side?—I could not possibly say; I should say, judging from the number they generally have, not very far short of what had been bribed on the other side; pretty nearly the same number; the Liberals would have 200 or 300.

24,024. Were Messrs. England and Bainton the conducting agents?—They were; I think they have given evidence before the committee.

24,025. Have you anything more to tell us about the election of 1859?—That is all I can tell you.

24,026. Now, the next we come to is 1860, which was a bye election?—Yes.

24,027. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I suppose, really, Mr. Walters was a perfect stranger to the borough?—No, he had been before the borough 18 months.

24,028. He had no connexion with the borough, the same as Sir Henry Edwards, either by family or property, or otherwise?—No, neither had Sir Henry Edwards or Captain Kennard.

24,029. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The next election was 1860, it was a bye election between Walker and Gridley, did you take any part in that?—No.

24,030. Who was the conducting agent for Mr. Gridley?—Mr. Clark, that was the election that I did not assist Mr. Clark; I did not assist at all.

24,031. You have no information about that?—Nothing but rumour.

24,032. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Rumours at that time?—Yes, I am speaking about the time.

24,033. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What number do you suppose were bribed?—I think there would be nearly 300 bribed at the "Pack Horse."

24,034. Who was Mr. Gridley; do you know?—He was a gentleman from London, I think he was gentleman-at-arms to Her Majesty, a man who had been a barrister.

24,035. Utterly unknown here?—Yes.

24,036. How did he come to be a candidate here?—I think he would be very likely introduced through Mr. Walters; I think so, and I will tell you how Mr. Walters got introduced.

24,037. Do?—I was in London in connexion with the petition, and I met Mr. Tindal Atkinson, and we were talking about the matter; I have known him several years, and we were discussing the question as to the probability of a general election, and I said if there should be one I thought we should want a candidate. He knew Mr. Walters, and it was through him that Mr. Walters was mentioned to me, and that was the way he came to Beverley.

24,038. Mr. Walters had been a candidate twice before, once for Gateshead, and once for some other place?—I think he had, he was a very respectable man, and a man who stood very high.

24,039. Mr. Gridley was introduced through him?—I think so; I think the probability would be this, that when the petition was pending it was Mr. Walters came down with him; but I never had an introduction to him at all.

24,040. Mr. Walker is the only son of Sir James Walker, and he lives in Beverley park?—No, he lives some distance. Sir James Walker has a house called the Hall.

24,041. I thought it was Beverley park?—They only come here a few weeks in the year, it is called the Hall; Walker at the Hall it is generally said.

24,042. At all events he has some connexion with the borough?—Oh yes, he is well known here; I think he was born here.

24,043. What some of money do you suppose was spent in bribery on his side?—I could not say, there must have been a very large amount. I think Mr. John England, it was said was in a room in the "Green Dragon" on that occasion paying voters, the partner of England and Bainton; I gather that from the evidence which I looked over to inform myself before I came here.

24,044. Where is the "Green Dragon?"—In the Market Street, just opposite the hustings, the place where Glover's operations were carried on.

24,045. How many voters do you suppose were paid on Mr. Walker's part?—I should think a great many more than on the part of Mr. Gridley.

24,046. More than 300?—I should think so.

24,047. Messrs. England and Bainton were Mr. Walker's, were conducting agents?—Yes.

24,048. Have you exhausted 1860?—I have.

24,049. The next is 1865; do you know anything about that?—I do. On the 5th of June 1865, Mr. Keane sent his address. He was mentioned through Serjeant Tindal Atkinson; I think he went to Mr. Todd, of Hull, that was the way that Mr. Keane came.

24,050. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was Mr. Keane's brother here?—Yes, he came down with him.

24,051. We are already aware there was a very considerable expenditure at that election in 1865?—There was.

24,052. Can you give us any particulars about it?—I can.

24,053. In the first place do you know what amount of money was spent in bribing on the part of Mr. Keane?—The amount that I have here is 846*l.* If the Commissioners will allow me, I will read over the summary.

24,054. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You mean that was for illegal expenses?—That was paid to voters. I wish to hand in List No. 1, which contains the names of 61 freemen voters who received 1*l.* each. Of those 20 voted for Edwards and Sykes, and four did not vote at all.

24,055. (*Mr. Barstow.*) They were all bribed for Keane?—They were all paid 1*l.* We do not call it bribery. It is the old customary payment.

24,056. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Very well, we will distinguish.

24,057. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It went by the name of messenger money?—No, it is the old payment. I will show the Commissioners what it means. List No. 2 contains the names of 238 freemen voters who received 2*l.* each.

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24,058. On the part of Mr. Keane?—They are all on the part of Mr. Keane that I am giving you now. Of those, 13 voted Keane and Sykes, 38 voted Keane and Edwards, 15 voted Edwards and Sykes, 2 gave plumpers for Sykes, and 3 did not vote at all. List No. 3 contains the names of 42 freemen voters who received 3*l.* each, 1*l.* more than they had any right to receive. Of these 1 voted Edwards and Sykes, and 3 for Keane and Edwards. List No. 4 contains the names of 15 freemen voters who received 4*l.*, that is 2*l.* more than they ought to have had. Of these 2 voted Keane and Edwards, and 1 voted a plumper for Edwards. Those are the freemen. That makes a total of 356 freemen, who received 723*l.* The next is the householders' list, No. 1. I have distinguished them. That contains the names of 12 householders who received 1*l.* each. Of these 3 voted Edwards and Sykes, and 2 did not vote at all. List No. 2 (householders) contains the names of 41 householders who received 2*l.* each.

24,059. (*Mr. Barstow.*) These were all 10*l.* householders at that time?—Yes. I may explain that many of the freemen were 10*l.* householders as well, and some of them get money in the capacity of freemen. Of these 41 householders who received 2*l.* each 4 voted Keane and Edwards, 1 voted Keane and Sykes, and 1 voted Edwards and Sykes. List No. 3 contains the names of 3 householders who received 3*l.* That was 1*l.* more than they ought to have received. List No. 4 contains the names of 5 householders who received 4*l.* each, which was 2*l.* more than they ought to have had. That makes a total of 61 householders who received 123*l.* There were 417 voters, freemen and householders together, who received 846*l.* The number polled for Keane was 495.

24,060. 495 voted for him and 417 of them were paid?—Allow me to make an analysis which I have prepared. Out of the 417 who received money there were 39 who voted for Edwards and Sykes; plumped for Sykes, 2; plumped for Edwards, 1; persons who did not vote, 10; making 52. So that we find that there were 365 out of the 495 who voted for Keane who were paid.

24,061. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How much was the illegal expenditure altogether?—846*l.* for the payment of voters.

24,062. Do you recollect the amount of the returned legal expenses?—382*l.* 2*s.* 6d. on behalf of Mr. Keane. On the other side the returned expenses were 651*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*, on the part of Edwards and Sykes. If all had voted according to the implied contract, the result of the poll would have been as follows:—Edwards, 603; Sykes, 581; Keane, 537. (*The following are the lists handed in by the witness.*)

List No. 1.

Freemen.

Abbott, William.
Arnott, Thomas.
Biggins, William Thomas. (E. & S.)
Blyth, George Baitson.
Calvert, Edwin. (E. & S.)
Castle, Francis.
Cattle, Thomas Issott.
Chambers, John.
Constable, Charles.
Constable, John (Walkergate). (E. & S.)
Copeland, George.
Crosskill, William (fitter).
Dalton, Thomas, jun.
Dawson, John.
Dixon, William Noon.
Dosser, Mark Brown. (E. & S.)
Duncan, William.
Foster, John. (E. & S.)
Gawan, Thomas.
Gillyatt, Thomas.
Gillyatt, Thomas Dalton. E. & S.)
Gossip, William Milner.
Greenhough, Francis.
Hall, Reuben. (E. & S.)
Harrison, Thomas. (Did not vote.)
Holliday, William.
Holliday, Richard Allen. (E. & S.)
Horner, Richard.
Jobson, Peter.
Leason, John.
Levitt, William. (E. & S.)
Loft, William (waterman).
Marson, William.
Megson, John.
Megson, Richard (Minstermoor Gate).
Mercer, George (Fleming Gate).
Musgrave, Benjamin. (E. & S.)
Musgrave, Phineas, jun. (Did not vote.)
Needham, James, jun.
Newton, Daniel. (E. & S.)
Philpot, William. (E. & S.)
Ridley, Henry. (E. & S.)
Ridley, Hugh.
Shearsmith, Marshall.
Skinner, Richard.
Smith, William.
Smith, John Duncan.
Spivey, Henry. (E. & S.)
Spivey, George Charles. (Did not vote.)
Spivey, Thomas. (E. & S.)
Stather, Stephen.
Stephenson, Thomas. (E. & S.)
Taylor, Robert (Fleming Gate). (E. & S.)
Taylor, Henry. (Did not vote.)
Thompson, John.
Tuting, John.
Walker, William Robert.
Wallis, Robert Knaggs.
Wilson, George. (E. & S.)
Wilson, William. (E. & S.)
Wood, John, jun.

List No. 2.

Freemen.

Abbott, William Gray.
Abbott, Jonathan. (K. & S.)
Abbott, John.
Abbott, John, jun.
Abbott, Thomas. (K. & S.
Abbott, James.
Akrill, James.
Allenby, Robert.
Allen, Thomas.
Andover, John. (K. & S.)
Andover, Richard.
Armstrong, Robert. (K. & E.)
Armstrong, Matthew.
Arnott, Robert James.
Atkinson, John. (K. & E.)
Atkinson, Richard.
Baitson, Marmaduke.
Barrow, Richard.
Bell, Richard. (E. & S.)
Bell, William.
Best, Anthony.
Best, Thomas, jun.
Bielby, Henry.
Bielby, William (Norwood).
Bielby, William, jun. (E. & S.)
Bielby, William (Newbegin Road).
Blythe, William.
Botterill, George.
Boynton, Welburn.
Boynton, William.
Brooks, Benjamin.
Brusby, William (Mill Lane).
Brusby, William (Beckside).
Brusby, John (Beverley Parks).
Brusby, George (Riding Fields).
Brusby, George (St. Andrew Street).
Campey, George John.
Campey, John. (K. & E.)
Campey, James.
Cappleman, John.
Castle, Robert.

Cattle, George.
Cattle, Joseph.
Cattle, Daniel.
Cherry, William.
Clough, William. (E. & S.)
Clough, George Thomas. (K. & E.)
Clubley, John
Clubley, Thomas Cross.
Coates, Richard, jun. (K. & E.)
Coates, Thomas.
Constable, William.
Constable, John.
Constable, William.
Coxton, Thomas. (E. & S.)
Crathorne, Frederick.
Cross, William. (K. & S.)
Crosskill, William (moulder).
Dalton, James. (K. & E.)
Dawson, John (Beckside).
Dawson, Robert.
Day, Richard.
Dent, John Allen.
Dosser, Richard Clark.
Downing, John. (K. & E.)
Duffill, John.
Duffill, William. (K. & E.)
Duffill, Thomas (Grovehill).
Duffill, Paul Marsh.
Duncan, Samuel.
Elliott, Joseph. (K. & E.)
Elwell, James Edward.
Fitzgerald, Charles Edward. (E. & S.)
Foster, Matthew John. (E. & S.)
Foster, Ralph.
Foster, Robert. (E. & S.)
Garbutt, Isaac. (K. & E.)
Gawan, William Samuel. (K. & E.)
Gawan, George. (K. & E.)
Gawan, Joseph.
Gibbs, David.
Gibson, James.
Gibson, John Henry. (Did not vote.)
Gibson, William.
Gilyon, Benjamin.
Goforth, John, jun.
Goforth, William.
Goforth, Robert.
Gossip, Joseph.
Gossip, James.
Goldwell, Samuel. (K. & E.)
Graham, John Lancaster. (E. & S.)
Greenhough, Joseph (Norwood).
Greenhough, Joseph (Saturday Market).
Greensides, Christopher.
Griffin, Charles. (K. & E.)
Griffin, Thomas. (K. & S.)
Groves, John, jun. (K. & E.)
Hall, James. (K. & E.)
Hall, John (Walkergate). (E. & S.)
Hall, William.
Harrison, Charles.
Harrison, John (Beckside). (K. & S.)
Harrison, Edward.
Harrison, William James. (K. & E.)
Harrison, William.
Hazzlehurst, Thomas.
Hewson, James.
Hoggard, William, jun. (E. & S.)
Hoggard, Henry. (K. & E.)
Hoggard, Robert.
Hoggard, George.
Hoggard, John.
Hood, Bainbridge.
Hutchinson, Edward Clarkson.
Hutchinson, Thomas, jun. (K. & S.)
Hutton, James (Well Lane).
Hyde, William James.
Ireland, Samuel.
Jameson, John Brandham.
Jefferson, George.
Jenkinson, William.
Johnson, William. (K. & E.)
Julian, George.
Kennington, John. (K. & S.)
Kirby, Robert.
Kirby, Frederick. (K. & E.)
Kirby, William.
Kirkman, James.
Kirkman, Thomas.
Lancaster, John Constable. (E. & S.)
Lascelles, John.
Lascelles, Martin.
Leason, James.
Leavings, James Joseph.
Little, James.
Loft, Timothy.
Loft, William (joiner).
Loft, Alfred Taylor. (K. & E.)
Malton, Henry. (K. & E.)
Mason, William.
Mawman, Robert.
Megson, Matthew.
Megson, William. (K. & S.)
Megson, Richard (Keldgate).
Mercer, George (Keldgate).
Mercer, John.
Mercer, Robert.
Mercer, James.
Middleton, William.
Mitchell, John. (Did not vote.)
Mitchell, John Riby.
Monkman, Thomas (Lairgate).
Morris, William Marshall. (E. & S.)
Musgrave, Thomas.
Musgrave, William Croft.
Musgrave, George.
Musgrave, George Foster. (K. & E.)
Nicholson, William.
Nicholson, Levi.
Nicholson, Daniel.
Padget, Robert. (K. & E.)
Palmer, Thomas Sumner.
Pearson, John Robert.
Pexton, William.
Pexton, Thomas.
Plant, Daniel Finglah.
Pottage, Richard. (K. & E.)
Porte, Robert Shaw. (K. & E.)
Priestman, John.
Purdon, Henry.
Rennison, John.
Rennison, Richard.
Ridley, John.
Ridley, John, jun.
Ridley, William (Fleming Gate).
Ringrose, Thomas Tindall.
Rippon, Thomas, jun. (E. & S.)
Robinson, George Catterson. (S.)
Ross, Benjamin. (K. & E.)
Sanderson, George.
Scaum, John.
Scruton, James. (K. & S.)
Scruton, John (bricklayer).
Scruton, Joseph.
Shaw, John Lumley. (K. & S.)
Simpson, Richard. (K. & E.)
Simpson, Robert. (K. & E.)
Simpson, Thomas.
Skinner, Richard. (K. & S.)
Slater, George.
Smelt, Samuel. (K. & E.)
Smelt, Samuel, jun.
Smelt, Stephen George.
Smith, William Warrener.
Smith, Richard.
Spenceley, Thomas. (K. & E.)
Spivey, Benjamin.
Spivey, William. (K. & S.)
Stamford, John.
Stephenson, Edward.
Summan, William, jun.
Sykes, Thomas.

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Taylor (Dog and Duck Lane).
Taylor, James (Fleming Gate). (E. & S.)
Taylor, John Whitaker.
Taylor, George. (K. & E.)
Taylor, Thomas Henry.
Trushell, Denby Chapman.
Trushell, James William. (K. & E.)
Verity, William.
Verity, William, jun.
Verity, Charles.
Walker, William. (K. & E.)
Walker, Thomas.
Wallis, James.
Wallis, Henry. (Did not vote.)
Wallis, Thomas Henry.
Wallis, Samuel. (S.)
Wardell, John.
Wardell, Francis Henry.
Wardell, Thomas.
Watson, John. (K. & E.)
Watson, Robert.
Watson, Robert Hildrick.
Watson, William.
West, Jacob. (K. & E.)
Whisker, Thomas. (K. & E.)
White, Thomas. (E. & S.)
Whitfield, Thomas.
Whiteing, James.
Whitton, Thomas. (K. & E.)
Wilkinson, John.
Wilson, John.
Wilson, William Mosey.
Wilson, Milner.
Wood, William.
Young, William.

List No. 3.

Freemen.

Abbott, Benjamin.
Boyes, William Oustoby.
Clubley, Thomas Marshall.
Collinson, Edwin.
Cook, Joseph.
Cross, Joseph.
Dales, William, jun.
Dosser, William Brown.
Dove, Thomas.
Gibbs, David, jun.
Giles, Thomas.
Goldham, William Shepherd.
Greenbury, David.
Hall, John (Riding Fields).
Horner, James.
Horner, Joseph.
Hutton, John. (E. & S.)
Jewison, Charles James. (K. & E.)
Kirkman, Frederick. (K. & E.)
Loft, John (Beckside).
Loft, John (Fleming Gate).
Needham, Robert (Mann's Yard). (K. & E.)
Needham, Robert (Fleming Gate).
Peck, Thomas.
Pexton, James.
Priestman, John, jun.
Ridley, Francis.
Ridley, Joseph.
Ridley, William (East Gate).
Rippon, John Cundy.
Sanderson, Thomas.
Scaum, George.
Scarr, Matthew.
Skinner, William.
Slater, Charles Henry.
Southwick, William (tailor).
Suddaby, William.
Turnbull, Robert.
Watson, James Baker.
Welburn, John.
Welburn, George.
Widdall, John.

List No. 4.

Freemen.

Duffill, George.
English, Thomas.
English, Thomas David.
Farrah, Joseph. (K. & E.)
Farrah, Thomas. (K. & E.)
Hall, William Everatt.
Hoggard, John.
Julian, Henry (Lairgate).
Julian, Jonathan Richardson.
Megson, Matthew.
Priestman, William.
Ramshaw, William (Walkergate).
Scarr, John.
Southwick, Frederick Richard.
Stott, John. (E.)

List No. 1.

Householders.

Ellis, Robert, St. Martin.
Stothard, St. Martin. (E. & S.)
Whitehead, William, St. Martin.
Landon, James, St. Mary's.
Wilbe, Francis, St. Mary's.
Clark, Henry, St. Nicholas.
Watson, William, St. Nicholas.
Donkin, John, Weel. (E. & S.)
Botham, John, Woodmansey and Beverley Parks. (Did not vote.)
Harrison, Hugel, do.
Loft, Robert. do. (Did not vote.)
Rispin, Thomas. do.

List No. 2.

Householders.

Allen, James, St. Martin.
Allen, Henry, do.
Arnott, Robert, do. (K. & E.)
Goulding, Charles, do. (K. & E.)
Goulding, Johnson, do.
Jenkinson, Thomas, do. (K. & S.)
Johnson, Francis, do.
Pickard, Lonsdale, do. (K. & E.)
Robinson, Thomas, do.
Scrivener, John, do.
Smith, John (East Gate), do.
Stephenson, William, do.
Thurlow, Joseph, do.
Turner, Jacob, do.
Wilkinson, Henry, do.
Branton, John, St. Mary's.
Kelsey, John, do.
Taylor, Joseph Parker, do.
Watson, Francis, do.
Allen, Thomas, St. Nicholas.
Carlee, Christopher, do.
Carling, Robert, do.
Cobb, Thomas, do. (E. & S.
Harper, William, do.
Hall, William, do.
Mawmill, William, do.
Gray, George, Molescroft.
Jobson, William, do.
Dunn, George, Sandholme.
Bradley, Robert, Thearne.
Dunning, Daniel, do.
Daggitt, Joseph, do.
Green, Thomas, do.
Leadley, David, Tickton.
Moate, Richard, do.
Wilson, William, do.
Clark, John, Weel.
Holmes, William, do.
Jolly, Richard, do.
Moor, William, do.
Tinsley, Thomas, Woodmansey and Beverley Parks.

List No. 3.

Householders.

Dent, Thomas, St. Mary's.
Hancock, Joseph, St. Nicholas.
Scarr, William, do.

List No. 4.

Householders.

Malton, John, St. Martin.
Smith, John, do.
Wilson, Matthew, do.
Woollock, John, jun., do.
Wilson, John, St. Nicholas.

24,063. (*The witness.*) I should like now to explain to the Commissioners the custom which has prevailed with regard to this payment of money. I do not know whether they understand it or not. It has been customary for generations past. I hold in my hand a book of the date of 1807 containing a list of all the persons paid at that election. I should like the Commissioners to know this for the sake of the credit of the borough, as questions have been asked of different witnesses as to how it happens that this system prevails. On the first page of this book there is an entry, "Paying Capt. Vyse's voters, 16th June 1808, R. "Dalton." Out of 1,010 who voted for Capt. Vyse it appears from these entries that only 78 did not receive money. For a plumper the amount paid was 3*l.* 8*s.*, and a split vote 1*l.* 14*s.* There are several persons who did not vote, for a very good reason, for some of them were in prison. At that time they used to pay wives, grandfathers, grandmothers, uncles, aunts, and everybody connected with them. So that many of these freemen have drunk in the system with their mothers' milk.

24,064. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the authority for those numbers?—It is in the writing of Mr. Frederick Campbell, one of my predecessors and afterwards mayor of Beverley; it is partly in his writing and partly in the writing of Mr. Bland; and it is added up in the writing of another of my predecessors, Mr. Atkinson. Mr. Bland was another leading gentleman in the town. You will see that there were several persons paid who did not vote. In fact the system was universal. Everyone took the money. It has been handed down to the present time, the principle of it. I am not mentioning it for the purpose of justifying it, but merely that the Commissioners might have a little consideration.

24,065. Do you know where this money in 1865 came from?—Yes, Mr. Daniel Keane, brother to the candidate, supplied the money.

24,066. Do you know anything as to when it was supplied?—I do not know anything about it.

24,067. You only know that Mr. Daniel Keane supplied the money?—I know he did; in fact, he told me that he had spent nearly 1,000*l.* out of his own pocket on account of the election; he is my authority for it.

24,068. You do not know by whom it was paid in the first instance?—I cannot give you the particulars, but I will hand over the books. There were two parties who seem to have paid money; one a person who was a stranger to the town, but who can be very easily found.

24,069. And the other was Mr. John Bird?—The other was Mr. John Bird. Here is a list of the persons paid at the Mechanics' Hall; it is the original list made by Mr. Bird. I have had it in my possession ever since a week after the election:

Greenhough, Jos.	Southwick, Will.
Welburn, Geo.	Sykes, Thos.
Widdall, Jno.	Cherry, Will.
Prestman, Jno. jun.	Pexton, James.
Boyes, Will. O.	Farrah, Jos.
Ridley, William.	Sanderson, Thos.
Ridley, Jos.	Brusby, Geo.
Ridley, F.	Giles, Thos.
Taylor, James.	Plant, F. Daniell.
Abbott, James.	Wallis, James.
Hutton, Jno.	Lascelles, Jno.
English, Thos.	Rippon, Jno. C.
Saunderson, Geo.	Slater, C.
Malton, Jno.	Ancock, Joseph.
Needham, Robert.	Collinson, Edwin.
Harrison, W. James (344).	Priestman, Will.
Gibb, David.	Bradley, Robt. (1405).
Thomas Dove.	Nicholson, Daniel.
Dent, Thos.	Smith, Jno.
Watson, Baker James.	Brusby, Will.
Stott, John.	Goforth, Will.
Megson, Rich. (508).	Pierson, Jno. R.
Gibb, jun., David.	Carley, C. Henry.
Jenkinson, Will.	Gibson, Jno. H. (300).
Elwell, Jas. Edwd. (244).	Dales, Will.
Greenbury, David.	Castle, Robt.
Duffill, Thos.	Mercer, Jno.
Clubley, T. Dawson.	Julian, J. R. J.
Robinson, Thos. (1002).	Smith, Jno.
Trushell, Denby.	Hoggard, Jno.
Woollock, Jno.	Taylor, H. T.
Clubley, Thos.	Palmer, T. S.
Scrivener, Jno. (1005).	Scaum, Geo.
Verity, Charles.	Wilson, Matthew.
Verity, Will., jun.	Brusby, Geo.
Needham, Robt.	Dosser, W. B.
Jefferson, Geo.	Skinner, Will.
Mawmill, Will. (1357).	Megson, Matt.
Welburn, Jno.	Peck, Thos.
Loft, Will.	Horner, Jos.
Cross, Joseph.	Barrow, Richd.
Hall, W. E.	Southwick, F. Richd.
Scarr, Jno.	Gouldwell, W. S.
Scarr, Will. (Riding field).	Farrah, Thos.
Horner, James.	Gillyou, Benj.
Young, Will.	Turnbull, Robt.
Julian, Henry.	Suddaby, Will.
Cook, Joseph.	Hall, Jno.
Spivey, Will.	Ringrose, Thos.
Abbott, Benj.	Duffill, Geo.
Leason, James.	Scarr, Matthew.
Hoggard, George.	

24,070. You have had the list in your possession?—I have had it in my possession from about a week after the election, perhaps three days.

24,071. Do you say the stranger can be found?—Yes; all he will know is that he paid the money; he will not be able to give any further information.

24,072. There was some one with him with a book?—That was Mr. Thomas Southwick. The marks at the side of the names in Mr. Bird's list represent pounds. Where there are two marks they represent 2*l.* I have here a list of voters which was given to me by Mr. Daniel Keane (*handing in the same*). I had it two or three days after the election.

24,073. How do you know that anything was put upon this list which I hold in my hand?—The dash represents 1*l.*; where there is no dash it is 2*l.*

24,074. What is your authority for saying that this is a pay sheet?—From information given to me. It would be affectation for me to say that I never asked Mr. Bird about it, because I did at the time.

24,075. Who told you?—He told me.

24,076. Do you know whether there was any treating on the Liberal side?—I do not think there was any. I believe as a fact that there was not an individual out of those rooms who had a farthing of money, except perhaps there might be some for paying the out voters, or something of that kind. As far as mere payment in the way of bribery goes, I am not aware of any except what was paid at the Mechanics' Hall by Mr. Bird.

24,077. Is that all you can tell us about the Liberal side?—Yes. I should like to hand in this book. There was a man named Wilson who has been named in the evidence; he was at a table in an adjoining room; he called out the numbers to those intside, and he made a cross in the book. Some were paid on the nomination afternoon, the others were paid between

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10 and 11 o'clock on the election day. I am told there was no payment after about 11 o'clock.

24,078. The second book is Wilson's ?—Yes ; I got that too from Mr. Keane.

24,079. Is that all the information you can give us of what took place on the Liberal side ?—That is all I can give.

24,080. Do you know anything about the other side in 1865 ?—No doubt bribery was very extensive. At half-past 9 I heard that they began to pay 3*l.* a man. There was a man named William Blackburn who had been paid at Oxley's, the butcher, 3*l.* at half-past 9. At that time the Liberals had not paid a farthing.

24,081. They had paid before ?—They paid 1*l.* to some voters the day before, on the nomination afternoon or night, I am not sure which. I know nothing more than what I hear about that ; I never move out on those occasions.

24,082. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What would you calculate would be spent on the Conservative side ?—I should think more than was spent on the other, because they had so many people running about giving money. I should think there was half a dozen from the Old Foundry giving away money.

24,083. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know anything of the last election in 1868 ?—Yes ; I think I know all. I do not think there was any bribery at all. If there was anything it would be a little treating, which I do not know anything at all specially about. I think the Commissioners may fairly conclude that it was a pure election.

24,084. You think yourself that it was a pure election ?—As pure as an election can be.

24,085. Have you looked into it to investigate it ?—I have done my best to find out if there was bribery on the other side, and I believe the Conservatives have done their best to discover if there was any on our side.

24,086. It was pure as apart from the municipal election ?—I am not speaking of that. I am speaking of the operations after the municipal election. I should like to make one observation. Mr. Leeman's name was mentioned in connexion with the elections. I wish to state that from the year 1854, Gordon and Hastings' election, I believe Mr. Leeman was never in Beverley taking any part in any election until he delivered the speech when Maxwell and Trollope came here. The reason why his partner Mr. Clark took an interest in those elections was that he was a native of Beverley. We had no Liberal solicitor in the town in the town at that time. That difficulty is now removed. We have a Liberal solicitor at the present time, so that we shall not have the same difficulty as we had before. There seemed to be some little feeling in the minds of the Commissioners with regard to Mr. Leeman interesting himself in the election. It was not Mr. Leeman ; Mr. Clark was a native of Beverley, and he had an office in Beverley at the time.

24,087. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You said that Mr. Leeman was in London when that arrangement was come to about the petition in 1857 ?—Yes. He had no connexion with it that I am aware of personally. He spent a great deal of his time then in London as he does now ; nearly the whole of his time. The name of Mr. England was mentioned. I wish to say that in looking over some memoranda a short time ago, I find it stated that at Edwards, Walters, and Walker's election, he was at Hobson's the druggist, and that Peter Hunsley was paid by him. How far that is true I do not know. He was an old Liberal.

24,088. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What year was that in ?—1859. We have him down as bribed at Edwards' first election, and then again at that election. How far it is correct I cannot say. He is down for 1857 in each list.

24,089. He was paid by Mr. England ?—The memorandum that I have is that he sat down in the room and was paying voters. I think in the evidence given on the petition those places were named.

24,090. What petition ?—The petition against Edwards. I think Hunsley is named there, but I am not certain.

24,091. You mean in 1860 ?—No, in 1859. There was a counter petition against Edwards.

24,092. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you tell us why that petition against Major Edwards was withdrawn in 1857 ?—One thing was the expense ; another thing was, it was expected that the election might take place in a few days, and it was not worth while to go to the expense of unseating Major Edwards, under the circumstances.

24,093. Was there anything like setting it off against some other ?—Not that I am aware of. There was a talk about money being given, and I remember the mayor stated in a public room here that it cost thousands upon thousands. What that mean't I do not know.

24,094. What mayor said that ?—Mr. Silvester.

24,095. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Said what ?—In a speech which he delivered I think in 1859, he said something to the effect that the petition and everything connected with it had cost Sir Henry Edwards thousands upon thousands, or something of that kind ; it was printed in the papers at the time. I do not know what it meant at all.

The witness withdrew.

W. Padget.

William Padget called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

24,096. What are you ?—A joiner.

24,097. And you are a voter ?—I am a freeman.

24,098. How long have you been a freeman ?—I voted in 1835 for James Weir Hogg, and Burton. I was off the list of voters up to the time of Denison and Wells ; I got out of the limits of the borough, living in Hull. I got within the limits again, and got on the register.

24,099. How did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election ?—I voted for Denison and Wells.

24,100. Did you get anything afterwards for your vote ?—I did afterwards ; my expenses.

24,101. What did you get ?—I will give you a detailed account of how I got on the register.

24,102. No ; tell me what you got for your vote ?—I voted at five minutes past 8, and I got back to Hull. I was a very short time in the town. I received 1*l.* I believe from Mr. Boyes. A gentleman brought it and laid it on the bench in my shop. I was then a journeyman ; I am now on my own account.

24,103. Who was the gentleman who gave it to you ?—I believe it was Mr. Thorney, the present coroner of Hull. I asked him, when he laid it on the bench, if it was a payment for my vote, because if it was, as I was an out-and-out Liberal, I would not take it. He said it was merely legitimate for my expenses.

24,104. You had voted six months before ?—Yes ; this was, I think, six months after polling.

24,105. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did he ever place another pound on your bench ?—No.

24,106. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is all you got ?—Yes.

24,107. The next election was that of Edwards and Wells in 1857 ; did you vote then ?—I voted for Wells.

24,108. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Yes.

24,109. What was it ?—I will tell you the whole in connexion with that.

24,110. I wish you to tell me how much you got ?—30*s.*

24,111. Who gave it to you ?—I took it from under a cup. There were 25 of us sat down to breakfast.

24,112. Twenty-five voters ?—Twenty-five voters that I had canvassed and looked after.

24,113. Did they get anything ?—Yes, all alike.

24,114. There was 30*s.* under every cup ?—Yes.

24,115. How did it get under the cup, do you

know?—I will tell you. I came over to Beverley with Mr. Wilde, commonly called Sergeant Wilde. We all went to the "Holderness Hotel" and had our tea. Mr. Wilde appeared to do all the business; I knew nothing about it myself. Mr. Halden, the brush maker, was there, and I recollect he said, "Now, Wilde, are you not going to pay for it?" "Well," he said, "if you do not, I shall;" and in the meantime I think Mr. Boyes came up and said, "Never mind." It was never paid for. He urged Mr. Wilde to get ready to go back to Hull, as it was getting late, but he said, "I shall want some money before we go." Mr. Wilde said, "Yes." Then the money was got evidently, because on our road Halden said, "I know "you have got money; Padget, let us pull up, and I "will see this cheque." I did pull up, and I saw the cheque, but I never saw the amount. I never knew the amount that was got.

24,116. You saw the cheque?—Yes.

24,117. Whose cheque was it; who drew it?—Thomas Wilde; it was in his possession. He got it cashed in Hull, because he asked Mr. Halden to cash it, and he said, "I will not; go to your bank."

24,118. Wilde got it cashed?—He is dead.

24,119. You know it was a cheque drawn by Thomas Wilde?—Yes.

24,120. Whose money was it?—I do not know. He got it at the "Holderness Hotel." He found all the money for the breakfast. There was a good breakfast provided at the hotel, and we all partook of it.

24,121. It was supplied for the 25 persons?—Yes; there was the breakfast to be paid for and five or six carriages to bring the voters to Beverley from Hull. One half of them run us when we got to Beverley, to see if they could get more money, but I think eventually most of them voted for us.

24,122. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This was the election day?—Yes, it was the election day.

24,123. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know of any other case of bribing at that election?—I do not know anything about what was going on at Beverley. I only had to do with the Hull voters.

24,124. Let us know all about them?—That is all I know about the Hull voters.

24,125. Have you the names of the 25 voters?—No; I cannot give you their names. I know some of them.

24,126. Let us have those you know?—There was a man named Richard Atkinson. There were several others that I knew. I had a list but I have not got it now.

24,127. Take your time and give us what names you can think of?—I think there was a person named Carr.

24,128. Could you at your leisure make out a list of the names?—I think I could give them nearly all.

24,129. Try for your own sake. Make out a list as far as you can of the 25 persons, and let us have it before you leave?—I will do the best I can.

24,130. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was Wallis among them?—No, he was not. He would not fall in with us. There was Sam Wallis, and William. I had to meet them here in Beverley afterwards. They could not get what money they expected on the other side and they came to me to see if I would do anything for them about 2 o'clock. I then said, "No, it is too late now; I can do nothing for you." I had nothing to do with the Wallises at that time. I have had to do with them. They did not breakfast with us; they came by themselves. They were the only voters in Hull who would not fall in with us.

24,131. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at the election of 1859?—Yes; I voted for Wells.

24,132. Tell me what you had to do?—I had to do with all the voters in Hull. I believe I solicited them all, and did the very best I could.

24,133. What money did you get?—*2l.*

24,134. For yourself?—Yes.

24,135. Had you some money to give to these voters?—None whatever.

24,136. Not at that election of 1859?—No; not at that election.

24,137. Did you not pay anybody after that election?—No.

24,138. You brought them here?—Yes, I did.

24,139. Were they paid after they voted?—No, before. I went with most of them I dare say to the Reform Association Rooms.

24,140. Do you know how many you took to the Reform Association?—I should think I should accompany perhaps half a score.

24,141. They were all Hull men?—Yes, they were all Hull men. I had nothing to do with Beverley men.

24,142. You took about ten?—I should think I should accompany most of them; they looked to me as——

24,143. A master of ceremonies?—Yes; perhaps they did.

24,144. You took them to the Reform Association, they got their money, and then you "voted" them?—I believe about *2l.* 15*s.* was paid to the Hull voters. I have reason to believe it was so.

24,145. You got *2l.*, you say?—Yes, because I recollect being at work at the "Paragon Inn," hanging some new doors, when Boyes came to me and said, "I have 15*s.* for you." (I knew that Wallis and the rest had got *2l.* 15*s.*) "But the train is nearly due; I "have not time to stop now; I shall give it to you "the next time I see you." I never had it.

24,146. Who gave you the *2l.*?—I believe it was Robert Taylor. I never solicited it. I never asked for a farthing for my vote. I did the party good service.

24,147. Can you give us the names of any of those ten that you took to the Reform Association?—I know there was Sam Wallis and William.

24,148. Have you a list of the names?—No.

24,149. Could you make out a list?—Perhaps I could.

24,150. The next election is Gridley and Walker's; now tell me about that. First of all, for whom did you vote?—For Gridley.

24,151. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

24,152. You were still living in Hull at that time?—Yes.

24,153. And you got nothing for your vote?—No.

24,154. What had you to do with the voting of other people?—The only two men that I had anything to do with in giving any money to were the two Wallises. I gave them 30*s.* apiece in their own house. That money was supplied to me from Thomas Wilde. I reported to him the state of our canvass and our proceedings, and they were the only two men that I gave any money to at that election.

24,155. Did you not bring any men up here?—Yes.

24,156. What men?—All the Hull voters.

24,157. How many would they be?—I should think 14 or 15; I think that would be about the number. The voters in Hull kept getting less and less; they were cut off, being out of the distance.

24,158. I understood you to say just now that you would try and make out a list of the ten men that you took up in 1859?—I will try to do so.

24,159. I am now upon the election of 1860; you brought up 14 or 15 Hull voters then?—Yes.

24,160. Did they get paid before or after they voted?—I do not know whether they got paid or not. I had nothing to do except with the two Wallises, and I paid them in Hull.

24,161. You brought them here to vote?—Yes, and they would look after themselves, I suppose.

24,162. You know they looked after themselves?—I believe they did, but I had nothing to do with them. I do not know whether they had anything or not.

24,163. The two Wallises had 30*s.* each?—Only the two Wallises.

24,164. With regard to the 14 or 15 votes, I suppose you know that they got paid?—I have not the slightest doubt about it.

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24,165. Did you take them up to vote before or after they were paid ?—I did my best to get them to vote. I know they hung off a good deal, and tried to get what they could.

24,166. Did you take them before or after they were paid ?—I believe they got paid beforehand.

24,167. Do you know where they got paid ?—No.

24,168. You must have had some idea where they were paid ?—No, I do not think so ; I did not look after money much.

24,169. You must have some idea where they were paid ?—I really cannot say where they would get paid.

24,170. Where do you think ?—I cannot say.

24,171. Where did you hear ?—I did not hear anything about it.

24,172. You told me you knew they got paid ?—Some of them told me themselves.

24,173. What did they tell you ?—I really cannot tell where they got paid or anything at all about it.

24,174. Can you give us the names of any of those 14 or 15 men ?—I will try to do so.

24,175. Can you remember one of them now ?—Yes, Richard Atkinson was one ; I canvassed him at his own house ; he came with us.

24,176. I suppose you were remunerated for this labour in bringing them up ?—No.

24,177. Did you do it quite gratuitously ?—Quite gratuitously.

24,178. Did not you have even your expenses ?—Not a penny apiece.

24,179. Now go on to Keane's election, 1865. For whom did you vote yourself ?—I voted for Keane at 5 minutes past 8, and I voted in Hull for Clay and Norwood at half-past 8.

24,180. Did you get anything for your votes ?—Not one farthing. I never looked after anything of that sort.

24,181. Did you bring up any voters ?—I came back after that to assist and do what I could, and the only person that I let on that wanted paying is a person of the name of Carr, and that was late in the afternoon. He did come late to the town, and he was very anxious to have something for his vote ; and he knew me, I had canvassed him in Hull, and I went with him to Mr. Hind and got an order for 2*l.* for him, but before we got down to the Mechanics' Hall I suppose the money paying was stopped. Keane had no chance, and I believe they stopped paying. I believe he never got any money, and I believe he never voted. That was all I had to do with any money matters, and there was really no money matters, because Carr got the order but never got the money, and I believe he never voted at all.

24,182. Which Hind was that ?—Luke Hind. (*The order was handed to the learned Commissioners.*)

24,183. What is that "E.T." at the top ?—That I don't understand—some private mark I suppose at the top, but all the rest is very definite.

24,184. This was the order for him to receive 2*l.* which he failed to receive because he was too late ?—Yes, he was never paid.

24,185. How many other men did you take up to vote at Keane's election ?—(*No answer.*)

The order was then read. "E.T. give the bearer 2*l.* 117. Carr, William, Stepney. L. Hind, July 12, 1865."

24,186. Did you take up any other men to vote at Keane's election ?—I tried to do so. Yes.

24,187. Do you remember how many ?—Well, I did all I could with the Hull voters, and I know a good many of them were paid at the Mechanics' Hall, I believe, but I never went there with them.

24,188. On the former occasion you took up 14 or 15, how many did you take this time ?—Well, the voters in Hull kept getting out of the district. They was out of the limits, but still some got retained on the register, but as soon as it was found they were out of the limits, they got cut off by one party or the other.

24,189. Did you take up a dozen ?—Not at that election.

24,190. Ten ?—It might be ten.

24,191. They were paid at the Mechanics' Hall ?—I know some of them told me they got money at the Mechanics' Hall.

24,192. Do you know whether they were paid before or after you took them to vote ?—I believe before.

24,193. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How far is Hull from Beverley ?—Where I live we are considerably within the limits, within the seven miles. It was tested by a Mr. Demson, that then lived at the "Polar Bear" on the Spring Bank, and I live within a quarter of a mile of that test. I live in Hopwood Street, on a freehold estate that I assisted to organize and bring about.

24,194. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Can you remember the names of any of those 10 men ?—Yes, I remember some of them.

24,195. Just mention some of them. There were two men of the name of Wallis which are dead. They voted at Keane's election ?—William Wallis was dead, Sam voted here in Beverley.

24,196. He received money, did not he ?—Yes.

24,197. Did he receive money from both parties ?—He received 50*s.*, I believe, I am certain from Keane's party, and then Sykes and Edwards's party got hold of him and he voted dead against us.

24,198. I suppose that means they gave him something ?—I do not know. I should suppose so. I do not think he was a man who would elect for them unless there was something.

24,199. But you know no more than that ?—No ; there would be some handsome consideration, I have no doubt of it.

24,200. This last election which way did you vote ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

24,201. Did you vote at the last municipal election ?—I did in Hull.

24,202. But here ?—Not in Beverley. I am a householder in Hull. I voted for Clay and Norwood on the last occasion, and likewise for Colonel Heywood for the county. I had nothing to do with any money transactions on the last occasion in any shape.

24,203. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You were paid your expenses for coming up, were not you ?—I paid my own, and got back to Hull to assist my own party all that I could.

24,204. We shall be glad to hear from you any information you can give us.

24,205. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is only one thing I think that I am not quite clear about ; I dare say you told my learned friend but I did not catch it. It was about this money that was got by Wilde at the "Holderness Hotel." Had you gone there to get money ?—I never went with that intention.

24,206. But had Wilde talked with you about money ?—Mr. Halden and him was more of an equality than I was. I was then a journeyman joiner.

24,207. Wilde expected to get money there ?—Yes.

24,208. Whom did he see there, do you know ?—I do not know.

24,209. He got a cheque from somebody ?—I saw the cheque on the road, and he got it cashed in Hull.

24,210. Was the "Holderness Hotel" the head quarters of any of the candidates ?—Yes, I believe it was the head quarters of Wells.

24,211. Did he mention any one's name that he wished to see ?—No.

24,212. Did he leave your company then ?—Yes.

24,213. You stayed with Halden while he went away ?—Yes.

24,214. You saw the cheque ?—Yes, on the road. I recollect the circumstance of pulling up the horse, and Mr. Halden would see this cheque to see the amount.

24,215. Pulled up where it was light ?—No, it was daylight.

24,216. And you looked at the cheque then ?—I saw the cheque, but never saw the amount.

24,217. Can you tell us who was the drawer ?—I could not say, I do not know.

24,218. You remember nothing but that you saw a piece of paper looking like a cheque ?—Yes, and Halden saw the amount.

24,219. Is Mr. Halden alive ?—Yes, he is. I saw him this morning and asked him if he could recollect the amount, and he said No, but that it was somewhere about 50*l.*

24,220. What is Mr. Halden's christian name ?—Joseph. His business place is in Scale Street and his residence in Campbell Street.

24,221–2. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is all we shall trouble you for.

(*The witness.*) I wish to say a word respecting Oxley's evidence, when he named Robert Padget, bricklayer, instead of Charles, because Charles is likely to do our party a great deal more damage than Robert on account of his ability and tact in that respect; and I think Robert has been examined and not Charles.

24,223. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What do you want to say about Charles Padget ?—He said, did Oxley, that it was Robert Padget, bricklayer. He meant Charles. That was all the error, and it would go to the world from the press it was Robert Padget, and I wish to correct it, and I know that Charles had a deal more tact than Robert to damage our party.

24,224. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Now occupy yourself in trying to make out that list and bring it back as soon as you can.

The witnesss then withdrew.

JOHN NEWTON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Newton.

24,225. What are you ?—A printer.

24,226. Do you work at Beverley ?—In Hull.

24,227. How long have you been a freeman ?—I took my freedom up in 1866.

24,228. Are you a freeman by servitude or by birth ?—By birth.

24,229. You only voted at the last election ?—That was all.

24,230. Did you vote at the municipal election ?—No.

24,231. Did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

24,232. For whom ?—Edwards and Kennard.

24,233. Were you at Clowes's the morning of the election ?—No.

24,234. Was anything given away there, or did you hear of anything being given away there, buttons, or anything of that kind ?—I heard of a bag of buttons being collared that was all.

24,235. What about the buttons ?—They was found in a bag.

24,236. Who told you buttons were found in a bag ?—I cannot say who told me. I heard it perhaps a week after. I perhaps read it. I do not know.

24,237. Did you receive anything yourself ?—No.

24,238–9. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There is not the slightest ground for supposing you ever received a farthing.

(*The witness.*) No sir, I think not.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS SOUTHWICK called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

T. Southwick.

24,240. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

24,241. You have taken an active part in the elections of Beverley for a long time ?—Yes.

24,242. Do you remember the election of 1857 when Denison, Wells, and Glover were candidates ?—Yes.

24,243. You voted, I suppose, for Denison and Wells ?—For Glover.

24,244. Were you active in Glover's behalf ?—Yes.

24,245. Had you any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.

24,246. Did not you pay any money ?—Not to voters.

24,247. Did you pay any money at all ?—Yes, I paid a little.

24,248. What did you pay ?—For refreshments and canvassing.

24,249. Where did you pay for refreshments ?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

24,250. What sum did you pay altogether ?—I paid 12*l.* all but eighteenpence.

24,251. From whom did you get the money ?—I got it from my own pocket.

24,252. From whom did you get it ?—From myself, my own money.

24,253. You mean to say it was your own money ?—My own money.

24,254. Who repaid you ?—Nobody.

24,255. Do you mean to tell us really you are 12*l.* out of pocket ?—I mean to tell you I paid 12*l.* for Mr. Glover at that election from my own pocket, without receiving a farthing from anybody.

24,256. What are you ?—I am a dealer in cattle.

24,257. Will you tell us what made you pay this 12*l.* for Mr. Glover ?—Because Mr. Glover and me was very kind, very intimate friends.

24,258. But you cannot have been kind long ?—Oh yes; that was not the first election that he came. If you go back to the first election, then I can tell you what was the cause of me voting for him, else I always voted Liberal for 40 years.

24,259. What can you tell us about his first election ?—At his first election the party of Mr. Glover's called upon me for a vote. I made a statement to them. As a dealer in cattle, I had a cow died a few weeks before, and I tried to get some friend to support me, and the party agreed to pay me the value of what I had lost.

24,260. They agreed to pay you something ?—16*l.*

24,261. What election was that ?—Lawley and Wells.

24,262. They gave you 16*l.* ?—They did not, sir. I got nothing, not a farthing.

24,263. It seems a bad reason for spending 12*l.* upon him in 1857 ?—When they came to ask me I made a statement, and they said they would make a subscription in the party and raise me the money, and at night I went to old Mr. Welburn's, and it was agreed that I should be remunerated; and I was to have a brief, a memorial of the loss I had sustained, and solicit gentlemen to subscribe, and I was to canvass next day. I came to canvass with them, and at night I had this brief in my pocket, and Mr. Champney says, "Have you that brief ?" I says, "I have." He says, "Give it to me, and I will do it for you." I says, "I shall be very glad, for I don't like to beg for myself," and I gave him the brief, and he took it, to get the subscriptions as he could. Election day I seed him at dinner time, and said, "How have they come down with this memorial ?" "I have 10*l.*," he said, "and have but 5*l.* to get;" and then I voted for Glover. The week after I went to his office to ask for the money, and he welched me out of it altogether. He swore he never got anything, and he never gave me anything. Now, sir, I do not give any credit to that tale.

24,264. That was rather a bad reason —— ?—Not at all, sir; you have not got to know.

24,265. You spent 12*l.* of your own money ?—On him at the next election, not that election.

24,266. Having failed to get this money that had been promised you in 1852, in 1857 you spent 12*l.* of your own money ?—All but eighteenpence, sir; 11*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* laid down for Glover at the second election.

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24,267. And no one repaid you that?—No one.

24,268. Didn't you expect to get it from anyone?—No, for Mr. Glover and me was very great friends, I assure you, more than anybody in Beverley. I was more a companion of Mr. Glover than anything else, I am sure. Now, sir, here is correspondence (*producing the same*); they are all letters from Mr. Glover that I have had on other matters—not election matters. I have been up to London to see him. I went to fetch him down. When he came down I met him; nobody else went to the train for him but me.

24,269. The next election was the same year, 1857, Wells and Edwards; did you vote then?—No, I think not. Mr. Glover came three times. Wells and Edwards was between—— Oh, I voted for Edwards.

24,270. Did you get anything?—Nothing.

24,271. Did you pay anything?—I paid nothing.

24,272. Do you know anything about the money part of the election?—Edwards's?

24,273. Yes?—I know nothing about the money part.

24,274. You just voted, and that was all you did?—I canvassed a piece with him.

24,275. Then the next election was 1859, Walters' election; for whom did you vote then?—For Walters and Glover.

24,276. Did you get anything?—Not a farthing.

24,277. Did not you go to the place in Toll Gavel?—I didn't go to the place at the Toll Gavel.

24,278. Have you ever got anything at any election?—Yes.

24,279. What election?—Towneley's

24,280. Oh, that is a long time ago?—Well, I have had nothing since.

24,281. You have got nothing since?—No.

24,282. You got 12*l.* then?—Yes.

24,283. Everybody seems to have got it?—Oh yes.

24,284. You have paid no money since?—Yes.

24,285. When?—The last but one.

24,286. Keane's election?—Yes.

24,287. How much did you get for the purposes of that election?—I am sure I cannot say.

24,288. From whom did you get it?—I believe it came from Daniel Keane. I cannot swear.

24,289. Where did you get it?—I got it at the Mechanics' Hall.

24,290. How much?—I cannot say; perhaps there would be 300*l.*

24,291. You got about 300*l.*?—Well, we paid it in our canvass.

24,292. Who paid you the money? Was it direct from Mr. Daniel Keane?—No, Richard Day brought it and gave it to us, but he is dead.

24,293. What was Richard Day?—I do not know what he was. I think he was a kind of bailiff. They put him into houses where they seized.

24,294. Richard Day gave you 300*l.*?—He brought it at times. He didn't bring it all, because when I went in, the person inside had some to start with.

24,295. Where did he pay you this money?—At the Mechanics'.

24,296. Someone must have asked you to go to the Mechanics' Hall?—I was asked to go.

24,297. Who asked you?—I am sure I cannot tell whether it was Sam Wilson or this Day that asked me to go.

24,298. What did he ask you to do?—He asked me to go. He said there was a man in the Mechanics' from the "Moon."

24,299. Now, just tell us who told you that?—I won't swear whether it was Day or Wilson.

24,300. Is Wilson dead too?—No, Wilson is not dead.

24,301. And he desired you to go there?—Yes.

24,302. What did he wish you to do?—They wished me to go and see who it was.

24,303. I think they said something more than that?—No they didn't, because they lifted me in the window, they put me up.

24,304. And there you saw somebody?—Yes.

24,305. Do you know who he is?—Yes.

24,306. Who is he?—They call him Tyndall, I believe.

24,307. Is he a Beverley man?—No.

24,308. Where does he come from?—From Huddersfield, I believe.

24,309. Had you your money with you at the time?—Me?

24,310. Yes?—When I got in?

24,311. Yes?—No; he had some money at times, and when we fell short of money we told Day to fetch some more.

24,312. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where did he fetch it from?—I do not know, but I believe from the "Holderness Hotel." I believe so; I cannot swear that, but I expect so. I expect he fetched it from Daniel Keane; I don't know where from else.

24,313. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then you found him there with the money?—Yes.

24,314. Now, I suppose from what we have heard, you had a book?—Yes.

24,315. And as the voters came up to be paid you put a mark to the names?—Yes.

24,316. And what did you do with the book when you had finished?—Gave it to Tyndall. I got out of window at night.

24,317. Just look at that book (*handing a book to the witness*). Is that the book?—This is the book.

24,318. Now, what did they give you for the trouble you took?—Nothing at all.

24,319. Not a farthing?—Not a farthing.

24,320. Did you help yourself to anything?—No.

24,321. You mean to say you got nothing at all?—I tell you, at the night I counted the money; there was 93*l.*, and we put it in the bag, and I got out of the window. But mind, we started the next morning again.

24,322. Did anyone thank you for what you had done?—I do not think they did. I did not want anything. I only considered I was doing my duty.

24,323. Did you start again next morning?—Yes.

24,324. At the same place?—Yes.

24,325. And how long did you stay then?—Perhaps an hour.

24,326. What time did you begin?—I should think from near 10.

24,327. How much did you pay away next morning?—May be 100*l.*

24,328. In what sums?—1*l.* and 2*l.* Those that got 1*l.* the day before we gave another to; and they came and was not marked, we gave them 2*l.*

24,329. Did you pay away the whole sum you had the second day?—Yes, we paid it all next day. I left him without a penny. We sent for more, and could not get none. There was none came for a considerable time, and I got out of window again and left them.

24,330. You answered us that you did not get anything for your trouble?—Not anything.

24,331. Now, how came they to fix upon you to pay this money?—I do not know why they fixed upon me, but I should think because they thought I was a very honest man.

24,332. Don't you think they knew you had something to do with elections before?—Oh, yes.

24,333. What had you to do before at elections?—Well, I don't know.

24,334. Had you never been engaged in a job of this sort before?—To pay money?

24,335. Yes?—Oh, yes.

24,336. What election have you paid money at before?—Sir Isaac Goldsmid's.

24,337. That was in 1847?—Yes.

24,338. And you paid money for Sir Isaac Goldsmid?—Yes.

24,339. How much did you pay for him?—Oh, I am sure I can't tell; it is a long time ago.

24,340. You can remember something about it?—I can remember I paid the flag bearers, and I put them down. I was ordered to put them down, to make a list of them, and I put down everyone that came. They all used to be either flag bearers or music men.

24,341. We only want to know generally what sum of money you paid?—I cannot say. I paid at the "Rose and Crown." It may be 200*l.* I don't know.

24,342. What sum did you pay to each of them?—1*l.* apiece.

24,343. Did you pay that for the vote or for services?—They said they were colour bearers, but they weren't. We called them colour bearers.

24,344. Cannot you account for more than 200*l.*?—I am sure I don't know what I paid.

24,345. You must know about what you paid. You remember whether it was 200*l.* or 1,000*l.*?—No it could not be 1,000*l.*

24,346. What would it be?—It may be 300*l.*

24,447. Do you think it was 300*l.*?—I cannot say. I did not have it all that morning.

24,348. But I want to know what you paid altogether?—It may be 300*l.* I do not know.

24,349. As near as you can recollect?—I should think so.

24,350. From whom did you get that money?—From Mr. Finch most of it.

24,351. Who is he?—I do not know. He came from London with Sir Isaac.

24,352. How many men do you think you paid?—I should think I paid 200, what we called colour bearers.

24,353. And Goldsmid polled 257. You paid about 200 of them?—I should think so. They were all colour carriers, or music men, or something.

24,354. Then between 1847 and 1865 you had not been engaged in this paying of voters?—I have not been engaged in paying money.

24,355. Except that 12*l.* less eighteenpence?—Yes.

24,356–7. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am very incredulous of a man who has lost a cow and wants to get a subscription for it. I will tell you why you mention that, to have a rude thing to say of a solicitor of the town, nothing else.

(*The witness.*) No sir, I did not.

24,358. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I know nothing about the gentleman, but you said that to have a rude cutting thing to say about a gentleman of the town. It had nothing to do with the case.

(*The witness.*) Very well, sir.

24,359. Do you mean to tell us that you for whom a subscription was about to be raised at the first election and for whom it was not raised advanced 12*l.* out of your own pocket?—Yes.

24,360. Where did you get it? You had the loss of a cow; where did you get 12*l.*—I could make it up without any subscription.

24,361. Where did you get it?—I got it at home. If it was three times 12*l.* I had it. But it was not the subscription. I was not had for the sake of the subscription to get another cow. I was in a position to get half a dozen.

24,362. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

24,363. Have you cattle on the pastures?—Yes.

24,364. Have you voted for pasture masters?—I have always.

24,365. Have you taken any active part in the voting for pasture masters?—Never.

24,366. Have you canvassed I mean?—Never.

24,367. Have you paid any monies?—Not for pasture masters.

24,368. Have you received any money?—No.

24,369. Have you canvassed for town councillors?—Yes.

24,370. Have you paid any money for town councillors?—Yes.

24,371. On whose side?—The Liberals.

24,372. Who gave you the money?—I have only paid a few shillings, and paid it myself.

24,373. In 1857 you said you canvassed with Sir Henry Edwards?—His first election.

24,374. Who introduced Sir Henry Edwards to you?—I am sure I cannot say, some of the party.

24,375. Mr. Wreghitt?—I was the man that got Mr. Wreghitt to be chairman of Mr. Glover's committee, who solicited him.

24,376. I suppose Mr. Wreghitt introduced you to Sir Henry Edwards?—I do not know that he did.

24,377. How many days did you go round canvassing with Sir Henry?—Sometimes two or three rounds a day.

24,378. How many days?—May be two.

24,379. Or three or four?—I cannot say. I was generally with Glover. I was in his company.

25,380. I am asking you about Sir Henry Edwards?—Well, perhaps two pieces a day.

24,381. Did you bring up any voters?—No.

24,382. You got no voters?—No.

24,383. No promises?—No.

24,384. Did they ask or hint that they would like any money when you went?—No, I had nothing to do with money.

24,385. Did you know money was going at that election?—Yes.

24,386. Did you know money was going at that election?—Yes.

24,387. Did you see Mr. Wreghitt after the election? He will be examined you know?—Yes, I have seen him many times.

24,388. Did you ever borrow any money?—No.

24,389. Just recollect yourself?—I did not want to borrow money.

24,390. I did not say you did, but did you ever borrow money from Mr. Wreghitt after the election of 1857?—No.

24,391. Had you ever any money dealings with Wreghitt?—Never.

24,392. Of course you had not with Sir Henry Edwards yourself?—No.

24,393. Did you ever write to him?—Yes.

24,394. When?—After I voted for him.

24,395. About what? About money?—I was chairman of the Odd Fellows, and wrote to him to become a honorary member of our society. I thought it might be of interest to him at another election, and he wrote back, and said he should be very happy to do so; we were to apply to Mr. Wreghitt for the guinea.

24,396. Is that all?—I never wrote to him at any other time.

24,397. A guinea a year?—A guinea a year, and he has been an honorary member ever since.

24,398. Did you ever write to him on any other suject?—Never on any other subject whatever.

24,399. Who was Sir Henry's conducting agent at the first election of 1857?—I do not know.

24,400. I think you wrote to Walters?—Yes, and I wrote to him and he became an honorary member.

24,401. You wrote to him for a guinea?—To ask him to become a member, and he did so.

24,402. You voted Walters and Glover?—Yes.

24,403. You knew money was going then?—Yes.

24,404. You know you had touched money before?—No.

24,405. But you had in Towneley's time?—Oh, yes.

24,406. You knew what it was to have money for a vote?—When?

24,407. In Towneley's and Goldsmid's time?—Yes.

24,408. Did you know anything of Walters?—No.

24,409. Did you go to canvass with him?—Yes.

24,410. He was a perfect stranger to you?—He was till he came to the town.

24,411. How many days did you canvass with him?—I generally used to go with him when he came to our end of the town to show him our end.

24,412. Mr. Todd of Hull, was his man, was not he?—I am sure I do not know.

24,413. Do you know Mr. Todd of Hull?—I know Mr. Todd.

24,414. Have you ever had any dealings with him?—Never any dealings.

25,415. Any transactions?—No transactions.

25,416. Any money?—No.

24,417. Have you ever written to him for money?—Never written to him for money.

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24,418. It is very strange you vary so in your vote. You voted for Gridley ?—Yes.

24,419. Money was going ?—I believe so.

24,420. You canvassed with him ?—I did.

24,421. You promised men money ?—No, I never had none; I never received none.

24,422. Do you recollect the man with the hairy cap who was paying money ?—I heard tell of one, but I never was there.

24,423. Where did he come from ?—I do not know. I never seed him.

24,424. Did Gridley become a member of the Odd Fellows ?—No.

24,425. Did not you write to him ?—No.

24,426. Why ?—Because he didn't get in.

24,427. You considered for being returned they ought to join ?—Mr. Gridley wanted to come to the election before he did come, and that was only known to me and no other person he told it to.

24,428. I suppose you never applied for Walker's gift, did you ?—No, it was no use my applying for Walker's gift.

24,429. Did you ?—Never. I have applied to the pasture masters for some money.

24,430. When did you apply to the pasture masters for money ?—Last year and the year before.

24,431. How was that ?—Because they sold my stock and kept the money because I would not support them. I was of the opposite part. They took my cattle out of the pasture and sold them, and I applied to them for the money, and I never got it yet.

24,432. I do not mean any application of that kind ?—But I mean to tell them. I would not support them. They have an Act of Parliament to empower them to drive the pastures to see if anything illegal is there. Two years the 18th of last June I challenged my sheep, and they refused my having them, and they sold them, and I bought them in, and have them on the stock now.

24,433. Did you ever apply to them for any other money ?—Never, for any other money.

The witness withdrew.

J. Richardson.

JOHN RICHARDSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

24,434. What are you by occupation ?—A joiner.

24,435. Are you a freeman ?—Yes, and have been for 29 years.

24,436. I will first ask you about the election of 1857, Glover, Edwards, and Wells. Did you vote at that election ?—Yes.

24,437. Which way did you vote ?—For Edwards.

24,438. Oh, I mean Denison, Glover, and Wells, before Major Edwards came ?—I voted for Glover.

24,439. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing.

24,440. Did you not get anything ?—No, I never saw any money.

24,441. Not at that election ?—No.

24,442. Did you have any money to give away after that election ?—No.

24,443. Now the next election for whom did you vote ?—For Mr. Edwards.

24,444. What do you say of that election; had you money ?—Yes.

24,445. What was it ?—About 30*l.*

24,446. From whom did you get that 30*l.* ?—From Kemplay.

24,447. And how did you spend it ?—I gave it to the voters.

24,448. Do you remember what names they were ?—No, I cannot remember any of them.

24,449. How much did you give to each ?—2*l.*

24,450. Where did you give it ?—In the street, before the hustings, and up in the Bar Street, and in different places.

24,451. That would be 15 persons ?—Yes; but I cannot remember any but Nicholson, and I only remember him because he gave it in his evidence. I gave him 2*l.* I had a list and kept it in my pocket till it was worn out, and then I threw it in the fire because it was worn out.

24,452. Those men you paid were men that you knew ?—Yes, I knew them at the time, and if anyone was to come and tell me I paid him I would not deny it.

24,453. You ought to remember ?—I had other things to remember; if you had asked it at the time I should have remembered, but I cannot now.

24,454. You have just said you got 30*l.*, and paid it away ?—Yes, but I cannot remember at all the names. I should not have known I had paid Nicholson without I had seen it in his evidence.

24,455. How many men did you pay ?—I paid all the money away.

24,456. How many men did you pay ?—About 15 perhaps. I did not pay any more than 2*l.* a piece; some I might have paid 3*l.*

24,457. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You lay yourself open to the suspicion that you did not pay it all away, because you do not give the names ?—I cannot state to you the names; you do not wish me to tell an untruth.

24,458. No, but when a man comes and says he received a certain amount of money to pay away, and he tells us he paid it to a certain number of men, we expect him to tell us the names; you see the inference.

(*Witness.*) Well, the party know it; they would not say that.

24,459. The next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote then ?—Walker and Edwards.

24,460. What money did you get then ?—Not anything.

24,461. Not for your own vote ?—No.

24,462. You took part in that election ?—Yes.

24,463. What part did you take ?—Not any.

24,464. You took part in the election ?—Only canvassing and trying to get voters; I took voters.

24,465. You took up voters ?—Yes.

24,466. Did you take any up to the poll after they had received their money ?—I never took voters after they received their money.

24,467. The voters were paid for their votes ?—I do not know that.

24,468. But you believe it ?—I do not believe they were.

24,469. Do you mean to say they were all perfectly incorrupt and incorruptible men ?—Yes, the men that I took up at that election.

24,470. Do you mean to say that none of the men you took up received money for their votes ?—Not one of them that I took up.

24,471. In 1857 the voters you had to do with got from 2*l.* to 3*l.* a piece according to your own statement ?—Yes.

24,472. And the voters you took up in 1859 got nothing ?—Not that I know of; I did not take up the same men.

24,473. In 1859 you selected men to whom you paid nothing ?—There was not any money to get that I know of, so I could not get it; I never saw any money in Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election.

24,474. Mr. Walters had an election in 1860; did you take voters up then ?—Yes, the same as I did before.

24,475. You voted for Walters ?—Yes.

24,476. Do you believe any of them got money ?—I do not believe they got any money; they did not get any money from me; I cannot be answerable for them.

24,477. Do you believe any of them got money for their votes ?—Not that I know of; I do not believe they did.

24,478. What time of the day did you take them up to vote?—From about 9 o'clock till about 4; if the poll was often so long.

24,479. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a freeman?—Yes.

24,480. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Speaking to the best of your belief you say none of the men got money?—Not to the best of my belief.

24,481. You will only say to the best of your belief?—No.

24,482. In 1865 did you vote for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

24,483. You took up men then, did you not?—Yes.

24,484. Did they get anything for their vote?—2*l.*

24,485. The men got 2*l.*?—Yes.

24,486. How many did you take up?—I do not know; perhaps eight or nine, or ten.

24,487. That is ten men?—Yes.

24,488. Where did you get the money from?—I got some money from Robert Oxley.

24,489. Do you remember how much you got from Oxley?—About 8*l.*; perhaps about that. I got three or four men, and they wanted the money; they said they were paying money at the "Mechanics'," and they wanted the same. Well, I went to see if I could get them some, and I said there was not any, and they said, "Oh yes, Mr. Oxley was paying," if I went and asked him, and I did. He said, "How many?" and I said, "Three or four," and he gave me 8*l.* in Mr. Hobson's passage, and I paid them, and I went to him again, and he said, "I had better see Mr. Lowther;" and he gave me 10*l.*, and I furnished Mr. Lowther with a list of who I paid the money to.

24,490. Mr. Lowther gave you 10*l.*, and Mr. Oxley 5*l.*?—Yes.

2,4491. Who were the four men that you gave the 8*l.* to?—One was Peck, a tailor; James Bishoprick, and Clowes. I do not know any more.

24,492. One more to make up the 8*l.*?—I do not know who the other was; there were four or five, or more, standing together when I went across to see Mr. Oxley.

24,493-4. You have only given me the names of three. The money you got from Mr. Lowther; who did you give that to?—I gave Mr. Lowther the list, and I do not remember any more men. I paid it too. Mr. Lowther had the list with the names in.

24,495. Tell me the names of some of the men?—I could not say any more; I have got a summons; last Tuesday I was here; I was not called on. I have looked through the poll-book to see if I could find any name; I gave Mr. Lowther the list and I thought I had not anything else to do with it. I tendered him an account of the money as I got it from him.

24,496. You cannot recollect the names of any one of these men?—No.

24,497. Did you get anything for your own trouble and expense in 1865 when you voted for Edwards and Sykes?—Very likely I might pay myself, I was a good voter.

24,498. How much was that?—2*l.* I thought I was entitled to it. I could do with it.

24,499. You gave Mr. Lowther the account of what you spent of the money you got from Mr. Oxley as well?—Yes, because he was responsible for it, I suppose.

24,500. Have you taken part in the council choosing?—No, not much; I have helped them generally.

24,501. Did you help at the last council choosing, the one in 1868 I mean?—No, I did not help them much, I came down to vote.

24,502. Which side did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

24,503. Did you get any money to distribute?—I went into Mrs. Padget's shop to get my voting papers filled up, and Nutchey was there, and he had plenty of money, and he has a heart that feels for another, and he slipped 1*l.* into my hand, and when I got outside I looked and I saw it was 1*l.*, and I thought that was a nice thing and that would do very well.

24,504. Did you not have any money to give away?—Not one penny.

24,505. At the pasture master election previous to that, did you take any part in that election?—No, I think not; I have been a pasture master and was a pasture master in 1863 and 1864.

24,506. Did you vote for the last election of pasture masters?—Yes, I think I did.

24,507. I do not mean the present year, I mean 1868?—Yes, I should think I should vote if there was any voting, but sometimes there has not been a contest.

24,508. There was a contest at the last pasture masters election?—1868, not much, I think; I think the poll was closed very soon.

24,509. Did you give any money away?—No, I have never given any money at pasture master elections or at council choosings either.

24,510. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In 1857, 30*l.* passed through your hands, I suppose you paid yourself?—No.

24,511. Why?—Because I was in better circumstances than I was in 1865, I could do without the money.

The witness withdrew.

PHINEAS MUSGRAVE sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

P. Musgrave.

24,512. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

24,513. How long have you been a freeman?—40 years.

24,514. What are you in the way of business?—I am a licensed victualler.

24,515. What is the name of your public-house?—The "Valiant Soldier."

24,516. What part of the borough does the valiant soldier live?—In Norwood, that is St. Nicholas' parish.

24,517. Have you taken an active part in the affairs of the borough?—Very little; I never got a halfpenny from pasture masters or council choosing in my life, I never asked them for nothing.

24,518. Do you recollect the election in 1865?—Yes.

24,519. For whom did you vote?—I have always supported Mr. Edwards, but once ever since he came.

24,520. At the last election, that was in 1868, whom did you vote for; did you vote in 1868?—For Major Edwards that time.

24,521. And Kennard?—Yes, I supported him.

24,522. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You voted Edwards and Kennard?—I do not know whether I voted for Kennard, I am sure.

24,523. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was your house open at all on that occasion?—No, I wish it had been.

24,524. I am asking you whether it was or not; I am not asking you about your wishes?—No.

24,525. Did you receive any money on that occasion?—No, I never received any but once, and that was in 1865.

24,526. In 1865 you received some money?—Yes.

24,527. From whom?—Robert Oxley.

24,528. How much?—Forty pounds.

24,529. Did you send a bill in to Oxley?—No; he send to me and asked me if I would have any money; I did not go to ask for any.

24,530. Mr. Oxley sent for you?—To his own house, and asked me if I would have any money to assist.

24,531. Was this before the election?—On the election day morning.

24,532. You did not refuse?—No.

24,533. You accepted 40*l.*?—No, I supported them for 40 years.

24,534. About 1*l.* a year; tell me what did you do with the 40*l.*?—I was to assist and do with it the best I could.

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P. Musgrave.

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24,535. What did you do?—I went and bought men in the street and gave 12 or 13 3*l.* apiece.

24,536. I like the expression very much; they were there for sale, were they not?—They were all people that I knew. I can show you a list of some of them.

24,537. We want that list?—Yes.

(*The list was handed in and is as follows*):—J. Walker, 3*l.*; J. Hall, 3*l.*; Foster, 3*l.*; R. Foster, 3*l.*; T. Rippon, 3*l.*; R. Watson, 3*l.*; G. Musgrave, 3*l.*; S. Golding, 3*l.*

24,538. How many are there?—Nine.

24,539. Twenty-seven pounds, that is a little away from 40*l.*?—It is; but the list I made when the election was over I gave Robert Oxley, so that he might keep an account of it.

24,540. How much remained in your hand?—Not a shilling. From 12 to 1 o'clock there came a great rush, and there was likely to be a great fight in front of the hustings, and I went into a shop and got 10*s.* or 12*s.* of coppers, and scrambled the coppers amongst them to get them away.

24,541. For the sake of peace?—I did; these gentlemen will bear me out.

24,542. Do you remember the election when Edwards and Walker put up, that would be in 1859?—Yes.

24,543. I think you received some money, did you not?—I have not received any money above twice this 40 years.

24,544. Kemplay paid you?—He paid a few shillings; I could not tell what it was for, I was not there when it was paid.

24,545. When you voted Walters and Edwards?—I do not think I got a farthing for Walters, I believe not for that election.

24,546. For what election did you get it?—I think it would be some time previous, I believe it would.

24,547. I think it was at Walters' election; I will tell you the date, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, 1859?—It might, but my memory is not so good.

24,548. What money was paid at your house?—I never seed none paid since I have been a landlord, but this here time I am telling you of.

24,549. There was money paid, whether you received it or not; your wife may have received it?—At that time I was not at home. If I am right, there have been two or three elections at which I have not been at home.

24,550. How much money was paid?—I am sure I could not tell you.

24,551. Who could tell us?—My wife took it. Mr. Vickers is there; he paid it.

24,552. Did you never inquire of your wife?—I might know at the time how much.

24,553. About 30*l.*?—Not a quarter.

24,554. Now you know; tell me how much?—I am sure I could not tell you.

24,555. Ten pounds do you think the bill was?—No, I do not think I do. Mr. Vickers paid whatever he says, if he would be kind enough to tell you I will be satisfied he paid it.

24,556. That was for beer supplied to the voters?—I should think it would; I should have had some if I had been in, and I would take care they did not have it for nothing if I was at home.

24,557. What other election did the "Valiant Soldier" receive any money?—I never got any except at Towneley's, when we got 12*l.* apiece, all the men in town who had a mind to take it they got it.

24,558. That was at Towneley's. Well, in 1860, did you vote at Walters' and Gridley's election?—I once voted for Mr. Walters, but I am sure I could not say what year.

24,559. Did you distribute any money that day?—Not a shilling.

24,560. Did you receive any?—No.

24,561. Now I will go to the first election of Edwards, when Edwards and Wells were up, did you receive any money then?—I polled single for Edwards.

24,562. You polled for Edwards?—Yes.

24,563. Did any money pass through your hands?—I never received a shilling.

24,564. I did not ask you whether you received it or not; I say did any money pass through your hands?—No, it did not.

24,565. Be cautious, it might not pass through your hands literally; did you take up any men to vote?—I never took one up in my life.

24,566. Did you canvass men?—Never in my life.

24,567. Or was with the members to canvass?—Never once.

24,568. Did you receive any money for refreshments supplied in that election, Edwards and Wells?—I am not aware that ever I did; I polled for Major Edwards ever since he came to the town.

24,569. Your house was open for supplying beer, wa it?—I do not know that it was; I could not say, I am sure. I should think I have had less money than any landlord in the town by ten times over. I never ran after them to tease them for it never in my life.

24,570. Just recollect yourself again. I understand some money must have passed through your hands. The first election of Edwards, did you know money was going?—No, I could not say there was; it is a long while since.

24,571. It is some time, you do not recollect?—I do not I am sure.

24,572. Do you recollect Denison, Glover, and Wells in March of the same year?—Yes, I polled for Mr. Glover and the Major.

24,573. No, he was not up then. Was any money going then for Mr. Glover?—I never received a half-penny from him at any time.

24,574. The only money you received was in Towneley's 12*l.*?—Only another time in my life.

24,575. What was the other time?—I believe that is the only time that ever I got it again; it was for the orange side.

24,576. How much did you receive?—3*l.*

24,577. You received 12*l.* and 3*l.*, and you received money for beer at your house?

24,578. Do you know White?—Yes, he married my daughter if it is the White I mean.

24,579. Where does he work?—At the Old Foundry.

24,580. What is he?—A cabinet maker.

24,581. Did any money pass between you with regard to election matters?—Never a farthing. You will see if you look to the bill I have not tried to screen my own family; one of my sons you will see I paid.

24,582. You gave the list in, and your own son is one of them?—Yes, and I was not going to screen him any more than the rest. I have two or three other daughters married as well, but I have never given any one a farthing.

24,583. You gave your own son?—Yes.

24,584. I believe you gave him 2*l.*?—I gave him 3*l.*; they all got 3*l.* a piece if you look at the paper.

24,585. Any of your sons-in-law?—I did not give no relation except my own son.

24,586. Is he a freeman?—Yes, I have four sons freemen.

24,587. Do they all vote?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Twineham.

JAMES TWINEHAM sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

24,588. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

24,589. How long have you been a freeman?—29 years.

24,590. Did you vote in 1857 for Denison, Wells, and Glover in that election?—Denison and Wells I voted for.

24,591. Did you get anything?—I believe not, to my knowledge.

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24,592. Surely you can remember whether you got anything?—I believe not, to the best of my knowledge. I do not wish to keep anything back that I can recollect, but I do not know that I did.

24,593. Who asked you for your vote?—Mr. Denison; Mr. Wells did and Mr. Boyes.

24,594. Did anyone go with you to vote you to the poll?—Not to my knowledge.

24,595. Then the next election was in August in the same year between Major Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

24,596. For whom did you vote then?—Mr. Wells.

24,597. Did you get anything then?—Mr. Daniel Boyes gave me 10*s.*

24,598. What was that for?—For voting.

24,599. The next election was Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover in 1859; did you get anything then?—I voted for Walters, and I believe Robert Taylor gave me 2*l.*

24,600. The next election was in 1860, Walker and Gridley; did you get anything then?—I think there was 2*l.* given at the "Pack Horse" for Gridley, but I am not certain.

24,601. Was that the man with the hairy cap?—Yes.

24,602. The next election is 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; did you get anything then?—Yes.

24,603. Who did you vote for?—Edwards and Sykes.

24,604. What did you get?—Richard Arnott gave me 2*l.* 10*s.*

24,605. Where did he pay you?—In Old St. Michael's Place. I believe it was kept by a widow of the name of Greenbury.

24,606. At the last election?—I believe it was a real pure election. I never got a farthing piece; I do not believe that any of the voters did on either side.

24,607. Did you vote for the council choosing last year?—Yes.

24,608. What did you get?—15*s.*

24,609. Who paid you?—I believe William Watson.

24,610. Where was it, in Dickinson's shop?—No, the "Golden Ball." I turned my head, and when I looked again there was 15*s.*

24,611. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You turned your head?—I turned my head to listen to some discussion, and I looked back and the 15*s.* was laid on the table, and I took it up. I believe Mr. Watson put it down.

24,612. Did you ever get any money to pay any?—Never in my life.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Mr. T. McCoy.
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Mr. Thomas MacCoy called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

24,613. You are the conducting clerk I think to Mr. Bainton?—Yes.

24,614. Has Mr. Bainton a partner now?—He has not.

24,615. It was England and Bainton?—It was.

24,616. How long have you been conducting clerk to Mr. Bainton?—Mr. Bainton has only been in practice since 1858, but I am now in my 38th year in the office.

24,617. In the office?—Yes.

24,618. Mr. Bainton joined the firm when?—In April 1858.

24,619. Had you anything to do with Mr. Bainton before April 1858?—Mr. Bainton only came into the office then. I was in the same office but Mr. Bainton was not a partner.

24,620. Was Mr. Bainton doing business as a solicitor before he came into the office?—Mr. Bainton was in London the last 12 months before he came into practice.

24,621. I suppose you are acquainted with the political affairs of Beverley since 1857?—Yes.

24,622. What office have you filled yourself?—The office of pasture master.

24,623. Any other?—Not in the borough; I am clerk to the Poor Law Guardians of Scarhaugh.

24,624. When did you become pasture master?—The 29th of February 1863.

24,625. How long have you been pasture master?—Four years.

24,626. Then you came in in 1859?—Yes; I did. I became a candidate in 1856, but I was not successful.

24,627. Did you take any part in the municipal election of 1868?—I assisted Mr. Carrington in providing clerks and committee rooms.

24,628. At the 1868 municipal election?—Yes. Mr. Carrington had the management of it, and he applied to me to make arrangements for clerks.

24,629. For the municipal election?—Yes.

24,630. Had he the management in any sense of the word?—He assisted the candidates and I was to get up the necessary machinery for the election.

24,631. Did any money pass through your hands?—Not a penny.

24,632. Not a penny?—No, nothing whatever.

24,633. You knew money was going?—I did by report.

24,634. Were you about?—I was.

24,635. Then you could not help seeing it?—I was in both the committee rooms one time or other during the day.

24,636. The first election I will take you to is 1865, when Major Edwards and Mr. Sykes were candidates?—Yes.

24,637. Who had the conduct of that election on the part of Mr. Sykes?—England and Bainton.

24,638. Did you yourself take an active part in that election?—No; Mr. Bainton alone in 1865.

24,639–41. But you assisted in conducting that election under Mr. Bainton's direction?—Yes.

24,642. I want the published expenses of the election of 1865?—I have not he particulars o the accounts; it is merely a summary here. Mr B nton has them and will produce them.

24,643. I would rather have them here. Is Mr. Bainton here?—He is not here now; this is a summary (*handing in a paper*).

24,644. Was this published?—Not that particular account.

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24,645. Was this published?—Not that particular account.

24,646. I want the account that was published, have you it there?—No; I can explain them from this account. I was not aware that I should have them to produce. Mr. Bainton has them.

24,647. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The total has been published?—Yes, on one side of the account; but the published accounts of Mr. Bainton would be rather better to speak from than these.

24,648. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is not an abstract of the published accounts?—No, it is not; it is only in part.

24,649. Then what I have in my hand here is not an abstract of the published account?—No, it is not; it is only in part.

24,650. Can you tell me from these papers what was the published account?—Yes.

24,651. What were the figures?—In 1860?

24,652. No, I am on 1865 now?—651*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*

24,653. I should like to see that?—All the particulars are in the accounts.

24,654. There is the published account according to Act of Parliament?—Yes, the gross total.

24,655. That includes the retaining fee of the solicitor?—Yes, it does.

24,656. The whole of it?—No, not the whole of it; there was some received after it.

24,657. Then it does not contain all; what does it contain as the retaining fee of the solicitor?—There is 50*l.* in addition.

24,658. What does it contain in the published account as the retaining fee of the solicitor?—100*l.* I am only speaking from memory; I can speak better when I see the accounts.

24,659. That is very true; that is the reason I want to see them. When were they published?—They were published the usual time after the election, I cannot speak as to the exact time. They would be handed over to the election auditor, and he would publish them at his pleasure.

24,660–1. I do not think there was an election auditor in 1865?—Yes there was. I think there was.

24,662. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Here intimated he could not move a step without the published accounts, and directed them to be sent for.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. F. C. Matthews.

Mr. Francis Cooke Matthews called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

24,663. What are you Mr. Matthews?—A manure manufacturer.

24,664. Where?—At Driffield.

24,665. Where you in Beverley on the election of 1865?—Yes, but not for the purpose of the election; I was merely passing through the town.

24,666. You happened to be here?—Yes, I happened to be here.

24,667. Did you receive any money from any person that day?—I received four bags; I do not know the amount.

24,668. From whom did you receive them?—From Mr. Turner.

24,669. Containing gold?—I expect it was gold; it was metal. It might be gold or silver.

24,670. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Coin?—Yes.

24,671. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What Turner was that?—Turner was the manager for the East Riding bank.

24,672. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do not call it metal, but coin.

24,673. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What time of the day did you receive it?—About 11 o'clock.

24,674. Where?—At his own private house, not in the bank.

24,675. What took you to his house?—I met Mr. Barkworth in the street.

24,676. Is that Mr. Harold Barkworth?—Yes.

24,677. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What is he?—A banker.

24,678. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is he a partner in the East Riding bank?—Yes, I think he was at that time.

24,679. What took place between you and Mr. Barkworth?—He asked me to call at the bank in a quarter of an hour.

24,680. That is the Beverley bank?—Yes.

24,681. Well, go on. Yes?—He gave me a letter which I took over to Mr. Turner at his residence.

24,682–4. You had a letter he gave you to take to Machell's bank?—Yes.

24,685. And you took that letter to Mr. Turner?—Yes.

24,686. Did you take it to Mr. Turner, at the bank?—Yes, that is I took it to Turner's house, his house is at the bank altogether. I took it to his private house.

24,687. You took it to him at his house?—Yes.

24,688. Upon delivering that letter to Mr. Turner, did he then give you the bags of money?—He then gave me four bags. I believe they were four.

24,689. Did you see the bags before he delivered them to you?—Yes.

24,690. Were they on a table in his room?—On a sideboard.

24,691. They were there made up I suppose?—They were there made up.

24,692. They were leather bags I suppose?—No, they were ordinary banking bags, but they had no name on them.

24,693. I thought the ordinary banking bags were made of leather?—No.

24,694. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There was no name on them?—No name on them, as far as I remember.

24,695. Did you receive no directions with the bags?—The directions I received were from Mr. Barkworth.

24,696. What were they?—He said I should see some one directly I came out of Mr. Turner's house.

24,697. Yes?—I met a man whose name I did not know till I saw it in print the other day. I suppose it was Mr. Lowther.

24,698. Did he take the gold from you?—Yes, I went to him to a small shop; I do not know the name, it was a basketmaker's shop.

24,699. Where was the shop?—In the same street as where I got the money, at least the house.

24,700. And then you delivered up the gold to him?—I gave it to him as I received it in bags.

24,701. Did you take any receipt?—No.

24,702. Was any person present when you gave it? I believe not.

24,703. How came Mr. Barkworth to apply to you?—By simply meeting him in the street by pure accident.

24,704. You could not have been the first man he met. Have you had business dealing with him?—Only banking matters; we kept our account with them?

24,705. Is that all you know of this matter?—Oh, no. I knew further, this man Lowther was in a great hurry for the money, and said, "I want to see you again." I said, "I shall not be able to see you in all probability, I am leaving the town by noon." I met him again, and he asked me to go for a further supply. He asked me to go back again.

24,706. For a further supply?—Yes, and I think I received three more bags, and I gave them him too.

24,707. In the same way?—In the same way, in the same shop.

24,708. Did you receive them in the same way from Mr. Turner?—I received them in the same way from Mr. Turner.

24,709. About what time did you give him these

three last bags ?—I should think it would be after 12 as well as I remember; in fact it was before 1.

24,710. What time would you leave the town ?—About half-past 1 or 1 o'clock.

24,711. You left this town from 1 to half-past ?—Yes, I think that would be the time, and I returned back again through here.

24,712. Is that all that took place that day ?—I think the only conversation that took place was he said, "I want you to fetch some more money," and after that he said "the Liberals are paying away money freely." I went away and have never seen him since. I believe I received seven bags in all, I cannot remember exactly.

24,713. What were his words ?—I believe his words were "The Liberals are paying away freely and I shall want some more," and I said "I could not stay," and I believe that was all the conversation that passed between us.

24,714. That is all that took place ?—That is all I believe that took place between us.

24,715. Is that all you know about any election at Beverley ?—It is all I know about it; it is the first election I ever attended; I never gave my vote except for the East Riding.

24,716. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I did not like your first expression, you affected not to know what it was for; you knew it was for bribery ?—Of course I naturally concluded it was.

24,717. What brought you into Beverley on that day ?—I pass through Beverley every Wednesday.

24,718. Did you see either of the candidates on that day ?—Not one; I saw them afterwards.

24,719. When, what time ?—I do not know what time it would be, but it would be after they were elected when I came back again. I did not see them to speak to, I did not know them.

24,720. Did you not see your friend Mr. Barkworth afterwards ?—No.

24,721. Does Mr. Barkworth fill any office here ?—Not to my knowledge.

24,722. Is he a magistrate ?—I believe he is.

24,723. That is an office, is it not ?—Yes.

24,724. That is an office you know. How many days before the election did you see Mr. Barkworth ?—I believe I did not see Mr. Barkworth till I came into this court.

24,725. Before the election ?—I never spoke to him about the election before, but pure business.

24,726. You knew Mr. Turner; where is he ?

24,727. (*The Secretary.*) He has been called.

24,728. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He has not given us this evidence; when was he called ? Not one word of this evidence has he given.

24,729. (*The Secretary*). He was called Monday, the 3rd of September.

24,730. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Let him be summoned again; not one word of this evidence did he give. He is a bank manager ?—Yes.

24,371. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You said you returned back to Beverley ?—Yes.

24,732. In the evening ?—Yes.

24,733. What was that for ?—This is the junction for Driffield.

24,734. Did you stop at Beverley ?—Yes.

24,735. Did you stay in the town ?—Yes.

24,736. What was that for ?—Simply from curiosity.

24,737. Did you see either Mr. Barkworth or Mr. Lowther ?—I saw neither Mr. Barkworth or Mr. Lowther.

24,738. You saw neither of those persons ?—No.

24,739. When you came back the second time did you communicate with these persons ?—Not one.

Mr. McCoy recalled and further examined.

24,740. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. McCoy, it was not at all irrelevant the evidence given as to 1865. Let me see the published expenses for 1865 ?—Yes, sir.

It was handed in as follows:

"Beverley election, 1865. Statement of election expenses incurred by and on behalf of Henry Edwards, Esquire, and Christopher Sykes, Esquire, candidates at the election held on the 12th day of July 1865, of two members to serve in Parliament for the borough of Beverley, and delivered pursuant to section 4 of 26 Vic. c. 29."

	£	s.	d.
Messengers and bill distributors -	11	11	6
Checks, booth agents, poll clerk, check clerks and committee room clerks -	44	2	0
Telegrams, postages, parcels, and miscellaneous payments - -	11	2	5
Committee rooms, viz.:			
Benjamin Moore - - 7 7 0			
Mrs. Greenbury - - 2 2 0			
John Widdup - - 2 2 0			
Fidler Tritshler - - 2 2 0			
William Padget - - 2 2 0			
Joseph Ingram - - 2 2 0			
Managers of the public rooms - - - 2 0 0			
D. Waldby, cleaning same 0 10 0			
	20	7	0
Conveyances and drivers, viz.:			
George Ward - - 3 13 0			
D. Morley, senr. - - 10 11 6			
D. Morley, junr. - - 10 19 8			
J. Elrington - - 15 7 6			
W. Boyes - - - 19 19 0			
	60	10	8
Carried forward - -	147	13	7

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward -	147	13	7
Printing, stationery, and advertisements, viz:			
John Green - - 32 19 2			
John Kemp - - 35 10 1			
Proprietors of Hull Packet 28 1 8			
Proprietors of Yorkshire Gazette - - - 3 7 10			
Proprietors of Eastern Morning News - - 32 6 8			
Proprietors of the Standard 35 4 6			
Proprietor of Beverley Recorder - - - 8 18 0			
	176	17	11
Refreshments to booth agents, poll clerks, and committee room clerks - - - -	11	1	6
Returning officers expenses 102 4 4			
Do. register of voters 2 2 6			
	104	6	10
D. Morley (hotel charges) - -	68	14	5
Election agents, and agents' charges at various places and expenses in respect of absent voters - -	142	19	7
As under - - -	651	13	10

H. W. Bainton,
7th September 1865.

24,741. Is this your bill ?—It is the copy of the one sent in to the returning officer to be published. You see Mr. Bainton's name to it.

24,742. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) "Beverley election, 1865; statement of election and personal expenses incurred by and on behalf of Henry Edwards, Esq., and Christopher Sykes, Esq., candidates at the election held on the 12th day of July 1865, of two members to serve in Parliament for the borough of Beverley, and delivered pursuant

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" to section 4 of 26 Victoria, cap. 29." This is a model of economy, is this bill. Here are personal expenses which must be taken out of the question, 68*l.* Then there is 176*l.*, making 234*l.*; and here is 104*l.*, making 348*l.* It is a model of the expenses of an election. Here is Bainton and England, 136*l.*; returning officer, 104*l.*; personal expenses, 68*l.*; that makes it less than about 300*l.* Did this money pass through your hands?—I believe the greater part would, or perhaps the whole. Mr. Bainton might hand me the cheque to hand to Mr. Crust, which I have no doubt he did.

24,743. There is only one item I wish to draw your attention to, the personal expenses. Look at that?—I did not make the estimate above there.

24,744. Look at the expenses at various places in respect of out-voters; what is the amount of that—142*l.*?—That is "Election agents and agents' charges "at various places, and expenses in respect of absentee "voters, 142*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.*" That is agents who would be paid to send voters down from various places to Beverley.

24,745. Read it again?—"Election agents."

24,746. That is 104*l.*?—No, that is the returning officer you alluded to, 104*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* The 142*l.* includes the election fee.

24,747. Then, if that is to be taken away, you could not expend more than 300*l.*?—That was the rough copy, which makes it not so fair to read out; and then there is a fair copy.

24,748. Then that would make it only about 37*l.* to be expended on the out-voters?—Very likely that would be the amount.

24,749. I suppose that was all that was expended, to your knowledge?—Yes.

24,750. Be cautious; I do not wish to entrap you. How much more did you expend?—There were no more payments made at that time.

24,751. Go on?—In 1866 there were further payments made. Mr. Bainton will give the whole; everything is open, and there is nothing to conceal.

24,752. I will ask you one question now. Had you known about the arrangement with respect to the 700*l.* having got into Mr. Lowther's hands?—Nothing whatever; I knew nothing about that. I never heard it mentioned until I saw an account of it the other day; that was the first intimation I had.

24,753. I presume you must have known there was other expenditure than that which passed through Mr. Bainton's hands at that time?—I was not aware of it at that time.

24,754. I think you must have been?—No, I was not, on my oath.

24,755. Well, I will take that. How soon afterwards, after the election was over, did you understand there was other expenditure?—Probably not until April or May '66, some time thereabouts, when some additional payments were made.

24,756. As late as that?—Yes, I think so.

24,757. This was in July?—Yes.

24,758. I suppose I understand why it was April or May; there was a threat of a petition?—Yes, there was?

24,759. Then that threat held on, and then you knew in April or May there would be no petition?—Certainly

24,760. Then other demands started up at once?—It would be so.

24,761. Do you know at all who kept them quiet during that time?—Not at all. I have no knowledge whatever of that.

24,762. The petition being knocked on the head, tell me what payments you made after that?—In April or May, I cannot say which; I cannot speak positively, I have no dates.

24,763. Never mind, it does not make the slightest difference?—Mr. Wreghitt called at the office when Mr. Bainton was from home, and he handed me 161*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* to hand over to Kemplay, to pay certain bills and amounts which I included in that list. (*The witness handed in a list, of which the following is a copy*):

Colonel Edwards. M.P. and C. Sykes, Esq., M.P.
List of Outstanding Accounts, viz.:—

		£	s.	d.
William Boyes	as per account	1	4	6
Phineas Musgrave	„	8	10	0
Wm. Ramshaw	„	5	11	6
Wm. Browsho	„	2	12	0
F. Voase	„	1	1	0
Wm. Thompson	„	0	16	8
H. Larcum	„	6	12	6
J. Botham	„	6	0	0
D. Morley, junr.	„	2	12	0
D. Morley, senr.	„	17	0	0
J. Carrington	„	6	6	0
W. Padget, bronzing cards		0	10	0
—— Dry, expenses from Derby		2	0	0
St. Mary's ringers		5	0	0
Minster ringers		5	0	0
T. Straker, as per account		31	10	0
Persons who pulled in the carriage with Col. Edwards and C. Sykes, Esq.		5	0	0
—— Loft's expenses from Harwich		5	0	0
W. Ramshaw's band		24	0	0
J. Eastwood's „		20	0	0
N. Kemplay		5	0	0
		£161	6	2

24,764. Did Mr. Wreghitt give you that list?—I wrote it out at the time from accounts he handed me I believe; that is my writing.

24,765. It is either from accounts he handed to you or from dictation?—Yes.

24,766. Then of course before you paid anything or paid it away as a matter of course you consulted your principal, Mr. Bainton?—I did not.

24,767. You sent or wrote to Kemplay?—I cannot say whether I sent for him.

24,768. Or did he make his appearance a little after, I suppose he would?—Of cause I saw him and caused him to be in my presence within a short time after I got the money.

24,769. How much of that did you hand to Kemplay?—161*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*

24,770. Did you hand it all to him?—Every farthing. I will take this opportunity, if you will allow me, to make a statement with regard to what Kemplay said.

24,771. Certainly?—When he gave his evidence he said that I gave him 5*l.* a week or so after the election of 1857, which is totally untrue.

24,772. We have not gone to 1857 yet, Mr. McCoy, you shall every opportunity of stating everything you wish, but we will go back to avoid confusion in the dates, and when we come to 1857 you can make your statement. Who is Mr. Morley?—He was the innkeeper at the "King's Head" at that time.

24,773. That was for beer supplied and refreshments supplied to the voters?—It might be.

24,774. What are the "St. Mary ringers"?—They are the ringers at the church of St. Mary's and the Minster, they each got 5*l.*; I think it is 10*l.* there.

24,775. "Straker," that is a public-house bill?—Yes, that is 31*l.* 10*s.*, I believe.

24,776. "Persons who pulled in the carriage with Col. Edwards and C. Sykes, Esq.," 5*l.*?—Those parties I do not who they were; those monies were handed over to Kemplay and Mr. Moore.

24,777. "W. Ramshaw's band, 24*l.*"?—Yes, there were 24 of them.

24,778. Eastwood's ditto. All the other, I believe, are beer shops.?—I think they are.

24,779. There is Mr. Carrington?—Mr. Carrington would be no doubt for assistance during the election, which was not paid during the auditing the accounts.

24,780. You ought to have had that in because it should have been paid?—It should have been, but it was not so.

24,781. I suppose the bands were all freemen nearly?—Many were not.

24,782. But a good many were?—I should say

perhaps half of them; several of them were young men not of age.

24,783. Preparing the way?—Most likely.

24,784. Had Sir Henry Edwards ever been at your office?—Yes.

24,785. Was he in the office between the election, and April or May, when these bills were paid?—If they were it would be immediately after the election, I should think; perhaps the following day or the day after.

24,786. I do not mean that?—He would not be there after a reasonable time after the election, between then and April or May.

24,787. Had you any reason to know that that these bills were ever submitted to him?—I do not know at all that they were.

24,788. You never had any conversation with him? Not a word.

24,789. Wreghitt took away his own paper, I suppose, which he brought and dictated to you. I think you say he brought a paper?—He would bring the bills.

24,790. I suppose he took them away?—I would not swear whether I gave them to Kemplay to get signed, and he returned the receipts, or I handed them over to Mr. Wreghitt afterwards; I do not know that, but I told Mr. Wreghitt they were paid. Kemplay was some time in getting them paid; the bandmasters would not accept the amount themselves, being so small, but he had to pay the men individually, and that caused him to be some time.

24,791. At all events you have none of the vouchers?—I have not one.

24,792. Mr. Kemplay said he handed into you all the accounts and left them with you?—Yes.

24,793. Have you searched for them?—I cannot recollect at this time whether I handed them to Mr. Wreghitt. I have searched for them and cannot find them.

24,794. Had you seen Mr. Wreghitt before the election?—Before the election in 1865?

24,795. Yes, I am speaking of 1865?—Oh yes.

24,796. I suppose that was not the first sum of money he brought to the office?—I believe it was, it is the first I ever saw. I believe it is the first he ever brought and the last.

24,797. Who used to pay the money before that?—There never was any money paid to Mr. Bainton or into the office in any way whatever except what came from the members after that came or at that time.

24,798. From the members?—Yes.

24,799. Who used to pay the expenses?—Sir Henry would pay at that time, and Mr. Sykes, any additional payments that there were.

24,800. They did not pay all that?—Yes.

24,801. Did they make additional payments besides those?—Yes, besides those.

24,802. Tell me what additional payments they made, and when?—There was an account rendered to them of the general expenses of the election, and expenses relating to other matters.

24,803. We will have no other matters; I mean what "other matters?"—It is included in this account if I am to speak of them.

24,804. What were the other matters?—Attending registration, 10*l.*; for extra postage and miscellaneous payments, 7*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.*; additional fee to election agent, 50*l.*; J. Green, for printing poll books, 13*l.* 10*s.*; McCoy, for preparing the same, 13*l.*; F. Kemp, for printing, 7*l.* 5*s.*; J. Ward, 8*s.* 6*d.*; J. Green, 7*s.* 6*d.* That is 110*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*, which, added to 651*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*, makes 762*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*

24,805. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There are some figures here in this statement put in the margin, when were they put on?—They are the figures I am alluding to here. You will find opposite election agent account, 50*l.* in the margin; you will find against the telegrams, messages, &c., 9*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.*, and in the printing account, about 34*l.*

24,806. Those were added to this afterwards?—Not to the account; it was merely in making the account up, to show the difference between the account rendered to the returning officer and the account rendered to the members, after their election.

24,807. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This is what they published, and what they had given the world to believe. The additional payments you state as 110*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*?—Yes.

24,808. Now, put 161*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* to that item, paid in April?—That was paid by Wreghitt, not through the members.

24,809. Put that to it; it is a mere matter of figures?—That would be about 920*l.*

24,810. Then put 700*l.* to that?—That is 1,600*l.* odd.

24,811. So it would be, you see, 1,600*l.* expended, and there was only 600*l.* returned?—But Sir Henry paid 381*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, and Mr. Sykes 381*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, which make 762*l.*

24,812. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It is just a half of 762*l.*

24,813. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No doubt that was divided with the most admirable accuracy. You had better hand in the list you have read from.

A list was then handed in, of which the following is a copy:

	£	s.	d.
Attending registration for 1865	10	10	0
McCoy, clerk - - -	5	5	0
F. Perkins, do. - -	3	3	0
Extra postage and miscellaneous payments - - -	7	7	7
Additional fee to election agent	50	0	0
F. Green, for poll books -	13	10	0
McCoy, preparing same -	13	0	0
F. Kemp, for printing -	7	5	0
F. Ward, do. -	0	8	6
F. Green do. -	0	7	6
Not sent to election auditor -	110	16	7
Sent to do. do. -	651	13	10
	£762	10	5

24,814. That was paid after the 651*l.* was published, after the publication of that statement?—The 110*l.* was.

24,815. But did they pay any money?—Oh yes, it is on that account; they paid at different times 200*l.* and 100*l.*, and so on.

24,816. I mean when they paid?—I can speak if I have the account. (*The account was handed to the witness.*)

24,817. I want the dates. How much did they first pay each?—In July '65 Sir Henry gave a cheque for 200*l.*, and Mr. Sykes the like; then 150*l.* again in July, to Sir Henry.

24,818. How much by Mr. Sykes?—None then, but in September '65 Mr. Sykes sent 200*l.*

24,819. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Sir Henry Edwards paid 150*l.* in July?—Yes.

24,820. After that in September?—In September Mr. Sykes paid 200*l.*

24,821. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is 750*l.*?—Yes. Then in 1866 Sir Henry sent 31*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, being the balance of his account.

24,822. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the date?—It is in April; I have not the date—April '66. By those sums you will find it is above 762*l.*; and when Mr. Sykes' account was sent to him he had paid in excess 18*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* That was paid to the East Riding Bank to Mr. Sykes' account on the 23rd of April '66. Therefore Mr. Bainton received 762*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*

24,823. Did not you ask Mr. Wreghitt where this money came from; I put that question to you for this purpose?—I did not at all, nor he did not tell me.

24,824. Why did not you ask him?—I cannot say any reason why I did not ask him.

24,825. I think I can suggest one to you, Mr. McCoy. Was it not because you knew he was acting on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards?—I cannot say that it was that; I never thought that that was the reason.

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24,826. Do you mean to tell all of us here that that was not the reason you did not ask him, because you knew he was acting on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards?—It was not.

24,827. What was the reason?—I had no reason.

24,828. Who did you think that came from?—I did not think at all of that.

24,829. Who did you think that came from; whom did you believe that came on behalf of?—The account is headed, if you refer to it, to Edwards and Sykes, and therefore I asked no questions about it. (*The learned Commissioner referred to the account.*)

24,830. Then that is right; you should have told me that at once, "Col. Edwards, M.P. and C. Sykes, Esq., M.P." Then of course you knew perfectly well on whose behalf that came. I did not see that; that speaks for itself. At that time of course you must have known and did know, I think, that other monies had been spent. I mean that knowledge which facts and rumours give. When they came with 161*l.* you knew other monies had been spent?—I knew from report, but not in any other way.

24,831. Now we will go back to the election of 1860; was Mr. Bainton manager?—Mr. Bainton and Mr. England were.

24,832. Both conducting agents. On behalf of whom?—Mr. Walker.

24,833. You took an active part in that election. I first want the expenses in Walker and Gridley's election, but before I have that list I have this to ask you. Was the paper you produced to me on behalf of Mr. Sykes and Major Edwards kept among the papers in your office?—I believe I had it in my drawer ever after the time Mr. Kemplay gave it to me.

24,834. You know what I mean?—Yes, the 161*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*

24,835. Yes. Was that among the ordinary papers of the office?—No, it was not; I had that account to myself.

24,836. Why did you keep it not mixed with the other papers in the office?—I do not know why I did keep it anywhere except among the other papers. I was not aware that I had it. I was not aware till Mr. Kemplay was about being examined that I had that paper at all about me.

24,837. Had you any knowledge that Mr. Lowther had been receiving money or paying away money?—Not the slightest until I heard that account, that was the first intimation.

34,838. I take it now, the two accounts you have given us is the final settlement with regard to the account between you and the members at the election?—They are.

24,839. And that paper you say, so far as you are aware, never met the eye of Mr. Bainton?—I do not think it did. I think not.

24,840. That was the reason I asked you?—I did not keep it from him as a secret at all.

24,841. But you locked them up?—I had it in my desk.

24,842. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did Mr. Bainton see those marginal notes?—Which notes?

24,843. The figures on the account you have there. The eight guineas and 150*l.* and so on?—Yes, certainly.

24,844. Then that is the same thing?—No, there is not what the amounts were for of the 161*l.* at all.

24,845. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now we will go to '60. You have the published accounts of '60. What were they? (*The witness handed in a list of which the following is a copy:*)

Beverley Election 1860.

Payments by Mr. H. W. Bainton, in cash, viz.:	£	s.	d.
Messengers and bill distributors	29	6	0
Clerks, booth agents, poll clerks, and check clerks	39	9	6
Conveyance of absentee voters	24	0	9
Telegram, postage, and miscellaneous payments	3	19	11
Payments by the election auditor, viz.:			
Committee Rooms:			
Mr. John Taylor	6	0	0
Mrs. Rosamond Stather	5	0	0
Mr. J. Greenhough	3	0	0
Mr. F. Burrell	2	10	0
Mrs. F. Greenbury	2	2	0
Managers of the Norwood public rooms	2	0	0
D. Wauldby cleaning same	0	10	0
	21	2	0
Conveyances and Drivers:			
Mr. J. C. Pickering, Beverley	31	6	0
Mr. J. Ellerington do.	19	1	6
Mr. D. Morley, sen., do.	10	11	6
Mr. D. Morley, jun. do.	12	14	6
Mr. P. Dickenson, Hull	2	9	6
	76	3	0
Printing and Stationery and Advertisements:			
Mr. J. Green, Beverley	22	12	3
Messrs. Kemp and Son do.	21	16	4
Mr. Wm. Purdon, Hull	1	1	0
Proprietor of Hull Packet	1	15	4
Proprietor of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Advertiser	0	8	6
Proprietor of Yorkshire Gazette	0	5	4
	47	18	9
Mr. William Douthwait, Beverley, for refreshments to booth, agents, and poll clerks	7	10	0
Miscellaneous Payments, viz.:			
Mr. W. J. Richardson, Beverley, for fixing platform in public rooms, &c.	0	15	6
Mr. Wm. Watson, for boards for committee rooms, &c.	0	15	0
Mr. Wm. Padget, Beverley, painting same	0	10	0
	2	0	6
Returning Officers:			
Expenses (one-half)	58	8	11
Do. indentures of return	10	10	0
Do. registers of voters	4	7	6
	72	6	5
Election Auditor's fee			10 0 0
Do. commission			2 10 0
Do. advertising election expenses			1 1 0
	£337	7	10

24,846. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This is purity itself. The election agents' fees are not in the account.

24,847. This is 337*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* Is this the account that is published?—It is.

24,848. 337*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*, and that includes nearly 100*l.* for the returning officer?—Yes.

24,849. I suppose that was published some time after the election?—Yes.

24,850. From your office?—No, from Mr. Champney.

24,851. I thought you were conducting it?—Mr. Champney had the accounts to publish.

24,852. (*Mr. Champney.*) As election auditor.

24,853. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien to Mr. Champney.*) You were election auditor?—Yes.

24,854. (*To the witness.*) That is the account furnished to Mr. Champney?—Yes.

24,855. I mean furnished from your office?—Yes.

24,856. Did you know at that time that that did include the money that had not been expended?—At that time it was the whole of the monies that I knew that had been spent.

24,857. Do you know Mr. Kemplay?—I do.

24,858. From whom did you receive the 337*l.*7*s.*10*d.*?—From Mr. Bainton or Mr. England, or probably they might pay some part of it themselves.

24,859. Did you receive any of the money?—I have no doubt I should, most likely the whole of it.

24,860. From whom?—Either Mr. Bainton or Mr. England.

24,861. Did you receive any other monies?—At that time?

24,862. Yes?—None whatever.

24,863. Did you see Mr. Kemplay?—I did some time afterwards.

24,864. Where did you get the money you paid afterwards?—I did not pay any more money until April 1860, not a farthing. The statement made by Mr. Kemplay as having received 10*l.* from me——

24,865. No, no; but the 300*l.*, do you know anything about the 300*l.* he speaks of?—No, none whatever. Mr. Kemplay alludes to my sending him to the "Cross Keys;" I say that is totally untrue.

24,866. His statement is that he was at your office, that he spoke to you or Mr. Bainton, that from what you said he went to the "Cross Keys," and that there he received 300*l.*?—It is totally untrue as far as I am concerned. I never saw him, or never gave him the orders, neither am I aware that he was to be there, or any other party either.

24,867. You recollect what he said?—Certainly, and therefore I say it is untrue.

24,868. I think he said you paid him some money afterwards?—He said I paid him 10*l.*; that is untrue; I never paid him on any election, except the 161*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* from Mr. Wreghitt, and that included the 5*l.* for himself. I never had any other transactions with him.

24,869. You paid some out-voters in 1860?—In January, I believe.

24,870. You paid some out-voters afterwards?—Yes.

24,871. What expenses did you pay afterwards?—Travelling expenses from London for three of Mr. Loft's sons, 8*l.*

24,872. First give me the whole amount?—That is all.

24,873. Oh, I thought you paid more?—No.

24,874. From whom did you receive the 8*l.*?—The 8*l.* was received along with other sums from Mr. Bainton.

24,875. You only paid 8*l.* after the election?—Yes. I will give you the amount:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
"Mr. Hind, for refreshments -	9	18	6
H. Larcum do. - -	1	4	6
D. Morley do. - -	1	8	0
G. Ward do. - -	3	0	0
Ringers, Minster and St. Mary's -	10	10	0"

24,876. I suppose they are all freemen?—I do not know whether they are or not.

24,877. Most of them are?—I have no doubt a good many of them are.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Ramshaw's band - -	60	0	0
Richmond, expenses during the election - - -	3	15	0
Potts - - - -	1	10	0
Akrill - - - -	6	18	2
Kemp, printing poll books -	12	0	0
McCoy, preparing same - -	10	16	3
Watson, expenses on petition in 1869 - - - -	1	5	0
Loft, which I have given you before - - -	8	0	0
Half expenses for attending revision - - - -	29	12	5

24,878. That would be 159*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* altogether?—Yes.

24,879. Who paid the other half, Sir Henry?—Sir Henry.

24,880. Mr. Walker paid the half, and Sir Henry, who was not a candidate at all, paid the other half?—Yes; election agent's fee 100*l.*; additional to election auditor, 1*l.* 18*s.*

24,881. That is the whole?—The expenses not sent in to the election agent, are 264*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*

24,882. From whom did you get that?—Mr. Bainton or Mr. England.

24,883. You received that from the office?—Yes.

24,884. Do you remember distributing that?—I could not speak to one or two, but they would be distributed by me or through the office.

24,885. Let me see the account. (*It was handed in.*)

24,886. Do I understand you, I think I do, to contradict Mr. Kemplay when he said he gave you an account of the monies, how he distributed the 300*l.*?—He never gave me not a single item about it; I say it is utterly untrue any statement he made with respect to that.

24,887. Did you know that the 300*l.* had passed through his hands?—Not at all; I never knew till he came here.

24,888. Can you tell me the money, and how it was paid, that your principals received from Mr. Walker?—It is entered in the account in either two or three sums.

24,889. At all these elections we have two accounts, one apparently clear and the other not. The election was in January?—Yes, I believe so.

24,890. January, Walker, 100*l.*; February, ditto, 100*l.* That is 200*l.*, in January?—One in February.

24,891. Yes, and then there is April, 401*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*?—That balances the account.

24,892. Was there a notion of a petition against Mr. Walker?—There was.

24,893. Then I know why April comes in. Was there a petition; was it presented?—Yes, I believe it was.

24,894. Was it tried?—Yes.

24,895. He was declared duly elected?—He was.

24,896. On the 18th of April he was declared duly elected, and in April he paid 401*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*?—A great portion of that 401*l.* was expended before April, no doubt.

24,897. Were you up in London?—When?

24,898. At the time of the election petition?—I was.

24,899. And examined and cross-examined?—Not at all.

24,900. Did you not give evidence?—Not at all.

24,901. After it was over he gave 401*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; that I understand you to know. You know nothing of the 300*l.* besides?—Nothing whatever.

24,902. This man who got the 60*l.* for the band, what is he, Ramshaw?—He is a publican.

24,903. Is he a voter?—He is.

24,904. An influential man?—I cannot say.

24,905. He got 60*l.*?—Yes, but there would be perhaps 40 or 50 men, he would not get a deal for himself, it was a very large band.

24,906. So that if there is any truth in the 300*l.* added to that, that would make it 900*l.*?—It would.

24,907. Did you hear what was the price of the voters at the election?—I did not, I was engaged the whole of the time, and very little out.

24,908. We will go back to 1859, there was a sharp contest, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Whilst we are on 1860, Mr. Vickers made a statement that he received 30*l.* from me, would you be kind enough to ascertain whether that is Mr. Vickers' writing or not. (*The witness handed a paper in of which the following is a copy*):—"Beverley, 12th Augt. 1857. Sir. "Enclosed is statement of cash I lent to gentlemen "named below at the election on Mr. Kemplay's "request. Mr. Thos. Oxley 11*l.* 10*s.*, Mr. Hy. Hay-"lor 6*l.*, Mr. R. Potts, to pay all voters, he will know "the names of them, 6*l.* 23*l.* 10*s.*" Perhaps that does not allude to it, nor yet has reference to the 1857 election, which I shall come to afterwards. Then in 1860 Mr. Vickers says he furnished me with a list of persons that had been bribed at 1860. I say that that is totally untrue, that Mr. Vickers never handed me a list at any time whatever, except the list

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to which that piece of paper that you have there relates to, and that is not at that time. That when the petition was likely to be presented or going on against Mr. Walker I applied to Mr. Vickers for a list, it having been announced that he had bribed to ascertain who they were, and if they were subpœnaed to London to know whether they had been bribed or not. Mr. Vickers never did from that day to this hand in a list for 1860.

24,909. You asked him for it?—I did.

24,910. Why did you ask him for it?—I was requested so to do in consequence of it being announced that bribery had been going on.

24,911. By whom were you asked to do it?—By one of my employers.

24,912. Either Mr. Bainton or Mr. England in 1860 asked you to apply to Mr. Vickers for a list of persons supposed to be bribed?—Yes.

24,913. You were instructed to ask Mr. Vickers the names of the persons that were supposed to be bribed by him, in order to be able to meet it?—Certainly, but I never did receive one.

24,914. You asked him for the names of the persons?—Yes.

24,915. There was a petition we see?—Yes.

24,916. Did you get any names from him?—I did not.

24,917. You were asked by your employer?—Yes.

24,918. Go on?—Afterwards when in London I remember Mr. Lowther asking me if ever we got an account from Mr. Vickers of any money that he had paid, and I said, no, and I did not expect we ever should.

24,919. Mr. Lowther asked you?—Yes.

24,920. Whether you had got an account of the sums?—Yes.

24,921. And you said you had not?—I did.

24,922. Anything else?—Mr. Vickers never saw any list in my possession except the one that I allude to, the paper that you have there. I wish to know whether that is his writing or not, as it has no signature. It is just as the account is here, I can show you it all.

24,923. Was Mr. Vickers up in London?—I think he was, but I do not remember that particularly; he was up in 1859.

24,924. I am not speaking of 1859, I am speaking of 1860.—I cannot answer that.

24,925. You knew from the inquiries your employers wished you to institute, and also from what Mr. Lowther said, you knew there had been bribery going on?—Certainly.

24,926. Do you know through whom?—I do not.

24,927. That was before the committee sat?—Yes.

24,928. It was known before the committee sat that bribery had been going on?—Yes, by report.

24,929. No, because you get a man who took an active part, Mr. Lowther, asking you whether you got an account from Mr. Vickers of the money Mr. Vickers had expended, that is not a report?—I had no knowledge of Mr. Lowther ever having any money at that time.

24,930. No, but that is very different from your people asking you to make inquiries of Mr. Vickers. However, did your employers or your principals speak to you, and did Mr. Lowther speak to you before you went up to town?—Mr. Lowther did in London, but my employers would before I went in preparing for the defence.

24,931. Then of course you knew with the knowledge that you had that money had been expended through Mr. Vickers, did you ascertain how much?—It could not be shown that money had been paid by him; there never was any account in the office to show it.

24,932. How much did they say that he had to account for; 30*l.*?—I think it was more than 30*l.*, 60*l.* or 70*l.*

24,933. At that time you say you did not know that the money had passed through Kemplay's hands?—I did not.

24,934. Did you inquire?—I did not.

24,935. But were you in London attending to the petition of 1860?—I was there.

24,936. Then you heard it came from Kemplay's hand, I presume?—I think not.

24,937. It was stated before the committee, was it not?—I think not.

24,938. I have heard it here, but you may not have heard it notwithstanding?—I never saw the report of the house.

24,939. There was Mr. Whitfield, he was examined: "Do you know a person of the name of Nathaniel Kemplay? Yes," and so on. Then they go on. Were you there?—I was in London, but I was not in the room when he was examined.

24,940. Is that all you can tell us about 1860?—I think it is.

24,941. Kemplay says that he was in your office and went there and got the money, but you deny that?—I do, totally.

24,942. Tell me anything else about 1860?—I do not think I can.

24,943. Now we will go to 1859, when there was a sharp contest, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes.

24,944. Were your principals conducting agents on behalf of Walker and Sir Henry?—They were.

24,945. I suppose you heard Walters was coming with bags full; did you not hear he was coming with a great deal of money?—It was said there would be money. He only came in either two or three days before; it was expected there would be no contest.

24,946. What have you in your hand?—The account of 1859.

24,947. The published account?—Yes. (*The account was handed in, and is as follows:*)

"The expenses of Henry Edwards, Esq., M.P., and James Robert Walker, Esq., at the election for the borough of Beverley, 29th April 1859.

Paid sums expended in the purchase of railway tickets and hiring of conveyances of absentee voters, as per a/c annexed	13	12	5
Agents' charges at London, Newcastle, Scarborough, Sheffield, Retford, Rotherham, Lincoln, Durham, York, Hull, and Driffield	29	7	11
Messengers, watchers, &c.	58	13	6
Poll agents	8	8	0
Poll clerks	6	6	0
Check clerks	6	6	0
Clerks	28	7	0
Telegraphic messages 3*l.*, postages and other incidental expenses 4*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*	7	12	8
	£158	13	6

Bills remaining to be paid.

Messrs. Kemp and Son, printing	37	9	0
Do. do.	1	10	0
Mr. John Green, do.	29	15	11
Central committee room, and hire of five other places	20	10	0
Mr. David Morley, sen., cabs and drivers	10	11	6
Mr. David Morley, jun., do.	9	15	6
Mr. Pickering, do.	14	5	6
Mr. Ellerington, do.	7	1	0
Mr. Padget for return board	0	10	0
Advertisements.			
"Eastern Counties Herald"	12	6	10
"Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Advertiser"	5	5	0
"Hull Packet"	13	14	6
Indenture of return - 69 7 9 5 5 0			
Returning officer's charges	74	12	9
Messrs. England & Bainton and clerks engaged from 6th April to 30th	150	0	0
Election auditor's fee	20	0	0
Do. two per cent. commission on 166*l.*	3	6	0
	£569	7	0"

24,948. That includes the returning officer's fee and the retaining fee?—It does, but there are some amounts on the other side that I shall have to speak to. (*The account on the other side is as follows:*)

Attending registrar	£21	0	0
Richardson, as per bill	2	11	0
Padgett do.	3	0	0
Forge do.	5	0	0
Amount paid previous to election, messengers, &c.	18	1	6
Morley, hotel charges	89	12	0
Green, printing poll books	16	10	0
McCoy, preparing same	10	17	6
Jackson, for travelling expenses of Coulson	0	5	0
Morley, as per bill	2	17	0
Douthwaite, do.	3	0	0
Hind, do.	2	0	9
Burrell, do.	1	12	10
Willis, advertising election accounts	0	13	6
Oxley, as per bill	29	16	0
Subsequent attendances and correspondence	10	10	0
	£217	7	1
Sent to election auditor	569	7	0
Not sent to do.	217	7	1
Account rendered to members	£784	14	1

24,949. These figures have been altered?—That is the draft copy; that is the account as published.

24,950. What time in the year was that, do you recollect?—I think it was about January; I cannot say. April it was, I believe.

24,951. (*The Secretary.*) 29th of April 1859.

24,952. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Just take that in your hand, and tell me when did you pay after the return was published; how much and when did you pay it?—It would be in the month of August or September 1859; I believe August.

24,953. Tell me the whole amount?—217*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*, that includes the hotel expenses of the members.

24,954. How was that money paid, tell me how the whole was paid, what date did they pay it?—They would be paid in the month of August, but I have no particular date. Oh, when the members paid it; Major Edwards, in April 1859, paid 100*l.*; Mr. Walker, in April, 100*l.*; Walker, July, 100*l.*; Edwards, in August, 301*l.* 5*s.* 0½*d.*; Mr. Walker, in September, 185*l.* 9*s.* 0½*d.*, which was the balance of the account that remained to each of them, making a total of 786*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*

24,955. Instead of 569*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*?—Yes, including these hotel bills.

24,956. Did you yourself ever receive any money either from Major Edwards or Mr. Walker?—No, never from Walters or Edwards. I got 161*l.* from Mr. Wreghitt.

24,957. What was the figure you heard was going at Walker's election?—I cannot say, I was very little out in the day, scarcely out at all.

24,958. There was a petition presented in 1859 against Edwards and Walker?—Yes.

24,959. And you were examined?—I was, principally as to the payments of messengers, and so on.

24,960. Messengers; are they down in the bill?—Yes, 58*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

24,961. Is there anything additional in the additional bill?—No, I think not. I have the list of the messengers.

24,962. Their additional bill was paid at that time?—The additional bill was paid in August or September 1859.

24,963. 1859?—I expect it was 1859.

24,964. And you were examined in 1860?—In 1859; I will not be certain. Perhaps I may be wrong as to the payment, whether it is 1859 or 1860.

24,965. Just attend; if the election was in April 1859, the parliament was a short parliament, if I recollect, and the petitions were not all tried till the following February and March; that is my recollection, I may be wrong?—I believe it was tried in 1859, if you will refer, I am speaking from memory.

24,966. I see it was tried on the 10th of August 1859. Have you any dates when these bills were paid?—I should think they were paid at the latter end of August or September, when the bills were fully made out.

24,967. Did you mention one word in your evidence of having additional payments to make?—I was not aware they had to be made then, I did not know it.

24,968. Was your principal examined, Mr. Bainton?—Yes, and Mr. England too.

24,969. Were you there?—Yes.

24,970. There was not a word brought before the committee of the additional payments?—Not that I am aware of. (*The account for the messengers was handed in, and is as follows:*)

"Beverley election, 1859.

"An account of the money paid on behalf of "Major Edwards, M.P., and James Robert Walker, "Esq., by Messrs. England and Bainton, for messengers, after the 28th of April."

	£	*s.*	*d.*
John Dove	1	2	6
William Flint	1	2	6
Samuel Bishoprick	1	2	6
George Monkman	0	15	0
John Cross	1	2	6
William Robinson	1	2	6
John Robinson	1	2	6
William Clubley	1	2	6
William Burrell	0	17	6
Thomas Henry Wallis	1	2	6
John Tilson	1	2	6
John May	1	7	6
George Simpson	1	2	6
Thomas Monkman	1	15	0
Peter Walker	0	17	6
George Roy	1	2	6
John Whitelock	1	2	6
George Pougher	1	2	6
Matthew Thirkman	0	17	6
Thomas Megson	1	2	6
Edmund Widdall	1	10	0
Thos. Kirk, senior	1	2	6
William Monkman	1	2	6
Joseph Fowler Andrew	1	2	6
James Taylor	1	2	6
James Richardson	1	2	6
William Clough	0	17	6
Matthew Lythe	1	2	6
Robert Bishoprick	1	2	6
Michael Clark	1	2	6
William Clark	1	2	6
William Wilson	1	2	6
James J. Bishoprick	1	2	6
Charles T. Bishoprick	1	2	6
Henry Barnes	1	2	6
William Whitfield	1	2	6
George Grant	1	2	6
George Whitehead	1	2	6
John Megson	2	10	0
Richard Bell	1	2	6
Charles Spivey	1	2	6
John Nicholls	1	2	6
Robert Watson	1	2	6
Thomas Sheffield	1	2	6
Wm. Richd. Jameson	1	2	6
Robert Padget	1	2	6
William Leck	1	2	6
William Cooper	1	2	6
John Mercer	0	5	0
John Clark	1	2	6
William Osgerby	0	15	0
Francis Castle	1	2	6
Edmund Widdall	0	1	0
George Fitzgerald	0	2	6
William West	1	2	6
	£58	13	6

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24,971. What is Forge down for 5*l.* for ?—I think it is for the assembly rooms here.

24,972. Who is Mr. Thos. Forge ?—He is treasurer to the public rooms.

24,973. Is that the Forge of the bank ?—Yes.

24,974. "Amount paid previous to election, messengers, 18*l.*" ?—That is 6*l.* only, that is messengers and cabs. I have the account.

24,975. "Amount paid previous to election, messengers, 18*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*" Look at it?—Yes; I will give you the particulars.

24,976. I do not want the particulars, you have returned messengers before. That is an account that is rendered before the nomination day. Messengers and watchers, 58*l.* ?—That includes the whole of the messengers before the nomination day.

24,977. The item of 18*l.* was never brought before the Committee of the House of Commons; look at it, the item of 18*l.* previous to the election (*handing account to witness*); look at it in your own account and read the item. Can you do it ?—Yes.

24,978. Read it ?—Amount paid previous to election, messengers, &c.

24,979. "Amount paid previous to election, messengers, &c., 18*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* ?"—Yes. 6*l.* of that is for messengers.

24,980. I do not care what it is for, why should not that be in the account ?—I cannot say, I assisted in making out the account.

24,981. That is the very thing they were inquiring into, the whole of your examination as you say was accounting for the messengers. That was the very thing they were inquiring into ?—I accounted for every messenger there was, but not the amount. I was not asked as to the amount, I spoke as to 55 messengers in the account, and there are 55. (*The witness handed in the following accounts:*)

"England and Bainton's account with Philip Rose.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
1858. Law bills - - -	68	18	6
Do. - - - -	9	1	8
April 17. Paid Ramshaw and others -	143	13	0
	£221	13	2
17 April 1858, Received from Rose and Co. - - - -	221	13	2

Claims delivered in to England and Bainton.

Wm. Padgett, for painting boards, state of poll, &c. - - -	0	8	0
D. Morley, refreshments on the election day - - - -	0	14	0
John S. Vickers, for payment to voters	23	10	0
H. Taylor, the like - - -	2	18	6
W. Wreghitt, twice to London, Glover, 8*l.* and 5*l.* - - - -	13	0	0
John Green, printing cards - -	8	0	0
John Kemp, do. - - -	10	0	0
John Kemp, cash advanced to pay Glover's legal expenses - -	15	0	0
Edward Dickinson, refreshments -	0	11	6
Wm. Ramshaw, do. - -	1	12	0
John Charter, do. - -	2	12	0
Wm. Tilson, for attendance on Mr. Spofforth and England and Bainton -	2	2	0
Musicians, 21 in number, Ramshaw and Co. - - - -	42	0	0
Wm. Douthwaite, refreshments -	1	10	0
Wm. Watson, payment to voters -	1	15	0
Jno. Almack - - - -	15	0	0
England and Bainton - - -	3	0	0
	£143	13	0"

24,982. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a voter ?—I am.

24,983. What means "Oxley as per bill, 29*l.* 16*s.*"; and "subsequent attendance and correspondence" ? Will you explain the two last items ?—I think it is an account that Mr. Bainton paid to Oxley for the expenses of absentee voters, but Mr. Bainton will explain that.

24,984. What is the 10*l.* 10*s.* for ?—That is Mr. Bainton's account for additional correspondence and attendance after the election; he makes the item 10*l.* 10*s.*

24,985. For himself ?—For himself and partner; for the firm.

24,986. Do you know of any additional expenses ?—I do not know of any in 1859.

24,987. You do not think there are any additional ?—I think not.

24,988. Do you know of any money that passed through any hands at that time ?—I do not know that there was any.

24,989. Have you heard since ?—I have read in the evidence that money was going, but I do not know; I am not aware that it was; I think probably it was not.

24,990. Money going where ?—Money going at the election in 1859.

24,991. You know nothing about it ?—No.

24,992. Now we will come to 1857, when Major Edwards appeared. Were you employed then as a clerk to the conducting agent ?—England and Bainton, Mr. England, at least, was the principal then.

24,993. Did any other solicitor in Beverley assist you ?—They did not.

24,994. During any of the elections ?—Not any of those.

24,995. Had you seen Wreghitt in 1860 about the election ?—I had seen him previous to the election.

24,996. About the business of the election ?—No more than other parties who had been in the rooms during the election; not in respect to any election matters more than the public in the room was aware of.

24,997. I do not mean that. I suppose you had known what seems to be pretty well known, that he had been in the habit of supplying money on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards ?—For local elections.

24,998. Did you yourself ever receive any money from him for local elections ?—No.

24,999. In 1857 you were managing clerk for the expenses of that election ?—I had nothing to do with the expenses. Mr. England was only the agent, but not the agent for election expenses.

25,000. Who was the agent for election expenses ?—Mr. Williams.

25,001. Who is he ?—I do not know. I never saw him before, and I have never seen him since. He was a tall man, that is all I know.

25,002. Was he a lame man ?—I do not know, I heard him spoken of as being lame, but I do not remember him as such. He paid all the accounts.

25,003. That is very strange. Mr. England would be here, a local solicitor. How was he acting ?—He declared himself, Mr. John Williams did, as the agent for election expenses. Mr. England was the agent, but not for election expenses.

25,004. I believe Mr. Williams was a good deal in your office ?—I should think he might be in three or four times during the election. He was principally at the rooms. He might not be so many as three or four times.

25,005. Look at the position you are placing your principal, Mr. England, in. He conducted the election and another man conducted the election expenses, and you say you know nothing about it ?—Nothing. I know he paid the clerks in our office.

25,006. This person's name was John Williams ?—Yes, I remember seeing his name, it was John Williams.

25,007. Were you up in London upon the election petition ?—Which one ?

25,008. 1857, against Glover ?—No, I was not.

25,009. When first were you brought into contact with Major Edwards in reference to the election?—In 1857.

25,010. Tell me what accounts you have in reference to the expenses of that election?—I have none of that election. I have some payments afterwards. I have none of the election accounts.

25,011. Do you recollect about the account that was published by the election agent, the expenses agent?—I have seen it, but I have no knowledge of it now.

25,012. A petition was threatened, I think, was there not, in 1857?—I rather think there was, but I cannot speak positively as to that.

25,013. It was Edwards and Wells' election?—Yes.

25,014. Who was the conducting agent for Mr. Wells?—I should think Leeman and Clark.

25,015. Now, you recollect the circumstances, tell me what was paid afterwards, and when?—I have a list here.

25,016. The election was in August; when was the money paid?—There were some moneys paid on the 17th April 1858.

25,017. How much?—143*l.* 13*s.*, but not particularly relating to the election of 1857.

25,018. Were they paid on behalf of Major Edwards?—The account was made out to Philip Rose. That would be Baxter, Rose, and Norton, I suppose.

25,019. He was the paymaster, then?—He was.

25,020. In fact I believe he was conducting the election, was not he, for Major Edwards?—I do not know at all. The only party I saw was this Mr. Williams, but where he was from I know not.

25,021. Let me see the account. (*The account was handed to the learned Commissioner.*) In whose handwriting is it?—It is mine.

25,022. Can you tell me about it?—Yes; I have the vouchers for this, at least I have the accounts. Here is an entry of all the names which you will find on the other side, 143*l.* 13*s.*

25,023. They were your agents, I suppose. You had acted for them?—Yes.

25,024. In any other matter than the election?—Yes, it relates to other matters than that.

25,025. Here is an item: "John S. Vickers, for payment to voters, 23*l.* 10*s.*," and another, "W. S. Wreghitt, twice to London, Glover, 8*l.* and 5*l.*; 13*l.*"?—That was on Glover's petition.

25,026. "Cash advanced to pay Glover's legal expenses, 15*l.*;" what was that?—I only know from the accounts, I have not the particulars here.

25,027. Who is William Douthwaite?—He is an innkeeper.

25,028. Who is John Almack?—He resides in Beverley; he is a magistrate.

25,029. Be cautious as to what you say. "John Almack, 15*l.*"?—That is the account.

25,030. Just look at it. A magistrate of Beverley would not take 15*l.*?—I suppose that is the money he was out of pocket; his expenses attending in London during the petition when Glover was unseated. That was for his expenses travelling up and down.

25,031. Sir Henry Edwards was not a candidate when Glover was unseated?—No. This account is from Philip Rose. Why they should pay it I know not. They are the accounts that have been paid. This came from Rose and Co. That is the account I have. I do not know anything further about it.

25,032. Whose handwriting is this?—It is in my handwriting. It is extracted from the ledger.

25,033. Where are the accounts sent from Rose and Co.?—We received the accounts and sent them up to them. They are claims delivered to England and Bainton.

25,034. What is this item, "Glover's departure from Beverley 3*l.* 10*s.*"?—I know the account.

25,035. What is it?—For printing the account of Glover having left the town, by Mr. Kemp. Who ordered that to be done I do not know. Those accounts were sent in after the election of 1857.

25,036. Sent in to you?—To England and Bainton.

25,037. As agents?—I do not know for what purpose. I suppose they expected to get paid in some way.

25,038. "Cash advanced to pay Glover's bill, balance of legal expenses"?—Yes, 15*l.*

25,039. And that was paid?—Yes.

25,040. By Rose and Norton to you?—Yes; a cheque was sent down for 221*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*, and was paid into Machell's bank on the 17th of April.

25,041. Were you acting for Glover?—No. Edwards's election of 1857 was the first we had to do with.

25,042. "To cash advanced to pay Glover's balance of legal expenses. 15*l.*, paid Tilson." Can you explain that. Who was Tilson?—He was agent, I expect, at Glover's election.

25,043. And he sent in that account to you?—No, that is Kemp's. Kemp advanced it to him.

25,044. Kemp sent that account to you as having paid it to Tilson?—Yes.

25,045. What had you to do with it?—Nothing. Those claims were sent in, as I said before, and the list was sent up to Philip Rose.

25,046. They were sent in to you as acting on behalf of Major Edwards?—Yes, but Major Edwards would have nothing to do, that I am aware of, with Glover in 1852. I cannot understand it any further.

25,047. I think I can?—I cannot.

25,048. That is the only explanation you give. Are you aware that it was not an unusual thing for the debts owing by one candidate to be paid by the incoming candidate?—No, I was not aware of it. We never had anything of the sort since we have had to do with it.

25,049. I see the others are made out regularly. What is this of Ramshaw's?—It is for some refreshment, I suppose, 1*l.* 12*s.*?

25,050. Here are a number of names; look at them (*handing list to the witness*)?—They are 21 musicians.

25,051. Had they anything to do with Glover?—I do not know whether that refers to Glover or not. Perhaps the accounts will show. I have the entry here, "Musicians, 21; Ramshaw, 42*l.*"

25,052. Had that anything to do with Glover?—I do not know whether it was Glover's or Edwards's, I cannot say.

25,053. But you received the money and paid it to these different people?—I did not pay the whole of the money on this account.

25,054. What did you leave unpaid?—I did not pay this account of Mr. Almack's nor Mr. Wreghitt's.

25,055. Who paid it, do you know?—I do not know, unless Mr. England did; he was the likeliest person.

25,056. But you put them down as paid in your bill?—Yes.

25,057. Have you the letter that Rose and Norton sent down to cover the cheque?—I should think it would be in the office. 221*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* is the amount of the cheque sent down, and it was paid into Machell's bank, I believe on the 17th of April 1858, paid in for cash.

25,058. Did you not pay the 15*l.* to Mr. Almack?—I did not.

25,059. Who paid that, do you know?—I do not know, unless Mr. England did.

25,060. Was he a returning officer, or anything of that kind?—No. I expect it was for his expenses in going to London on Glover's petition. I have no reason to think that it was for anything else than that. I know there were some gentlemen who went up at that time. I expect it is for their expenses.

25,061. Do you know in whose handwriting the cheque was?—No, it is so long since. It would not be anything within my knowledge. I believe it was signed, as far as I remember, "Baxter & Co.," but I could not say.

25,062. Were you ever concerned at all for Glover, in any way whatever?—In none whatever. I should

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like to make an explanation with regard to this 23*l.* I asked Mr. Vickers to see whether the account I handed in was in his handwriting or not.

25,063. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There is a portion torn off?—It is only torn by being too much creased.

25,064. There is a part that has come off?—I believe not.

25,065. It must be so. It is in the form of a letter beginning "Sir," and there is no signature?—That is why I asked if Mr. Vickers would acknowledge it to be his writing.

25,066. It has been partly torn off?—Not after it came into my possession.

25,067. How did it come into your possession?—It would be handed in to the office of England & Bainton, and then I should get it in making up this account.

25,068. (*To Mr. Vickers.*) Is that your writing?

25,069. (*Mr. Vickers.*) Yes, I believe it to be.

25,070. (*The witness.*) Mr. Vickers states that I paid him 30*l.* It may have been an error on his part. I say it is untrue; I never paid him 30*l.* I paid him 23*l.* 10*s.*, which is the amount mentioned there.

25,071. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is it brought into the account?—Yes, it is in the account which you have seen. It is in the 143*l.* 13*s.*

25,072. (*Mr. Barstow, to Mr. Vickers.*) Did the witness ever pay you anything except this?

25,073. (*Mr. Vickers.*) No, I said about 30*l.*

25,074. Williams was in the room at the time?—Not at the time when I paid Mr. Vickers. This was six months after.

25,075. I believe in all the elections that we have questioned you about there has been a petition, has there not, either presented or prepared?—Either presented or gone through.

25,076. The first was in 1857; we know that there was a petition then?—Yes, I think so.

25,077. Against Glover?—Yes.

25,078. That was on the ground of his personal disqualification?—Yes. That we had nothing to do with.

25,079. Nothing turns upon that. The next was in 1857?—Yes.

25,080. The election was between Major Edwards and Mr. Wells. Was there a petition on that occasion?—I believe there was.

25,081. Prepared?—Yes.

25,082. But not gone through with?—Not gone through with.

25,083. We know, of course, that there was a petition in 1859?—Yes.

25,084. And there was in 1860?—Yes.

25,085. Against Walker?—Yes.

25,086. We are told that there was one prepared by Mr. Hind in 1865; was that so?—I believe there was one.

25,087. In 1868 we know there was one; so that in every election since 1857, on one ground or another, there has been a petition presented or prepared.

25,088. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There has been a petition against Major Edwards every election since 1857?—Yes, every election.

25,089. And including 1857?—Yes.

25,090. I am not going to ask you to deal with these accounts, because in truth they are no accounts at all, they are not intended to be; but I want to ask you with whom you made them out?—With Mr. Bainton.

25,091. Did you and Mr. Bainton have the whole mass of bills before you?—Yes, doubtless.

25,092. And you rejected some and put in others at your own will?—No, we rejected none.

25,093. We want to know how that is. I do not want to go into details, but it appears that to every bill there is a large supplementary account?—Yes, after the accounts are sent in to the election auditor.

25,094. How does that supplemental account come to be there?—In consequence of having received certain accounts from the members, and then to show them how the money had been expended, so much for the account as sent to the returning officer, and so much for expenses paid afterwards, either in law expenses, or whatever it might be.

25,095. The whole amount, you know, ought to be returned to the election expenses auditor, or to the returning officer now?—It was all there at the time the accounts were sent in.

25,096. That is, all that had come in at the time the account was sent in?—Yes.

25,097. That was there?—Yes.

25,098. You know, I suppose, that there were other accounts outstanding?—Not when the accounts were sent to the election auditor.

25,099. Did you inquire for them?—They were advertised for.

25,100. But not sent in?—Not sent in.

25,101. They seem to be the same names over and over again appearing in the supplementary account; printing the poll book, for instance, and so on?—That is a matter not at all connected with it. I do not know.

25,102. Have you ever found money for municipal elections?—No, never.

25,103. Never any?—Never any.

25,104. Nor for pasture master elections?—Yes, I have.

25,105. You have found the money?—I have paid my proportion. I became a candidate in 1856.

25,106. You paid out of your own pocket?—Yes. I became a candidate in 1856, and we spent money then, and in 1859.

25,107. Have you paid money other than your own?—Yes.

25,108. How is that?—We received in 1859 20*l.* from Mr. Wreghitt, that was after the election of pasture masters.

25,109. To whom did you give that?—We subscribed together, and I think we spent something 114*l.* amongst us, including the 20*l.* of Mr. Wreghitt. That money was handed to Mr. Charles Skelton, who accounted to us for it afterwards. Mr. Skelton was clerk to Mr. Johnson.

25,110. The wine merchant?—Yes, who was up on Saturday.

25,111. He paid the freemen in the ordinary way? Yes, it was no secret; anyone could have it that had a mind to fetch it; it was so on both sides.

25,112. Have you had anything to do with the election of churchwardens?—I have not been concerned with that.

25,113. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I wish to ask you a question about that supplementary account of 1859; when did you first hear that there would be a supplementary account?—I cannot speak to the time at all.

25,114. Did you hear of that account before the parliamentary petition was tried?—I believe not, to the best of my knowledge.

25,115. I think you must have done so. The published account is considerably exceeded by the payments that you received from Edwards and Walker before the petition was tried; therefore you must have known before the petition was tried that there was more money to be paid?—That might be on account of the petition; we were getting up a petition of defence.

25,116. The published accounts were 569*l.*, the additional or supplemental account which you paid in August or September was 217*l.* That was in 1859. Now before the petition was tried in August you had received more money with those two accounts than the published account amounted to?—Very likely Mr. Bainton would.

25,117. If you look at those figures you will see that you must have known that there was a supplemental account?—That would be towards the expenses of the petition, towards the law expenses. The petition was then going on, and Mr. Bainton would apply for further funds to conduct the petition.

25,118. But the additional account of 217*l.* included that. The figures speak for themselves. The additional account of 217*l.* had nothing to do with the petition expenses?—Then they would have paid Mr. Bainton in excess. I cannot explain it further.

25,119. Your own figures show conclusively that before the election petition was tried you knew that there was a supplemental account. The figures speak for themselves?—They had not paid all up. They had only paid before the petition 300*l.*

25,120. Before the petition was filed you received from the candidates more than that considerably, showing that you were aware that there was an additional amount to be paid?—In April and July there was 300*l.* received and no more.

25,121. I have been looking at the dates. In April Edwards paid 100*l.*, and in August 301*l.*?—Now you are passing the time of the petition.

25,122. I am speaking of the accounts before the election petition was tried?—I cannot say the day when the election petition was tried.

25,123. The petition was tried on the 9th August?—The amount of money received in August from Sir Henry Edwards would be after the petition had been tried.

25,124. There was no doubt a sum received after the petition was tried, but the petition was tried early in August, and you will not persuade me that you did not receive more money than the published expenses before the petition was tried?—There was only 300*l.* received before the petition was tried.

25,125. There was received from the two candidates together, 601*l.*?—Excuse me, 300*l.*

25,126. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It must have been known for the best of all reasons, because at every election there was a supplemental bill.

25,127. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Sir Henry Edwards paid 100*l.* in April, and in August 300*l.*?—That is after the petition was tried.

25,128. The petition was tried in August of that year?—And that payment is afterwards. It is the final balancing of the account, 301*l.* That shows it clearly.

25,129. You received from Walker in April 100*l.*, in July 100*l.*, and in September 100*l.* You knew at the time the petition was tried that there were supplemental expenses?—There was not as much money received previous to the trying of the petition as the election expenses.

25,130. As a matter of fact, did you not know at the time that the petition was tried that there were supplemental expenses?—I did not. I knew that there were the expenses of the petition going on.

25,131. The figures seem to be clear, but supposing it otherwise, you must have known from the course of business that there were supplemental expenses?—I had not known it. I cannot answer for Mr. Bainton or Mr. England, but I did not know it.

25,132. The payment is said to be in August, what day was that in August?—I cannot tell you.

25,133. About?—I should think the latter end of August, after the petition was tried.

25,134. You say that you did not know of any supplemental bill?—I did not.

25,135. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You heard Mr. Kemplay's evidence as to a stranger coming to him and placing bank notes in his hands?—I heard the statement here, but that is the first account I have heard of it.

25,136. Of course that money came through you?—It never came through me, and I never saw it.

25,137. Did you know anything about it?—I did not.

25,138. Williams was down here then?—Williams was only down once in 1857.

25,139. That would be the time?—Yes.

25,140. Was Mr. Spofforth here at any election?—What election?

25,141. At any election?—I think he was down here at the last one. I believe I saw him on the Sunday before the election.

25,142. In 1868?—Yes; I believe it was him, but I am not certain. I don't know him much.

25,143. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) On the Sunday before the parliamentary election?—Yes, I believe it was him. I saw him going down to the Minster, and I concluded it was him.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Thomas Ellery Turner recalled; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

25,144. Do you know Mr. Francis Cook Matthews?—Yes.

25,145. Do you remember seeing him here at the time of the election of 1865?—I do not remember that it was in 1865, but I recollect seeing him here on one occasion at the election.

25,146. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You had better brush up your memory.

25,147. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was it at the last election?—No.

25,148. Was it the election before that?—I do not remember what election it was.

25,149. I daresay we shall remember as we go along. You remember giving him four bags of coin?—I remember giving him some coin.

25,150. At your own house?—In my own dining room.

25,151. About 11 o'clock in the day?—I do not remember the hour.

25,152. In the morning?—Yes.

25,153. You took those four bags of coin out of a sideboard in your house?—That I do not remember.

25,154. What did the bags contain?—I do not recollect the amount.

25,155. Was it all gold, or part gold and part silver?—I should say all gold.

25,156. 100*l.* in each bag, was it not?—I suppose so.

25,157. What did he do with those bags?—That I do not know. He took them out of the house; beyond that I do not know.

25,158. Then afterwards he came to you again?—I do not remember that at all.

25,159. Did he not afterwards, later in the day, get from you three more bags of gold?—That I do not remember.

25,160. Did he not come to you between 12 and 1 o'clock?—That I do not remember.

25,161. Will you swear he did not?—No.

25,162. You will not swear that you did not give him some more?—No, because I do not remember.

25,163. It is such a remarkable transaction. I think you may as well remember when it took place?—I do not.

25,164. You know it was not the last election?—I know that it was not the last election, and I know it is several years ago, but what year or what election I cannot say.

25,165. Where did you get those bags from?—Out of the safe.

25,166. Who put them there?—I should put them there myself.

25,167. Where did you get them before you put them there?—It is impossible to tell; over the counter; probably from the counting-house in the general way of business; in our usual way of business we should take them.

25,168. It was not your usual way of business to give them to Mr. Matthews?—Not at Beverley, but I could easily conceive it to be so at Driffield, where Mr. Matthews does his business.

25,170. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You must think that we are very childish?—No, indeed; I am merely telling you what actually, as far as I recollect, took place.

25,171. I know what you are telling me, but you can hardly hope to make much impression upon our minds?—I have no impression to make on your minds, I simply answer your questions.

25,172. I do not like to speak offensively, but you

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can hardly hope that we shall believe it?—That I cannot help.

25,173. I very much dislike to use such language, but you compel me to do so.—What part do you mean?

25,174. Giving a man four bags of gold, and then three bags of gold, and then talking about its being in the ordinary way of business?—I said I received it in the ordinary way of business. If you will allow me I will explain. You asked me where I got the gold, and I said we took it in the ordinary way of business. We have very large quantities of gold.

25,175. Do they always come to you in bags of 100*l.* each?—No, we weigh them over, and put them in bags of 100*l.* each and 200*l.*

25,176. Have you any entry of that in your books?—Certainly not.

25,177. Why did you give these sums to him?—For bank notes.

25,178. He gave you bank notes for them?—Yes.

25,179. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I really am exceedingly anxious that you should be cautious.

25,180. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You first told me that you did not know what the amount was?—I do not know.

25,181. Did you know what the amount of the bank notes was?—No. I know that whatever was the amount of the bank notes I got I should give gold for.

25,182. Then you did know at the time what it was; it was only a defect in your recollection?—Know what?

25,183. Know what the amount in each bag was?—Of course I should know.

25,184. You did know the amount in each bag?—I should know at the time; I am accountable for them.

25,185. You have the numbers of the notes?—No, we never enter the numbers of any notes.

25,186. First of all you told me you did not know what those bags contained?—I beg your pardon.

25,187. I suggested to you that they might contain 100*l.*—I should think it is very probable they would, because we keep them in 100*l.* and 200*l.* bags.

25,188. Your only doubt is between bags of 100*l.* and 200*l.*?—Just so.

25,189. Taking them to be bags of 100*l.* each, do you mean to say that on the morning of that election day, that unknown election day, Mr. Matthews gave you bank notes to the amount of 300*l.*?—I think he did.

25,190. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I would caution you again, I would indeed?—I am speaking from the best of my recollection; I cannot say anything else.

25,191. Be careful?—I am as careful as I can be; I have no desire but to speak the truth.

25,192. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Your answer is this, that supposing those four bags of gold were bags of 100*l.* each, Mr. Matthews at that time gave you bank notes to the amount of 400*l.*?—I have no doubt of it.

25,193. And if he came afterwards and got from you three more bags of 100*l.* each?—I have no doubt he gave me bank notes again.

25,194. For 300*l.*?—I have no doubt of it, but I do not recollect the transaction.

25,195. How was it that you told us nothing about this in your evidence?—What evidence?

25,196. Why, you have been here only once before, your evidence on the 3rd of September. Why did you not tell us anything about it?—This case was never referred to, and I never thought of it; it had nothing to do with this case in any shape or way whatever.

25,197. Do you remember the transaction? Have you a distinct recollection of his giving these notes?—I have not a distinct recollection of the thing, except that I remember Mr. Matthews calling upon me at one election in my own dining room; that is the only recollection I have of it.

25,198. What did he say to you?—I do not remember a word he said. I believe it was at the time of an election, and that he got gold for notes at that time, but I have no recollection of the transaction.

25,199. Let us get the matter straight for your own sake. You say that Mr. Matthews came to you in the morning?—Yes.

25,200. Do remember?—I cannot remember anything but what I tell you.

25,201. Did he put the notes into your hand?—I should take them from him or from the table, whichever it was.

25,202. He put them on the table?—I do not say he did; I should take them at the time. No doubt I should take an equivalent for the gold I gave up.

25,203. Were the notes wrapped up? Did you see that they were notes?—I should know that they were the correct amount in some shape or other, otherwise I should not have given the gold.

25,204. Were the notes in a letter, for instance, or wrapped up?—I should think not, but I do not remember.

25,205. You do not think that he gave you a letter?—No, I do not remember any letter. I do not think he would, but I do not know. I cannot speak.

25,206. Give me some idea of how long ago it was?—I have no idea at all; several years ago.

25,207. Was it ten years ago?—I cannot say the time at all.

25,208. You can tell within so many years as that?—I should think it will be seven or eight or more years.

25,209. Then it must be the election of 1865, because the election before that was in 1860?—I never take any part in the elections, and I know nothing about them.

25,210. It must have been the election of 1865, because the previous election was nine years ago?—It might have been as long as nine years ago; I would not say.

25,211. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you know a Mr. Barkworth?—Yes.

25,212. What is he with regard to the bank?—He was a partner in the bank at that time.

25,213. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did not Mr. Barkworth give you to understand that Mr. Matthews was going to see you?—I do not remember Mr. Barkworth saying so. He might or he might not.

25,214. He might have told you that morning?—He might.

25,215. "Might" means "did," does it not?—I do not know that it does.

25,216. It generally does in this room?—I do not know what takes place here. I never come here except when you send for me.

25,217. I think we may take it that Mr. Barkworth spoke to you that morning?—He might do so.

25,218. And he might have told you that Mr. Matthews was coming?—I hardly think he would, but I do not know.

25,219. You expected Mr. Matthews?—No, I do not remember that at all. I do not think I should, for I know nothing of the elections.

25,220. But this has nothing to do with elections; it is an ordinary business transaction?—Entirely, so far as I am concerned.

25,221. When he came the second time for the three other bags, do you know whether the money was in a letter, the bank notes?—I do not. I do not remember any letter at all in connexion with the transaction.

25,222. Why did he come to your private house?—That I cannot answer. He was there in my dining room. He had asked for me evidently. When I came he communicated to me what he wanted, and I should go and fetch them.

25,223. Were you called out of the bank?—Evidently, or else I should not have been in my dining room.

25,224. It was during banking hours?—To the best of my recollection it was.

25,225. What time does the bank open?—10 o'clock.

25,226. Then it was after 10?—Yes.

25,227. So that when I said between 10 and 11 I was not far out ?—Very likely that would be correct.

25,228. Were you not out again to see him about an hour or two afterwards ?—I do not remember the second transaction.

25,229. You know he came the second time ?—You tell me so. I do not recollect the second interview at all.

25,230. Are you so often called out of the bank into your private house to hand bags of gold to people ?—Not bags of gold, but to cash cheques. Very frequently to cash cheques and different things.

25,231. And you run out of the bank to your own private house ?—I walk out.

25,232. That is your ordinary way of doing business. Do you wish us to understand that that is your ordinary mode of transacting business ?—I should not say ordinary, but it often occurs. Ladies, for instance, very frequently come there.

25,233. They are too delicate to go into the bank ?—I do not say what for, but they do so. I am simply telling you the fact; I am not giving any opinion about it.

25,234. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I wish you would recollect ?—I cannot recollect, or I should tell it directly. I have no object whatever in keeping anything back.

25,235. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When Mr. Matthews went away from you the first time, which you say was after 10 o'clock, did he give you any idea that he was likely to come back again ?—Not the slightest, to the best of my recollection.

25,236. Do you remember who fetched you to see him ?—No. There would be no fetching about it. It would be simply knocking at my private door in the bank.

25,237. Were you at your usual desk in the bank, and could you hear the knock at your private door ?—My servant would knock at my private door in the bank. I have a private door out of my house into the bank.

25,238. Your servant came and fetched you ?—I should say that the servant would knock at the door and I should come out.

25,239. Do you often put bags of gold into your sideboard ?—No, certainly not often. I do not remember putting them in.

25,240. You will not swear that they were not taken out of your sideboard ?—Certainly not; I would not swear to a thing that I do not recollect.

25,241. Were they put into yonr sideboard before Mr. Matthews came ?—I do not remember their being in at all.

25,242. Were they in your private house before Mr. Matthews came ?—I should think not, but I do not know; I cannot say.

25,243. Then you think that after Mr. Matthews came, you went into the bank to fetch them ?—I should think so, but I cannot speak to the fact. That is the ordinary way.

25,244. Will you swear that they were not in your private house before Mr. Matthews came ?—No, I should recollect if I did. I would not swear what I do not recollect.

25,245. You will not swear that they were not in your private house ?—No.

25,246. They may have been in your private house ?—They may have been.

25,247. Why should you put them in your private house ?—I do not know that they were there.

25,248. You say they may have been. Do you ever take gold into your private house for unexpected visitors ?—No.

25,249. Then you must have expected that he was coming ?—If I had it in the room ready, certainly.

25,250. You must have expected him ?—No doubt of it.

25,251. Then you did expect that he was coming ?—If it was there before he came I must have expected him; but I do not recollect its being there before he came.

25,252. Therefore you do not recollect whether you expected him or not ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Francis Cook Matthews recalled; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

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25,253. You said that you took a letter that was handed to you by Mr. Barkworth that morning ?—Yes.

25,254. And you said you delivered it to Mr. Turner ?—I did.

25,255. Did he read the letter before he acted ?—I cannot call that to memory.

25,256. You handed him the letter ?—Yes; I believe he took it into his hand.

25,257. Did he open it ?—I cannot call to mind.

25,258. Come ?—I cannot really.

25,259. You took him the letter and delivered it; was it sealed ?—It was not sealed, I believe.

25,260. Was it opened ?—I believe it was; I believe it was simply folded up. I think it was a small piece of paper folded up.

25,261. Then you knew what was in it ?—I did not.

25,262. Why ?—Because I did not open it.

25,263. It did not require opening if it was a small piece of paper folded up ?—It was a small scrap of paper folded up; it was not sealed I know.

25,264. Nor closed ?—Nor closed.

25,265. Then he opened it and read it ?—He opened it no doubt. I followed him. He took it into his dining room, and I daresay he opened the letter.

25,266. Where did you see him ?—I saw him in the bank at first.

25,267. You handed him a letter over the counter ?—No, I beg your pardon.

25,268. You went into the bank ?—I went into the bank. I was to go to his private house. I went into the bank and gave him the letter, and then I went into his private house.

25,269. When you gave him the letter was he behind the desk or counter, or where ?—As well as I recollect he was at the corner of the bank counter when I saw him.

25,270. You handed him the letter across, and then you went round into his private house ?—I went into his private house.

25,271. Did you tell him from whom it was ?—I think I did.

25,272. You said, "This is from Mr. Barkworth" ?—Yes.

25,273. Then you went round into his private room, and when you got into the private room you found him there, is that so ?—No, I followed him.

25,274. Did you go through the communication door from the bank into his private room ?—Yes, I did.

25,275. He opened the communication, I suppose, and let you in that way ?—I went in that way. I was to go to his private house.

25,276. That is how you went there ?—I went there.

25,277. When you got in what did he do ?—He gave me the money, as I told you this morning.

25,278. Tell me what he did ?—He simply opened the door.

25,279. Opened what door ?—When I was in the dining room he opened the door and gave me four bags.

25,280. Where did he take the bags from ?—I told you this morning, from the right-hand side of a sideboard.

25,281. Were they out on the sideboard ?—No, they were not.

25,282. Were they in a drawer ?—They were in the sideboard, in the cupboard.

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25,283. Did he unlock the sideboard ?—I think he did.

25,284. It is very difficult to get at the facts. He unlocked the door, and then handed you the four bags ?—I think four.

25,285. About four. What time did you go back again ?—I should think it would be about an hour afterwards. I think so.

25,286. Where did you find him ?—I believe I went into Mr. Turner's room. I think I rang the bell.

25,287. And he came out I suppose from the bank into the private room ?—I do not know where he came from ; he came out into the room.

25,288. The same room as before ? — The same room as before.

25,289. What did you say to him when he came in ?—I think I said I had come back for some more money.

25,290. What did he do upon that ?—He gave me some more.

25,291. He gave you three more bags ?—I think three bags, if I recollect.

25,292. Where were they ? Where did he take them from ?—From that room, from the same place.

25,293. He unlocked the door again ?—I do not recollect whether he unlocked it or not.

25,294. Did you bring a bit of paper to him on the second occasion ?—No, I did not.

25,295. Now I ask you on your oath, did you change any notes with him that day ? Did you bring 400*l.* in notes to him that day ?—Not one.

The witness withdrew.

T. E. Turner.

THOMAS ELLERY TURNER recalled, and re-examined by the Chief Commissioner.

25,296. Have you been speaking to anyone since about this subject ?—Nothing except conversation with my own family at lunch.

25,297. With whom ?—With the whole of them, two or three sons and my wife.

25,298. Now will you adhere to what you swore that Mr. Matthews gave you bank notes ?—That is my impression. I said so at the time when I answered you. Whatever he gave me would be an equivalent to me for the cash I gave to him. I do not remember the transaction, except that Mr. Matthews came on one occasion. I do not remember the amount, and I do not remember the transaction beyond that.

25,299. Your mind is a perfect blank ?—Beyond what I have said.

25,300. You have said nothing ?—I told you I remember Mr. Matthews on one occasion had a transaction with me in my private room. That is all I remember now.

25,301. Your mind is a perfect blank else ?—Yes.

25,302. That may be a transaction in which he had dealings with the bank. Are you the man who advanced the 800*l.* to Norfolk ?—I am the man, you recollect, who ministerially did it, and this would be only a ministerial act on my part.

25,303. What equivalent did you get ? Is there any entry in the bank books of the transaction, of the 700 guineas going out ?—No, if it was simply a cash transaction.

25,304. Is there any transaction of that kind entered ?—No.

25,305. What equivalent did you get ?—I thought I got bank notes.

25,306. What do you think now ?—I cannot say, except that Mr. Matthews says he thinks it was a memorandum.

25,307. Memorandum by whom ?—I do not know that he said it. I do not remember.

25,308. He did indeed, and he said he told you it came from Mr. Barkworth ?—Mr. Barkworth's name would be on the back of it, and if so it would be sufficient to me for any amount.

25,309. We knew that perfectly well ?—Oh yes; any amount.

25,310. Upon your oath, was not it upon Mr. Barkworth's note you advanced that money ?—I cannot say. I do not recollect it. My impression was it was bank notes.

25,311. On your oath ?—I cannot say.

25,312. Did you make an entry of it ?—No, there would be no entry made of it.

25,313. Why not ? There are other partners in the bank, and if Mr. Barkworth drew out 700*l.* for a legitimate purpose would not that be entered in the bank books ?—If he gave a cheque and ordered it to be held it would be held as cash.

25,314. Do you mean if he put a memorandum before you you would pay out 5,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* without anything but his name ?—Yes.

25,315. And never make an entry ?—If he ordered it not to be entered it would not be entered.

25,316. Did he order it not to be entered ?—I do not remember the transaction in that shape.

25,317. Have you searched the books to find an entry ?—No.

25,318. Do you think you would find an entry if we told you the date ?—I should hardly think so.

25,319. We have no memory test. I wish we had a memory test ?—You would produce the same effect, as far as mine goes.

25,320. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr. Matthews has told us that he took you a letter from Mr. Barkworth ?—He says so.

25,321. Are you prepared to contradict that ?—No.

25,322. We may take it as a fact ?—No, not take it as a fact from me.

25,323. But as an uncontradicted fact that he took you a letter from Mr. Barkworth ?— Yes, according to his evidence.

25,324. And that upon that letter you gave him gold ?—Yes.

25,325. I suppose there were only a few people upon whose letter you would advance money ?—Any of our customers, or any of the partners as a matter of course, whose credit was equal to the amount asked for.

25,326. In a letter ?—Oh yes.

25,327. Would you have prepared the gold beforehand ?—I beg your pardon.

25,328. I suppose that 700*l.* in gold is a large sum to pay to one customer, is it not, at Beverley ?—It is not usual to pay so large a sum.

25,329. It is a very unusual sum ?—I do not know that it is; 700*l.* in gold is a very small sum with us.

25,330. At the Beverley bank ? Do you mean it is at all an usual thing to pay over the counter in one day to one customer so large a sum as 700*l.* ?—Not so large as 700*l.*

25,331. That is what I say, a very infrequent thing ?—Not that exact amount.

25,332. Was it not an unusually large sum to pay over the counter to one customer in one day ?—Yes.

25,333. Is Mr. Matthews a customer in your bank ?—Through Driffield.

25,334. Has he an account with you at Beverley ?—Yes.

25,335. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Does he bank at Driffield ?—He resides at Driffield. His business is there.

25,336. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And I suppose his account is at Driffield ?—His account is kept here at Beverley. They have no ledger at Driffield.

25,337. Do you mean to say that all his drawings are entered in your bank at Beverley ?—Yes.

25,338. Is it a usual thing for you to make up money in bags ?—Yes.

25,339. To take them and put them on your sideboard ?—No.

25,340. That is very exceptional?—Very exceptional.

25,341. That would recall your attention to any transaction, would not it?—Yes, if I did take it from the sideboard. I do not remember doing so. My idea is that I fetched it out of the safe.

25,342. Is the safe in your private room?—It is in the private room beyond the bank.

25,343. Do not you remember placing the money on your sideboard?—I do not.

25,344. You see Matthews has told us in the most distinct manner twice that you took the money from your sideboard, that you unlocked it and took the money out of your sideboard. You know that is a very distinct thing. It is not a thing that a man could be mistaken about?—I think I took it out of the safe.

25,345. You tell us you do not remember anything about it?—I do not, but I should think I took it out of the safe.

25,346. Mr. Matthews says you took it out of the sideboard, and you do not contradict it?—No. I cannot contradict what I do not recollect.

25,347. Does not that recall your memory to the transaction at all?—I remember his being there, and that he got gold, but in what amount and in what shape I cannot say.

25,348. Has he ever got gold in this way at your bank at any other time?—Not from me that I remember.

25,349. It would be, I suppose, a very strange thing for him to get so large an amount of gold at your bank?—I should think it would not be for the purpose it appears he wanted it for.

25,350. For any ordinary occasion, for business, it would be an extraordinary sum?—I should think he would never draw anything like that amount.

25,351. Does not that recall the transaction to you?—Nothing more than I told you.

25,352. You just merely remember that a transaction took place?—Yes.

25,353. (*Mr. H. Cox, to Mr. Matthews.*) Were you ever at this gentleman's private house before?

25,354. (*Mr. Matthews.*) Yes, I have been.

25,355. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you ever spoken to Mr. Barkworth on the subject?

(*The witness.*) No.

25,356. Nor Mr. Barkworth to you?—No.

25,357. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are sure of that?—Since when?

25,358. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I said "ever"?—Not that I recollect. I thought you were referring to to-day.

25,359. Did you ever speak to Mr. Barkworth on the subject?—Not that I recollect.

25,360. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I understand you to say this money may have been advanced on a memorandum from Mr. Barkworth?—Yes.

25,361. Did you file that memorandum?—No; it would be simply put in the cash as cash.

25,362. And how long would it be kept there?—I cannot recollect.

25,363. In the ordinary course of business. Now I am coming to things that must be within your knowledge?—It would be counted as cash till it was paid off.

25,364. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When was it paid?—I do not remember its being paid.

25,365. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was it ever repaid?—We have not got it in existence now, therefore it must have been repaid.

25,366. When it was repaid you returned the memorandum?—I do not remember it, and therefore I cannot say.

25,367. I mean in the ordinary course of business?—In the ordinary course of business whoever paid the amount would get the memorandum.

25,368. Would that memorandum express the amount for which it was given?—I should suppose it would. It would be an equivalent to satisfy me.

25,369. That is to say it would express the 400*l.*?—Whatever I gave for it it would express.

25,370. But the second thing in the afternoon there was no memorandum for?—That I do not remember. I do not remember the memorandums; I thought it was bank notes.

25,371. There is no pretence for saying there was any memorandum except one, and for that memorandum,, if it existed, you handed over 400*l.*?—Yes.

25,372. Then he comes again in the afternoon, and there is no pretence that there was a memorandum then?—He does not say so.

25,373. You have no recollection?—I have no recollection.

25,374. He says there was no memorandum; you have no recollection; and therefore we may take it there was none, and yet you handed him 300*l.*?—We must suppose the first memorandum was equivalent to it.

25,375. You said the first memorandum was for 400*l.*?—I beg your pardon; I said I should not give 400*l.* away without an equivalent for it.

25,376. You have just now told me if there was a memorandum it would be equivalent for what was handed over, and now you say it must have been equivalent to what was handed over in the afternoon. You won't back out of it?—I beg your pardon, I am not backing out of it.

25,377. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You are saying it in the presence of more persons than me.

The witness withdrew.

HAROLD BARKWORTH, Esq., called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

25,378. Have you filled municipal offices in the town?—Yes.

25,379. What offices?—I was a town councillor for three years.

25,380. When?—From 1855 to 1858, I think, I am not quite sure.

25,381. Are you a freeman?—No.

25,382. Have you been an alderman?—Yes, I am now.

25,383. How long have you been an alderman?—Since last November.

25,384. November 1868?—1868.

25,385. Oh, you were one of the men who were elected aldermen after the election of 1868, were you?—Yes.

25,386. You were a town councillor then?—No, I was not either one or the other.

25,387. Have you ever filled the office of mayor?—No.

25,388. Do you fill any other office?—I am a magistrate of the borough.

25,389. How long have you been a magistrate?—I should think for seven years.

25,390. Have you ever had anything to do with the election of pasture masters?—No.

25,391. Never took any part?—No.

25,392. Never contributed any money?—Yes, I daresay I have.

25,393. How much?—I cannot say.

25,394. Now, I am very anxious that gentlemen in your position should not shelter themselves behind "I can't say." When did you contribute to the election of pasture masters?—I believe I gave something at the last election, last March.

25,395. How much?—Perhaps 2*l.* or 3*l.*

25,396. No, no, how much?—I say 2*l.* or 3*l.*

25,397. We will say 3*l.*, shall we?—No, I won't say. I do not know what it was, 2*l.* or 3*l.*

25,398. To whom did you give it?—To Mr. Burrell, I believe.

25,399. Was there a contest?—No.

25,400. Have you contributed before to the election of pasture masters?—I believe not.

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25,401. No, no, now ?—I cannot swear. I do not think I did.

25,402. Have you contributed before to the election of pasture masters, before 1868 ?—Not to my knowledge.

25,403. Well, really now, to whose knowledge else would it be ? If you had contributed, who would know it but yourself?—I am anxious to speak the truth.

25,404. I am not saying you are not. Who would know it but yourself?—Then I do not know it.

25,405. Do you believe you contributed before ?—No, I do not believe I did.

25,406. Did you contribute before ?—I do not think I did.

25,407. Will you swear it ?—I will swear it.

25,408. Do you swear you never contributed on any other occasion than last time at the election of a pasture master ?—Yes.

25,409. Did you ever give any money to Mr. Burrell before ?—Yes, I daresay I have.

25,410. Oh, " daresay I have "?—Well, I have, then.

25,411. You have. When ?—I cannot answer that question.

25,412. You will be compelled to answer it, as sure as you stand in that box. When did you give Burrell money before ?—I must take the consequence, but I cannot answer that question. I am prepared to take the consequences.

25,413. You must answer it. When did you contribute ? When did you pay Burrill money before ? You said you paid him—when ? You are also sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. When did you pay him ?—I must respectfully say I cannot answer that question.

25,414. But you must. You know when you paid him. You are sworn to tell the truth and the whole truth. You must. It is of no use in the slightest degree, you must tell that. Answer when you paid him ?—I am prepared to take the consequences.

25,415. The consequences will be you must answer that question ?—I decline to answer it.

25,416. When did you pay money ?—I must decline to answer it.

25,417. You must not. You must answer it. You are on your oath to tell the whole truth, therefore you must answer it ; you cannot decline to answer it. When did you pay Burrell any money ? You said you paid him 2*l.* last March ; when did you pay him any money before that ?—I can make no other answer than what I have made.

25,418. You must ?—I can make no other answer.

25,419. You are bound to do it. You hold the commission of Her Majesty as a magistrate of this borough, you are bound upon your oath to tell the whole truth. Come, now, did you pay him any money this year besides the 2*l.* ?—No.

25,420. Did you pay him any money last year, in 1868 ?—No.

25,421. Did you pay him any money in 1867 ?—I shan't answer it.

25,422. You shall answer it, as sure as you stand in that box. Did you pay him in 1867 in reference to any of these elections ? You shall answer it. No question will be put to you but what is fair. Did you pay any money to Burrell in 1867 ?—I have told you that I cannot answer it, and I shan't. I have given you my answer already.

25,423. You have not given me any answer. Did you pay Burrell any money in 1867 ? You have given no answer to that. You will have to answer that question, Mr. Barkworth. Will you answer that question ?—I can't.

25,424. If you won't you won't, but you will remain there till you answer it. Did you pay Burrell any money in 1867 ? It is a very simple question ? (*The learned Commissioners consulted together, and the shorthand writer was directed to read the notes of the witness's evidence.*)

25,425. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now, Mr. Barkworth, I really must beg you will not compel us to do anything disagreeable. The question is a very simple one. It is really limited to the question whether you paid any money to Burrell in 1867, with reference to any election. Am I to understand you will not answer it ?—I have no hesitation to say I advanced money in 1867. I do not want to shelter myself at all.

25,426. With reference to any election ?—Yes.

25,427. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How much ?—Between 50*l.* and 60*l.*

25,428. Can you at all give us the dates ?—Yes ; it was on the 2d of November ; no, the 1st November 1867. I was confounding it with the 2nd of last year.

25,429. I will take it, then, that it was in reference to the municipal election of 1867 ?—Yes.

25,430. I am very glad you answered it. I am exceedingly glad you answered it. Had you contributed any time before that ?—When I was a candidate I used to pay my share.

25,431. I do not mean that ?—I daresay afterwards.

25,432. Have you usually contributed ?—No.

25,433. How long before that will you say you contributed ?—Ten years at least.

25,434. Did you take an active part in the election of pasture masters last year ?—No.

25,435. I beg your pardon, of town councillors ?—No ; last year, not at all.

25,436. I mean in 1868 ?—No.

25,437. Did you take an active part in 1868 ?—No.

25,438. Did you bring up any to the poll ?—No, I do not think I did.

25,439. Just recollect yourself?—Well, I do.

25,440. I won't press you, because that is a very minor point. Did any money pass through your hands ?—No.

25,441. You took an active part, I suppose, also in the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

25,442. Do I understand you to say that no money passed through your hands upon either of the last occasions ?—Yes.

25,443. Now I will take you to 1865. You were manager of the bank, I think, or partner ?—I was partner at that time.

25,444. An active partner, and Mr. Turner was manager. What was it called, the East Riding ?—The East Riding.

25,445. You took an active part in that election, did not you ?—Yes.

25,446. I suppose it is not strange to you ; do you recollect meeting Mr. Matthews on the morning of the election ?—Oh yes ; I remember it perfectly well.

25,447. Did you give him a letter or a bit of paper ?—Yes, I gave him a cheque.

25,448. Can you give me the contents of the cheque ?—It was a cheque for 500*l.* It was in an envelope and looked like a letter, I daresay.

25,449. On your own bank ?—No.

25,450. On whose bank ?—It was another person's cheque.

25,451. Just say whose cheque was it ?—A gentleman's that I met the day before. His name was Egerton.

25,452. Is he a native of Beverley ?—He was a stranger to me. I had never seen him until then, nor since.

25,453. How did he introduce himself to you ?—I was introduced to him.

25,454. By whom ?—Mr. Sykes.

25,455. Mr. Sykes, the member ?—Yes ; he was the candidate then.

25,456. And now he is member for the East Riding ?—Yes.

25,457. He introduced him to you, and what took place between you ?—I was in Mr. Sykes's room. There were several people there, and he introduced me to Mr. Egerton amongst the others.

25,458. Nothing more than that ?—No, not on Mr. Sykes's part.

25,459. Then I suppose Mr. Egerton and you had some conversation together ?—Yes.

25,460. Where did you go to ?—I think we went into the next room. I am nearly sure we did.

25,461. Then what did Mr. Egerton say to you ?—I said I wanted to speak to him.

25,462. Oh, you said so ?—I said to him I should like to speak to him.

25,463. Then had you a conversation with Mr. Sykes before ?—We exchanged a few sentences, you know, but nothing——

25,464. But I mean had you a conversation with Mr. Sykes, directing your attention to Egerton ?—No.

25,465. Then what did you want to say to him ?—I wanted to ask him if he would lend me his cheque for a short time.

25,466. Oh, I see. In fact, Mr. Sykes, I suppose, introduced him to you for the purpose of your asking him for the loan of a cheque ?—No; Mr. Sykes did not know anything about it.

25,467. I do not want to fix Mr. Sykes, but you would not ask Mr. Egerton, a stranger, for the loan of a cheque ?—It was because he was a stranger.

25,468. But I will pass over that. When you asked him was he very much surprised at your asking him for the loan of a cheque, a man you had never seen before ?—I do not think he was.

25,469. I do not think he was either, not a bit surprised. He gave you his cheque ?—Yes.

25,470. On whose bank ?—I cannot remember. On a London bank, I think.

25,471. And then you gave him your cheque in return ?—I gave him a promissory note.

25,472. To Mr. Egerton ?—Yes.

25,473. Have you that promissory note ?—No.

25,474. And then that cheque for 500*l.*; what did you do with that ?—Kept it till the following morning.

25,475. Then you met Mr. Matthews ?—Yes.

25,476. Had you seen Mr. Lowther in the meantime ?—Yes.

25,477. Had you arranged with Mr. Lowther what was to be done with that cheque ?—Yes; I told him there would be some money needed.

25,478. Intending the money should be employed in procuring votes ?—(*No answer.*)

25,479. Is that the cheque you handed to Mr. Matthews ?—That is the cheqne Mr. Matthews took.

25,480. Then you enclosed that cheque in an envelope ?—Yes.

25,481. And I suppose closed the envelope, no doubt you would ?—I do not know.

25,482. That cheque was paid out of your bank ?—Yes.

25,483. You do not know upon what bank it was ?—No, I do not know.

25,484. To whom was the cheque made payable ?—I cannot say. It might be "self" or "bearer." It was merely a matter of form from beginning to end.

25,485. Of course it was, and you gave him a promissory note ?—I did.

25,486. When did you pay that promissory note ?—I sent him his cheque back some time after the election, and he returned my note.

25,487. Where did you send it to ?—He was in Scotland.

25,488. What address ?—I do not remember.

25,489. What part of Scotland ?—North of Scotland, I believe.

25,490. Oh, but at some town. "Mr. Egerton, North of Scotland," would not do.—Upon my oath I do not remember.

25,491. Did you direct it yourself ?—Yes.

25,492. When did you become aware of the 200*l.* more being drawn out ?—The same morning.

25,493. How was that 200*l.* drawn out ?—I advanced it myself.

25,494. To whom ?—To Mr. Lowther.

25,495. What time of the day did you advance that 200*l.* ?—Towards the middle of the day, perhaps 1 o'clock.

25,496. From the bank ?—From the other bank.

25,497. Which other bank ?—It is called Machell's bank.

25,498. Not your own bank ?—No.

25,499. Did you get it on a cheque of your own ?—Yes.

25,500. I think that was in notes ?—Yes.

25,501. Had you spoken to Mr. Turner that morning before you saw Matthews ?—Yes.

25,502. And told him such a transaction might occur, and to be prepared for it ?—I have no doubt I did.

25,503. To be prepared with gold for it ?—Yes.

25,504. You had got the cheque the day before, I think ?—The afternoon before.

25,505. Now, it was upon your own cheque you drew the other ?—Yes, I signed it myself.

25,506. Do you recollect who paid you; was it Forge who handed you the notes ?—Mr. Machell cashed the cheque.

25,507. One of the partners ?—Yes; he was not a partner. His name was in the bank, but he was the acting manager.

25,508. What time did you go there ?—About between half-past 12 and 1.

25,509. I suppose you saw him in private ?—No, I saw him over the counter.

35,510. Then you met Lowther, and handed him these notes. Now, you know the condition we have is this: you have a cheque sent away; you have the note returned; I suppose your promissory note was returned to you ?—Yes.

25,511. The note returned, the cheque away, and when was the bank repaid ?—About nine months afterwards.

25,512. How ?—Half was paid by Mr. Sykes's own cheque, and the other half by Mr. Wreghitt. 500*l.* was the cheque, and 200*l.* notes on my own cheque; 700*l.* was the total that I advanced that day.

25,513. That was what I understood that you received, a cheque from Mr. Sykes himself for 350*l.* and the rest from Wreghitt ?—No, I received a cheque for more than 350*l.* from Mr. Sykes.

25,514. How much ?—500*l.* There were subsequent expenses.

25,515. You had laid out 150*l.* more for him ?—On that occasion I did not. There was more money drawn about the time the money was paid in the April following.

25,516. From your bank ?—Yes.

25,517. In the April following about 150*l.* more was drawn ?—More than that, 300*l.*

25,518. But he took a half of it ?—Yes.

25,519. So that that would be 1,000*l.* ?—A little over 1,000*l.*

25,520. Half paid by Mr. Sykes's own cheque ?—Yes.

25,521. And you got a cheque of Wreghitt's ?—No, I got cash.

25,522. He paid you in cash ?—Yes.

25,523. It would in the April following, I suppose ?—Towards the end of April.

25,524. Of course either you or somebody from the bank must have furnished Mr. Sykes with an account of the disbursements ?—No, we did not.

25,525. How did he know ?—I do not know how he did.

25,526. Somebody must have told him ?—Yes, somebody must have done so.

25,527. Now we will leave 1865. Did you take any part in the election of 1860 ?—Yes.

25,528. For whom, on whose behalf ?—For Mr. Walker.

25,529. I will take you very briefly through it. Did any money pass through your hands on that occasion ?—No.

25,530. That you swear ?—That I swear.

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25,531. That includes before the election, at the election, and after the election?—Neither after, before, or at the time.

25,532. No money, that you are at all aware, was applied to any illegal purpose?—No.

25,533. Did you take a part in the election of 1859, (Edwards and Walker)?—I did.

25,534. On behalf of whom? — Edwards and Walker.

25,535. You were acting, I understand, all through in 1865, on behalf of Mr. Sykes?—For Edwards and Sykes of course. I have supported them both, but money would be advanced to secure Mr. Sykes's election.

25,536. Of course you were acting for both, but the money was advanced for Mr. Sykes?—Yes.

25,537. Did any money pass through your hands at that electian of 1860?—No.

25,537*a*. No money passed through your hands?—No, certainly not.

25,538. Did you take an active part in Edwards's election of 1859?—Yes.

25,539. Did any money pass through your hands in 1859?—None at all.

25,540. Were you on a committee?—I do not know that there was a committee.

25,541. In 1857, the election of Edwards and Wells, were you concerned in that election?—I was acting for Major Edwards as he was then.

25,542. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.

25,543. Did you bring up any voters?—Yes, I daresay I did.

25,544. You have a process of bringing them up?—I have no doubt I did two or three.

25,545. Did you know they were sent to be paid?—No, I did not.

25,546. Or that they had been paid?—No, I did not.

25,547. Did you take them to any place after they were paid?—No.

25,548. No money passed through your hands?—No, not a bit.

25,549. Do you know whether there was any money advanced by the bank at that time?—No, I do not know. I do not think there was.

25,550. Were you at all concerned in Denison, Glover, and Wells's election?—Yes.

25,551. Did any money pass through your hands then?—No.

25,552. Did you advance any money for Glover?—He came in one day after the election and borrowed 20*l.*, and we had some difficulty in getting it back, I remember; nothing at all with the election.

25,553. You never got any of that money you advanced to Mr. Burrell?—Yes, I got it all back.

25,554. Who paid you?—Mr. Wreghitt paid me.

25,555. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Oh. It might have placed you in a very difficult position if that had come out that you got it from Mr. Wreghitt. I am very glad your better conscience has prevailed.

25,556. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When you gave Matthews the cheque for 500*l.* did you give him any directions?—Yes.

25,557. What were they?—I told him to go to the East Riding bank and get it.

25,558. But did you give any specific directions as to what to do when he got it there?—I think I did.

25,559. Did you tell him that he would find the money ready?—I told him to go to Mr. Turner for the money.

25,560. Is that all that you remember. I mean did you tell him that he would find the money ready for him at the bank?—I do not remember that I said that.

25,561. Had you told Mr. Turner to prepare the money in any particular way?—Yes, I had.

25,562. What was that?—I told him we wanted it in gold.

25,563. Did you tell him to put it in bags?—It is always in bags.

25,564. Then you knew of course that the money would be ready when you sent Matthews?—Yes.

25,565. There is one thing I did not quite understand, but I believe you answered it to my learned friend. What was the amount of Mr. Sykes's cheque by which you were repaid?—It was one 500*l.*

25,566. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I suppose when you got Mr. Egerton to give you that cheque you endorsed it before you gave it to Matthews?—No, I did not.

25,567. Would Mr. Turner cash that cheque without your name on it?—He knew it was coming from me.

25,568. Then he would be satisfied with seeing the cheque in consequence of what before you told him beforehand?—Yes.

25,569. Did you not endorse the cheque?—No.

25,570. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is one thing I intended asking. What is Mr. Egerton's christian name?—I do not know.

25,571. Don't you know where he lives?—No.

The witness withdrew.

25,572. (*Mr. McCoy addressing the Commissioners.*) With your good pleasure I wish to correct a previous statement.

25,573. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We shall be glad to hear you.

25,574. (*Mr. McCoy*) It was not the Sunday before the election that I saw Mr. Spofforth, but the Sunday before Mr. Baron Martin came.

Mr. Turner.

Mr. TURNER recalled.

25,575. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have heard the evidence of the gentleman just examined, and you have also heard the evidence of Matthews?—Yes.

25,576. What do you say?—I do not remember, it was different from what I put it before.

25,577. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) If you take my advice you will not say any more about it?—I do not remember any more about it.

25,578. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I advise you to go away directly and say no more. My brother Commissioners concur in the advice I give you not to remain in the room any longer.

The witness withdrew.

J. Kemp.

JOHN KEMP called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

25,579. I see an account received by England and Bainton, 15*l.* to cash advanced to pay Glover's balance of legal expenses. Did you receive 15*l.* from England and Bainton at that date?—I did.

25,580. For what purpose was that advanced?—It was to pay Mr. Glover's legal expenses that I advanced the money.

25,581. When did you advance the money?—The 16th of July 1857.

25,582. Mr. Glover was then a candidate?—Yes, he was.

25,583. And these are the expenses you spoke of? Yes, the amount.

25,584. What claim had you on England and Bainton for Glover's expenses?—I do not know that I had any, but I was to be paid by somebody. Mr. Tilson asked me if I would advance the money. The money would have to be paid by somebody. Tilson knowing me very well asked me if I would advance the 15*l.*

25,585. It was repaid to you at your request by Bainton and England?—No, not at my request.

25,586. Did they volunteer to pay it?—I believed it would be repaid me, but I had no promise.

25,587. To whom did you look for payment when you advanced the money?—I cannot say.

25,588. Did you expect England and Bainton to pay this money?—No, they knew I had paid the money, and they repaid it back again.

25,589. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you not send in a bill to them for 15*l.*?—I cannot say whether I did or not.

25,590. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you send in a bill for 15*l.* to Bainton and England?—Not for the 15*l.*; I think not, but I cannot remember.

25,591. I believe you are a printer in this town?—I am a printer and bookseller.

25,592. And I suppose you generally, at these elections, print placards?—Yes, always.

25,593. Is that the only part you take in elections?—The only part I ever do take.

25,594. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you ever advanced any money before for any other candidate?—Never.

25,595. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you print for both sides, I suppose you do?—No, for the Conservative side only.

The witness withdrew.

ROBERT BARNES called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

R. Barnes.

25,596. What are you?—I am a cartman.

25,597. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, sir.

25,598. For whom did you vote?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

25,599. Did they come and canvass you for your vote?—No.

25,600. You say Maxweell and Trollope did not canvass you for your vote?—No.

25,601. Did the other candidates, Edwards and Kennard, come to you?—Yes, they came down to my yard, but I was not at home when they came.

25,602. Were you ever offered anything for your vote?—A man came and said was 5*s.* any use to me.

25,603. Who said that?—A man of the name of Clark.

25,604. What was that for?—For my vote for Mr. Edwards and Captain Kennard.

25,605. Who was this Mr. Clark?—A man who worked at the old foundry.

25,606. Did anybody else come with him?—There was another man, but I do not know who he was.

25,607. Was there anybody else offered you anything?—I saw Clark the night before, and he told me to be at home at 9 o'clock the election morning.

25,608. Was there anything more said?—No more than that he told me to be at home.

25,609. Well, a man at the election came and offered you 5*s.*?—Yes.

25,610. What did you say to that?—I said it was no use for my two days work and extra railway to pay.

25,611. You would not take the money?—No.

25,612. Did anybody come with Edwards and Kennard when they came to canvass you?—I was not at home.

25,613. You do not know who took them?—No, I was not at home then.

25,614. You mentioned extra railway fare, where do you come from?—I was working at Market Weighton.

25,615. You did not get anything out of the affair, then?—When I was going on to poll a man said I was a fool I did not make a market when I had a chance.

25,616. Who was he?—I don't remember his name, he was a stonemason they called Thomas, a workman of Mr. Browsho's.

25,617. What did he say?—He called me out and came and got hold of me. I said I would go the way I would go. He said, You are silly to yourself, you should make a market while you have a chance. What he meant of it I do not know.

25,618. Did you vote at municipal elections?—Yes.

25,619. The last?—Yes.

26,620. Who did you vote for then?—Orange.

25,621. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

25,622. What?—Three half-crowns.

25,623. Who gave you that?—Mr. John Dales.

25,624. Are you a freeman?—No.

25,625. How long have you been a voter?—Only the last.

25,626. Only these last occasions?—No.

25,627. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Your wife is not here?—No, but if you wish to have her she shall come.

25,628. Were you working at Market Weighton?—Yes.

25,629. Was it at this time you were working at Market Weighton?—I was at home that time, I came home on Saturday night.

25,630. What day was the election?—I cannot say, I think it was Tuesday.

25,631. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Your home is here?—Yes.

25,632. Clark came to your home here?—Yes.

25,633. You do not know who was with him?—No, I did not know the other man; I am at work out of town a good deal.

25,634. Should you know the man again?—I do not know that I should, he is something at the old foundry.

25,635. This other man is?—Yes.

25,636. He offered you 5*s.* and you would not have it?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS MASTON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. Maston.

25,637. Are you a voter?—Yes.

35,638. Are you a freeman?—No.

25,639. A householder?—Yes.

25,640. How long have you voted for the borough?—I have been an occupier six years.

25,641. Have you voted at municipal elections?—Yes, only twice.

25,642. For the parliamentary?—Yes.

25,643. How often have you voted at the town council choosing?—I believe twice.

25,644. In whose employment are you?—Mr. William Browsho's.

25,645. Is he a stonemason?—Yes.

25,646. At the council choosing did any money pass through your hands?—No.

25,647. Did you receive any?—Not a halfpenny on either occasion.

25,648. Did you take an active part in the last parliamentary election?—No.

25,649. Do you recollect seeing the man there (*pointing to the last witness*), do you remember him?—I just do remember seeing him, and that is all.

25,650. Do you remember saying to him at the last

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election, "You are a fool not to make your market when you have a chance" ?—I deny that.

25,651. Did you not say something to him?—We were only chaffing one another; he said as much to me; he is a man I have worked with.

25,652. What was the chaffing; you chaffed with him about not getting money ?—I deny that.

25,653. What did you chaff with him about ?—I am sure I do not know.

25,654. He said you told him he ought to have made a market while he had a chance ?—I did not.

25,655. You were not employed in any way ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

S. Philpott.

STEPHEN PHILPOTT sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

25,656. What are you ?—A bricklayer.

25,657. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

25,658. How long have you been a freeman ?—22 years.

25,659. Do you remember the Denison, Wells, and Glover election ?—Yes.

25,660. Did you get anything then ?—No.

25,661. Nothing ?—No.

25,662. For whom did you vote ?—Glover.

25,663. And you did not get anything at all ?—No.

25,664. The next election was the same year, between Edwards and Wells; did you get anything then ?—Not that election, I did not; not at Edwards' first election, I did not receive a penny.

25,665. Neither for yourself I mean, nor to pay anyone else ?—No.

25,666. Then the next election was between Walker and Gridley next year, 1860 ?—Yes.

25,667. Did you get anything then ?—Yes, I got 2*l.* I believe, to vote for Walker.

25,668. Where did you get that ?—I believe I went to Mr. Skinn.

25,669. Then the next election was 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—Yes.

25,670. Did you get anything then ?—A little, to vote for Edwards and Sykes.

25,671. How much ?—I believe I got 2*l.*

25,672. Who gave you that ?—John Vickers.

25,673. Now, did you get anything for last election ?—No.

25,674. In the council choosing before you had some money ?—I had some this last council choosing.

25,675. Who gave you that ?—I received it from Mr. William Catterson.

25,676. How much ?—You have the account; he gave you the account in last week.

25,677. You have an account here ?—Yes. (*The witness handed in the following list:*)

	£	*s.*	*d.*	
Hesp - - -	0	17	6	
Clare - - -	0	17	6	
Rylatt - - -	0	17	6	
Rendwick - -	0	17	6	
Palmer - - -	0	15	0	
Downs - - -	0	17	6	
Dalton - - -	0	10	0	
Arnott - - -	1	0	0	for beer.

25,678. That is, you paid seven voters the sums entered to their names, and 20*s.* you paid to Arnott ?—Arnott's son.

25,679. And you got something, I suppose ?—Yes.

25,680. What ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

25,681. Who paid you, Mr. Catterson ?—I will not swear whether Mr. Catterson paid me himself, or did not; I am not sure.

25,684. Is that all you did in the council choosing ?—Yes.

25,685. That is all you were concerned in ?—All I was concerned in.

25,686. In either of those two elections of Walker and Edwards, or Sykes and Edwards, did you pay anyone ?—No, I never took an active part. I believe I have made an error there; I should like to be accurate. I believe I said Vickers gave it to me, but I think it was not.

25,687. It was not ?—I believe it was not.

25,688. Who gave it you ?—I have tried to recollect, but I am sure I cannot say; but it was not Vickers.

25,689. Where did you get it ?—I got it in the narrow lane here, at the "White Swan."

25,690. You were paid in the street, then ?—In a narrow lane at the back side of the "White Swan."

25,691. Do not you recollect who paid you ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

W. Philpott.

WILLIAM PHILPOTT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

25,692. What are you ?—A bricklayer.

25,693. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

25,694. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 24 years.

25,695. Did you vote at the election when Edwards and Sykes put up in 1865 ?—Yes.

25,696. Which way did you vote ?—For Edwards and Sykes.

25,697. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Yes.

25,698. How much ?—2*l.*

25,699. Who gave it you ?—Mr. Whitton.

25,700. Did you have any money to give away to other people ?—No.

25,701. In the election before that, in 1860, when Walker and Gridley put up, did you vote then ?—Yes.

25,702. For whom did you vote ?—Walker.

25,703. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Yes.

25,704. How much did you get ?—Two sovereigns.

25,705. Who did you get that from ?—Mr. Skinn.

25,706. In the election before that, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover, did you vote then ?—Yes.

25,707. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Walters.

25,708. Did you get anything ?—I got 2*l.* from Walters.

25,709. Who gave you that ?—Robert Taylor.

25,710. Did you get anything for the other vote ?—No.

25,711. Edwards and Wells in '57, did you vote then ?—Yes.

25,712. For whom ?—Edwards.

25,713. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Yes.

25,714. What did you get ?—30*s.*

25,715. Who gave you that ?—David Nutchey.

25,716. Denison, Glover, and Wells, did you vote then ?—Yes.

25,717. For whom ?—Glover.

25,718. Did you get anything for your vote ?—I think he was here twice; was this his first election ?

25,719. No; I do not mean Glover's first time, I mean the time just before Sir Henry Edwards came. You know Sir Henry came in 1857, that is the election I am talking about; a few months before that Glover was elected and afterwards unseated ?—I got nothing that election; he had nought.

25,720. Of course if he had nothing he could not give you anything. That was the only election you were unlucky ?—No, it was not.

25,721. Well, the only one I have asked you about. You remember the days of Towneley and Fox?—Yes.

25,722. You got a good deal more then, did not you?—No; I was unlucky; I was not a voter the first time, and the second time I voted for Fox, and there was none.

25,723. You remember the council choosing last year?—Yes.

25,724. Were you lucky that time?—Yes; I mostly am when there is anything astir.

25,725. What did you get that time?—15*s*.

25,726. Who gave it you?—George Robinson.

25,727. Who is he?—He works at the foundry.

25,728. Which way did you vote, orange?—I always vote red.

25,729. Crimson. Did you vote at the election for pasture masters last year?—Yes.

25,730. Did you get a shilling or two that time?—I cannot call to mind whether I got it or not.

25,731. I think you got money that time?—Well, I cannot think of them all; I did not put them down.

25,732. Perhaps, as you have told us so much I ought not to ask you any more?—I am willing to tell you anything you ask me if I know.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN RASPIN sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

25,733. Are you a freeman?—No.

25,734. You are an occupier. How long have you been on the register as a parliamentary voter?—I should think 12 years.

25,735. Did you vote in '57?—I am sure I could not say.

25,736. Did you vote the first time Major Edwards came to Beverley?—I do not know whether I did or not, I am sure.

25,737. You mean you do not remember?—No, I do not.

25,738. The next one after that would be '60; you voted in '60, did not you?—I believe the first election I voted was when Glover was here.

25,739. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover.

25,740. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For whom did you vote then?—I believe for Glover.

25,741. And for Walters, did not you?—I could not say.

25,742. What did you get?—Nothing.

25,743. Not at that election?—Nothing at all.

25,744. In '59 you voted, did not you; you got money in '59?—I did get money in one election, I could not say which one it was.

25,745. You did at two elections; if you attend I will remind you. In '59 Walters, Edwards, and Walker were candidates, and you voted for whom?—Walker.

25,746. And I believe somebody took you and a number of other men, did they not, four other men?—Three.

25,747. Three other men and yourself, four?—Yes.

25,748. And he lent you 3*l*.?—Yes.

25,749. Which of course you never paid back?—No.

25,750. You knew that was money for your vote. Did you think that was not for your vote?—Well, I expected so.

25,751. Of course it was. Who was the man?—Dales they called him.

25,752. Did you plump for Walker?—Yes.

25,753. Now, in '60, Gridley and Walker; for whom did you vote?—I do not recollect them at all.

25,754. You received money twice you know?—I do not recollect that I did any more than once.

25,755. Was that the 3*l*.?—Yes.

25,756. I will tell you what you said. Were you examined in London?—Yes.

25,757. You were asked, after telling about the 3*l*., "Was this the first money you ever had for your "vote?—No, sir, I got some of Walters before"?—I am sure I did not recollect it.

25,758. "How much?—2*l*., I believe." "Then it "was you, Richardson, Clark, and Ladley came in "with the determination to sell your vote to the best "bidder; you know you did, out with it?—Well, we "did, sir." That was your answer then?—Yes.

25,759. "Did the other side bid?—Yes. What "did they offer?—2*l*." You seem to have forgotten a good deal?—I have forgotten those words, but I do not deny it; that's right.

25,760–61. And I believe you wanted a little more than 2*l*.?—I do not know that I did. I do not remember that at all.

25,762. In 1865 did you vote, Keane's election?—No, I think not.

25,763. Why should not you vote in Keane's election, did you vote, do you recollect?—I do not recollect that I did.

25,764. Yes, you did, you voted for Keane. What did you get?—Nothing, that I know of.

25,765. That will not do. Were you in the Mechanics' Hall. I am sure it is the want of recollection?—Yes, I did vote once at the Mechanics' Hall, but I thought it was when I voted for Glover.

25,766. I am afraid you came late, what time did you come?—I do not know what time it was when I did vote.

25,767. Did not you go late to the Mechanics' Hall?—Perhaps two o'clock.

25,768. And then it was closed, was it not, the money?—I never heard tell of any, I never seed any.

25,769. Did you vote in 1868?—I voted at the last election.

25,770. For whom?—Mr. Maxwell.

25,771. A plumper?—Yes.

25,772. Who took you to the poll?—Mr. Gray; he is a tailor; I do not know his other name that I know of, he always goes by the name of tailor Gray.

25,773. Are you a customer of his?—No.

25,774. What are you?—A labourer.

25,775. An agricultural labourer?—An agricultural labourer.

25,776. Did you owe any money to Gray?—No.

25,777. Did you get any money from him?—No.

25,778. Where did you meet him?—In market.

25,779. Standing in the market?—Yes; I was standing in market when he came to me and asked me whether I had voted; I told him no; and he said, Well, are you going, and I said yes, and he said, Well, I will go on with you.

25,780. You had something to drink?—No, never a drain with him.

25,781. Not after you voted?—No.

25,782. Did not he promise you anything?—No.

25,783. Did not you ask for anything?—No.

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25,784. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

25,785. Did you tell us you got anything at the last council choosing?—No, I did not, you never asked me before.

25,786. But did you?—Yes, I did.

25,787. What did you get?—10*s*.

25,788. From whom?—Thomas Duffill.

The witness withdrew.

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ROBERT RICHARDSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

25,789. Are you a freeman?—No.

25,790. You live at Tickton?—Yes.

25,791. How did you vote at the last election?—For Edwards and Maxwell.

25,792. Did you get anything?—No.

25,793. Had you anything promised?—No.

25,794. Nothing promised?—No.

25,795. Was your day's wage promised you?—No.

25,796. You keep a public-house, do not you?—A beerhouse.

25,797. Now, was there any treating at your house last election?—Yes.

25,798. There was?—Yes, one quart of ale.

25,799. Is that really all?—It was all, to my knowledge.

25,800. Well, a trifle of that sort I won't ask about. You voted at parliamentary elections before?—Yes.

25,801. What was the first you voted at?—I believe Glover's, in 1857.

25,802. Did you get anything?—No.

25,803. Then there was Wells and Edwards the same year, did you get anything then?—No.

25,804–5. Then Walker and Gridley, did you get anything then?—I did at Walker's.

25,806. What did you get?—3*l.*

25,807. Who paid you?—Well, I took it off, it fell on the table at the "Dog and Duck."

25,808. You know perfectly well who put it there?—Well, there were two men in the room.

25,809. Tell us who?—Dales, cowkeeper.

25,810. John Dales?—I do not know his first name,

25,811. Who was the other?—Jacolina Wilkin I believe was the other.

25,812. In 1865, did you get anything then?—I believe I did not vote then.

25,813. But you might have got something?—No, I did not. When was that?

25,814. When there were Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, you would vote then?—Yes.

25,815. What did you get?—1*l.*

25,816. Who paid you?—Edward Stephenson,

25,817. Where did he pay you?—In his own house, the "Red Lion."

25,818. Did you get anything at the council choosing last year?—I had nothing to do with it.

25,819. Was not a man named Clark with you when you were paid?—Yes.

25,820. In this last election I have mentioned, 1860, when you were with Dales and Wilkin?—There was Clark and myself and another man.

25,820*a*. You were one of the four?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

W. Palmer.

WILLIAM PALMER sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

25,821. You are a freeman?—Yes.

25,822. How long have you been a freeman?—About two years.

25,823. When you took up your freedom did anybody pay for you?—Yes.

25,824. Who paid the money for you?—Mr. Wreghitt.

25,825. Wreghitt paid the money for you to take up your freedom?—Yes.

25,826. Two years ago, did you say?—Yes, it might be rather better than two years.

25,827. Rather more. Do you know how much he paid?—10*s.*

25,828. Do you know what it was for?—To take my freedom up.

25,829. But did he expect you to do anything for that?—I do not know, I am sure, what he expected.

25,830. What did you understand it was for?—For taking up my freedom.

25,831. Yes, that was the benefit you were to have, but what were you to give him in return?—He did not ask me for anything.

25,832. Did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—Yes.

25,833. Which way did you vote?—For Edwards and Kennard.

25,834. Did you vote at the last municipal election council choosing?—Yes.

25,835. Which way did you vote then?—The same way.

25,836. Did you get anything for your vote then?—Yes.

25,837. How much?—15*s.*

25,838. Who gave it you?—Stephen Philpott.

The witness withdrew.

W. Duffill.

WILLIAM DUFFILL sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

25,839. Where do you live?—In High Gate.

25,840. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

25,841. And I think you keep a public-house?—Yes.

25,842. What is the name?—The "Green Dragon."

25,843. And I think you have taken an active part in political affairs of the borough?—No.

25,844. Did you not?—No.

25,845. At the last election did you vote?—Yes.

25,846. For whom?—Maxwell and Trollope.

25,847. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

25,848. For whom?—I voted for the Liberals.

25,849. Did any money pass through your hands on that occasion?—No.

25,850. Was there any treating at the "Green Dragon," whether at the municipal or the parliamentary?—No.

25,851. Do you know Mr. Bird?—Yes.

25,852. Do you know Mr. Boyes?—Yes.

25,853. I will bring you to Mr. Keane's election, did you vote at that election?—Yes.

25,854. For whom?—Mr. Keane.

25,855. There was a good deal of money passing then, was there not?—Yes.

25,856. How much passed through your hands?—Nothing.

25,857. Nothing?—Nothing.

25,858. How was the "George and Dragon," was there treating going on?—No.

25,859. Did you receive any bill for ale supplied?—I had a small bill.

25,860. How much?—I think about 10*l.*

25,861. Do you consider that a small bill? Where were you paid?—I was paid in Mr. Hind's office by one of his clerks.

25,862. Mr. Hind, the solicitor?—(*No answer.*)

25,863. Did you send in a bill?—Yes.

25,864. How soon after the election?—A few weeks after.

25,865. You sent in a bill, so much for ale and so much for wine?—For refreshments.

25,866. Only for refreshments?—Yes.

25,867. That general bill for refreshments?—Yes.

25,868. They did not ask you for particulars?—They could have had them if they had.

25,869. But they did not ask?—I do not think they did particularly.

25,870. And you sent in a round sum for 10*l.*?—Yes.

25,871. Did you pay any money yourself?—No.

25,872. I suppose you had an account of it?—I had at the time.

25,873. You have not now?—No; it was on the slate.

25,874. That is 1865; had your house been used as a committee room at all?—Yes, the committee used to meet, that was where the refreshments were supplied; it was not open house to all.

25,875. Who were the committee?—I do not know who they consisted of; it consisted of Mr. Hind, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Southwick, Mr. Bird, and a few more.

25,876. Who ordered you to give the refreshments?—It was when they generally met to transact their business. It was previous to the election day.

25,877. Did you see Mr. Keane's brother there?—No,

25,878. You know the man I mean ?—Yes.

25,879. You have seen him down here before, have you ?—Yes.

25,880. Tell me, the next election was 1860 ?—I was not a voter.

25,881. That makes no matter, you were a supporter of Gridley ?—I was not in the town till the latter part of 1860.

25,882. Were you here during the election ?—No.

25,883. Were you here in 1859 ?—No.

25,884. Were you here at no previous election ?—No, I went away in 1853.

25,885. You were not a voter then, of course?—No.

25,886. Do you know nothing of any election down to 1859 ?—No.

25,887. Did you not see a good deal of money pass in 1865 ?—Yes.

25,888. Who were the paymasters ?—Mr. Bird, no one else.

25,889. At what rate was he paying ; was he paying at the "Green Dragon ?"—Yes, at the rate of 1*l.* a man that had received it at the Mechanics' the night previous, and them that had not received he gave them 2*l.*

25,890. How did they come in, who vouched for them ?—I do not know. I think there was a rumour in the town, the room was full of voters, Keane's supporters ; they all wanted to support Keane, and they thought it right that they should have a little money, and I suppose it got known up town, and then Mr. Bird came down with the money.

25,891. Was anyone else paying ?—No.

25,892. Did he keep in a back room ?—Yes, he was in a back room. When Mr. Bird arrived there were a great many voters, and I suppose they expected he came with money, and he went into this room and he paid them there.

25,893. But how many ?—I should say 60 or 70, and it may be 100 ; there were that on the premises.

25,894. Some 1*l.* and some 2*l.* ?—Yes.

25,895. Are you a married man ?—Yes.

25,896. Did he leave any money with you to pay some of them ?—No.

25,897. Or with your wife ?—No.

25,898. Did any come next day to receive the money ?—No.

25,899. He had it all in gold ?—Yes.

25,900. What time in the day ?—About 10 oclock.

25,901. He commenced at 10, election morning ?—Yes.

25,902. Will you give us any other name except Mr. Bird ?—There was nobody else there ; he was there by himself, that is, for paying money.

25,903. How came you to send in your bill to Mr. Hind ; he had nothing to do with that election ?—Mr. Luke Hind.

25,904. He had nothing to do with the election ?—Yes, I believe he had.

25,905. However, you sent in your bill. I think it was to the solicitor you sent it in ?—No.

25,906. Who paid it that time ?—I was paid by a clerk in Mr. Hind's office.

25,907. Who told you to send in the bill there ?—I cannot say who told me.

25,908. To whom did you send in your bill ?—To Mr. Luke Hind, I think so.

25,909. Did you take any part in the council choosing last year ?—No.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

25,910. Who gave you the order for these refreshments ?—I do not know, they were ordered by different parties on the committee.

25,911. Do you know who told you to give credit to the committee there ?—No.

25,912. Somebody must have told you to give refreshments to the committee ; you would not have done it without authority ?—I have mentioned the names ; there were those on the committee I should get the order from some of them.

25,913. I want to know who gave you the order ?—I could not say exactly who it would be ; it might be from one and then from another.

25,914. You would not have supplied these goods on credit without an order from some one ?—I had no written order or anything of that sort at all ; it was by word of mouth.

25,915. By whose mouth ?—I mentioned two or three names ; I do not know who.

25,916. But some of the committee, at all events ?—I could not myself tell you, I have given you some names.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN BIRD recalled ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Bird.

25,917. You are an upholsterer, I think you told us ?—Yes.

25,918. You have been generally active in elections on the Liberal side ?—Only once.

25,919. Have you taken no part in any election since 1865 ?—No.

25,920. Did you vote in 1860, Walker and Gridley's election ?—Yes, I should be here then.

25,921. You can tell us nothing about anything in 1860 ?—No.

25,922. We know you took a bag of money to Duffill at the "George and Dragon," in 1865 ?—I did.

25,923. Where did you get it from ?—From Daniel Keane.

25,924. Where did he give it you ?—He gave it me at the Holderness.

25,925. Had you gone there by appointment to meet him ?—No.

25,926. How did you happen to see Mr. Keane at the Holderness ?—I was in the front of the committee room that we had in the Toll Gavel on that day, and he sent for me across.

25,927. Then you did go by appointment ?—There was no appointment previous to being sent for at that moment.

25,928. Where did you go to ?—I went and saw him.

25,929. In the committee room ?—No, in his private room at the Holderness.

25,930. What did he give you ?—When he sent for me I came, and he said to me that he had been told that the Conservatives were giving 3*l.* a man, and that his brother had no chance whatever to be returned.

25,931. About what time was this ?—Ten o'clock on the day of polling, between that and half-past.

25,932. What was it he gave you ?—It was money.

25,933. In what way, was it in a bag ?—Yes, it was.

25,934. Did he tell you what amount there was ?—No.

25,935. He gave you a bag of gold ?—Yes.

25,936. You know perhaps, however, what amount it was ?—Not exactly I did not.

25,937. You never knew exactly ?—Not at that time.

25,938. What did you think at that time there was there, how many sovereigns ?—Over 100*l.*

25,939. What directions did he give you when he gave you this money ?—If you will allow me I will tell you all that passed betwixt us, it is very short. When he sent for me the first thing he said was that his brother had no chance to be returned, and that the others were receiving 3*l.* a man each. He said, I have had a communication made to me stating that that there were a room full of voters at Duffill's waiting to go and vote for his brother, and he said, They want to come all together, and though my brother has not any chance to be returned, still I should like him to stand pretty well on the poll, and I should like you to take the men and give it to them, and let them all come together ; and the terms were that the men who were paid the previous day were to have another 1*l.* He gave me a register also to refer to the names.

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25,940. Were there any marks on the register?—Not at all.

25,941. None?—No.

25,942. You had no means of knowing whether they had been paid or not?—My instructions were to ask them, and if they confessed they had one I gave them another; every man that came to me I wrote down his name in a book before I asked him, and before I gave anything. I never asked him how he was going to vote, or if he had been up the previous day; if he got anything I gave him another 1*l.*; those that had nothing at all I paid 2*l.* to.

25,943. How many did you pay?—I cannot say from memory. I should think about a hundred, as near as I could say.

25,944. How long did you continue paying them?—I should be very little over half an hour. I paid the money, and as soon as it was done I left the place, and I never saw it any more.

25,945. Did you keep anything for yourself?—No.

25,946. Did you get anything for your trouble?—Never, not at any time.

25,947. Is that all you can tell us about the election of 1865?—Yes.

25,948. However, you took an active part in the last council choosing?—Yes.

25,949. You have been examined on the last council choosing?—Yes.

25,950. You have nothing to add?—No, that is all the story.

25,951. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you return Mr. Keane anything?—Yes, I returned him the list as a check for the money he had given me.

25,952. Had you been canvassing?—I was a little with Daniel Keane on the nomination day in the afternoon.

25,953. Did you know the candidate, Mr. David Keane?—Only by sight, I never had anything to do with him.

25,954. Mr. David Keane was with Mr. Daniel Keane out canvassing with him?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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F. Burrell.

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FRANCIS BURRELL recalled.

25,955. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now, Mr. Burrell, accept a caution from me. You may refuse to answer any questions put to you here to-day, and then we shall know what to do, but if you attempt to answer questions I give you now a general caution. It will be no pleasure to us if most serious consequences follow this inquiry. With that caution I shall call your attention to what occurred here when you were examined on both occasions.

25,956. Did you receive money at the municipal election or before it in 1867?—If I did I do not know, I really do not know.

25,957. That won't do?—I do not know that I did.

25,958. Did you yourself receive money from Mr. Barkworth on the 2d November 1867?—I do not know that I did.

25,959. You must answer the question?—I cannot answer yes or no. I do not know that I did; to the best of my belief I think Mr. Barkworth was mistaken. I do not think he gave me any such an amount.

25,960. You heard Mr. Barkworth examined yesterday?—No, I did not, but I read it last night.

25,961. That is the same thing; he said, after considerable hesitation, he found 50*l.* in November 1867, do you deny it?—I do not deny it if he did.

25,962. Do not talk about denying, what did you do with the money?—I do not know I ever got it.

25,963. What did you do with the money?—I do not know I ever got it, if I were to die with the words in my mouth.

25,964. Was there a municipal contest in 1867?—I am sure I cannot say.

25,965. Are you a town councillor?—No.

25,966. And you cannot say whether there was a contest for town councillors in 1867?—I cannot say from my own knowledge.

25,967. We are in 1869 now?—Yes.

25,968. You are placing yourself in a very awkward position?—I cannot help it, I am speaking the truth, I am on my life.

25,969. Having 55*l.* in '67?—I think Mr. Barkworth is mistaken.

25,970. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you ever receive any money from Mr. Barkworth?—I received 5*l.*

25,971. Not more?—Never, I think Mr. Barkworth is mistaken.

25,972. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did you receive the 5*l.*?—I think it was in one of the municipal elections.

25,973. He told us he paid you something for pasture masters?—That was the present year, 1869.

25,974. What, is the thing going on still?—Yes, the 1st of March of the present year he gave me 2*l.*

25,975. Was there a contest?—For pasture masters.

25,976. Yes, for pasture masters?—I think not.

25,977. What did you do, then, with the money?—We paid the expenses for clerks.

25,978. There was no contest?—But we always expect there will be a contest, and we make preparations.

25,979. When did he pay you 5*l.*?—I cannot say, I am sure.

25,980. Where did he pay it?—In Mr. Walker's shop, the hatter, he gave me 5*l.* then.

25,981. Was there a contest in 1867 for town councillors?—Really, I cannot say; if there was I should be engaged.

25,982. Were Wreghitt, Stephenson, and Findlater candidates?—They might be.

25,983. We know they might?—I do not know.

25,984. Did you not know Wreghitt had only a majority of seven on that occasion?—Indeed I do not.

25,985. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are in very great danger, we may get evidence you distributed money in 1867?—I think it probable you may.

25,986. I ask you again, in 1867 did you receive

55*l.* from Mr. Backworth ?—I cannot answer, but to the best of my belief I never did.

25,987. It is not a matter of belief, how can belief serve you ?—It is to my mind.

25,988. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you remember an election where Mr. Wreghitt nearly lost his election ?—The last election.

25,989. Was it the last election ?—I believe there was an election, when he got in by a small majority.

25,990. This was in 1867 ?—I believe it was, but if my life depended on it I could not tell you.

25,991. You do not recollect anything about it ?—I should be engaged in it, but I do not remember any particular transaction.

25,992. Do you recollect anything about it ?—I do not. I should be engaged in it.

25,993. I am asking you about facts ?—I wish to speak about facts, if I am able.

25,994. Tell us again, do you deny you received 55*l.* from Mr. Barkworth ?—I do not deny it, but to the best of my belief I never did.

25,995. What did you do with it, if you did receive it ?—I should distribute it amongst the voters.

25,996. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien to witness.*) You had better remain in court.

JOHN STEPHENSON called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Stephenson.

25,997. You are a member of the town council ?—I am.

25,998. Are you a freeman ?—I am.

25,999. How long have you been a freeman ?—I believe since 1857. I believe so.

26,000. Now, when did you become a town councillor ?—I believe in 1864.

26,001. In 1864 ; then you were up for election in 1867 ?—Yes, for the election of 1867.

26,002. And you were then re-elected ?—I was re-elected.

26,003. Was there a contest ?—Yes, I believe there was.

26,004. Was it a stiff one ; were the numbers pretty close ?—I think they were.

26,005. Do you know whether any money was spent on your side ?—I do not know whether any was spent.

26,006. Did you contribute yourself ?—I did not, nothing whatever ; after the election was over I inquired what my share of the legitimate expenses would be, and I was told I should be called upon when it was required, and I never have been called upon.

26,007. Who did you inquire of ?—I cannot say, some of the party, perhaps my colleagues.

26,008. Your colleagues were Mr. Findlater and Mr. Wreghitt, can you charge your memory whether you inquired of any of them ?—I have told you I did so, but I could not say who I inquired of, but I made the inquiry. I did not make any further inquiries. I supposed I should be called upon for what expenses were necessary, and I have always been ready to pay.

26,009. I have not asked you what your occupation is ?—I am a merchant, and live at Hull Bridge near Beverley.

26,010. You know nothing of anything relating to money matters in 1867 ?—None whatever.

26,011. Did you take an active part generally in parliamentary elections ?—Not a very active part ; I have always taken an interest. At the last election I took more interest than before.

26,012. What was the first election that you voted at ?—In 1859.

26,013. Did you receive any money ?—No.

26,014. Neither for yourself or anyone else ?—No.

26,015. Did you pay any money for the purposes of the election ever before or after the election ?—No.

26,016. I will ask you the same question as to 1860 ?—I never paid money or received money for any purpose at any election.

26,017. Have you taken any persons to be paid ?—No, I never have.

26,018. Do you know a man of the name of Raspin ? Yes, I know Raspin.

26,019. Did you never take him to be paid in 1860 ?—Not that I know of ; I have no recollection of it ; I never did take a man.

26,020. Did you take him to the "Dog and Duck" ?—Not to my knowledge.

26,021. Had you anything to do with the election of 1860 ?—Not that I remember, in any way at all.

26,022. You can remember whether you did anything beyond voting ?—I can remember I took an interest in it, but I took no active part in it.

26,023. Do you know any other John Stephenson ?—No.

26,024. Mr. John Stephenson of Hull Bridge ?—That would be me.

26,025. Did Raspin tell you that he should like to have a little money ?—I remember at one election, I cannot say positively at which, but I remember some years ago, I think Richardson is the man that I remember.

26,026. And Clark and Medley ?—Possibly they might be there. I remember Richardson. I remember seeing him in the market place, and he was hanging about, and I said to him, "Why do you not vote, why do you not get voted," and in chaff I said, "I suppose you want some pills or some physic," or something to that effect, and nothing more passed between us. He voted, and he might have received some money, but he did not receive it from me.

26,027. Did you not go with him to the "Dog and Duck" inn ?—I believe not.

26,028. Believe not ?—I would tell you if I knew.

26,029. Can you say yes or no whether you did ?—I believe not, I have not the least recollection.

26,030. Did anyone say they wanted to borrow money ?—No, I was with them in the street, but I was with them nowhere else.

26,031. Did any money pass through your hands for the purpose of the election ?—Certainly not.

26,032. Do you swear that you did not take anyone to any house and say they would be paid for their votes ?—I do not recollect. It is nine years ago. I saw these men only in the street, and I have no recollection of anything more than seeing them in the street. I would tell you if I knew anything more. I have nothing to conceal in the matter.

26,033. Were you in London in 1860 ?—I was not.

26,034. You are aware your name was mentioned then ?—I remember seeing it in the papers.

26,035. Does not that recall it ?—That would recall the conversation I have told you, and nothing more.

26,036. That was in the same year, on the 16th of March 1860 ; it must have been almost immediately after the election, so that your memory must have been recalled to the circumstance within a very short time after it happened ?—I do not remember anything more than I have told you. I will swear I never went into any house with them.

26,037. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They do not say you did go into the house with them, they say you came to the place, the "Dog and Duck"?—I might see them about the "Dog and Duck," the "Dog and Duck" is in the street, I could not say whereabouts in the street.

26,038. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you any conversation with Raspin on the subject of the evidence he gave in London ?—None.

26,039. You did not say to him, What do you mean by mentioning my name ?—No ; Raspin is a man that I have not spoken to for many years since that occasion, if I spoke to him then.

26,040. He lived in your neighbourhood ?—He lives in Beverley now.

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26,041. But he had lived in your neighbourhood?—Yes, he lived at Stork Hill.

26,042. Did you tell him that he had been taking an unjustifiable liberty with your name?—No.

26,043. He accuses you of taking him to be bribed?—I have told you all I remember on the subject. I saw them in the street, and I asked them whether they had voted; I remember nothing further.

26,044. Did you let an imputation of this sort pass on you without taking any notice of it?—I deny it.

26,045. Do you remember a man named Dale being sent for?—No.

26,046. Do I understand you to swear that you did not go the "Dog and Duck" with Raspin?—I positively swear that I never went into the "Dog and Duck." I was in the street. The "Dog and Duck" is in the street, and it might be near the "Dog and Duck," but I never went with them there, and to the best of my belief never directed them to it at all, it was simply a matter of chaff.

26,047. Will you swear you did not go with them, and they went into the "Dog and Duck"?—I have not the slightest recollection of anything of the kind.

26,048. Did you direct them to the "Dog and Duck"?—Not that I know of.

26,049. Will you swear it?—One does not like to swear it after a lapse of nine years.

26,050. This is sworn to a few weeks after it is said to have happened, and not contradicted by you?—I did think it worth while to contradict anything that Raspin should say.

26,051. Well, I do not know, you either do not remember, or cannot remember, or will not remember?—I do not remember; I have told you I will tell you anything I know.

26,052. The next election is 1865, did you take any part in that?—No, nothing more than general interest.

26,053. You voted?—Yes.

26,054. Did any money pass through your hands?—None.

26,055. Then the next is 1868?—I should vote, and beyond taking a general interest I did nothing more.

26,056. Have you ever been a pasture master?—No.

26,057. Have you ever spent any money yourself in your election for town councillor?—Never.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

26,058. Was there a contest in 1864 for the town council?—No there was not, there was no opposition.

26,059. At the contest in 1867 you allowed other people to pay for you?—I inquired if there were any expenses.

26,060. Inquired, yes, when did you inquire?—I inquired shortly after the election, within a few days after the election.

26,061. Of whom?—I cannot speak definitely.

26,062. Then do not talk of inquiring; of whom did you inquire; you are a merchant in Beverley, and you owe your position as town councillor to the money of other people, whoever they are. Of whom did you inquire?—I cannot say; I inquired of my colleagues, I believe, Mr. Findlater and Mr. Wreghitt.

26,063. When did you inquire, and of whom?—I believe of Mr. Findlater and Mr. Wreghitt.

26,064. I do not care about belief, of whom did you inquire?—You may take it I inquired of them.

26,065. Of both?—I believe so.

26,066. Did you inquire of Mr. Wreghitt?—I might.

26,067. What did Mr. Wreghitt say when you inquired, that is my question, what did he say?—I do not remember the words that he used.

26,068. Will you pardon me for calling your attention to the position in which a gentleman of your respectability stands. Money was expended for the purpose of placing you in the town council, do you not recollect what a man said to you when you inquired about the expenses?—Simply he said that when necessary I should be called upon for the expenses, simply to that effect; it is impossible to recollect words.

26,069. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Wreghitt said so?—I say Wreghitt or Findlater. I cannot say anything more definitely.

26,070. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I asked you what Mr. Wreghitt said; I do not care what Mr. Findlater said, Mr. Findlater is a poor man compared to you?—I cannot give you anything more definite; I believe he said that I should be called upon when necessary, or something to that effect. I cannot recollect the words.

26,071. I will ask you another question, did you ask him what the amount was?—No, I did not.

26,072. Have you ever asked him since what the amount was?—No.

26,073. You never asked him since?—No.

26,074. I am not at all surprised you should have voted the way you did, not a bit, because I tell you that in one sense of the word that may be a bribe to you?—I should not consider so.

26,075. It may be a very strong bribe to you. Can you give us a notion what it would cost?—Not the slightest; I know nothing of the money matters.

26,076. What is the condition of the council now politically?—I think there are nine Liberals, and the remainder are Conservatives; I believe that is the proportion.

26,077. Nine to 15 is the proportion?—Yes.

26,078. In 1868 you were a candidate?—Yes.

26,079. Did you take any part?—None whatever.

26,080. Were you in town on that day?—I came into town to my business at 12 o'clock in the day, and I voted on that occasion.

26,081. Did you not hear from more sources than one that bribery was going on?—I understood that money was being paid.

26,082. We call that bribery. In 1868 that was?—Yes.

26,083. Was that the first time you ever heard money was being spent for municipal elections?—No.

26,084. What was the first time you ever heard of money being spent in municipal elections?—Ever since I can recollect.

26,085. Had you before you became a colleague of Wreghitt's in 1867 heard it rumoured in the town that Wreghitt was in the habit of supplying money for local elections, municipal and others?—No, I do not know that I ever did, I might.

26,086. I ask you not about belief, or anything like that, but in 1867 you were a candidate, and I ask you had you ever heard before that time that Wreghitt was in the habit of supplying money for local purposes, municipal, and pasture masters?—It is one that I cannot reply to. I took no interest, if I did it would be simply a matter of conversation in the town, and I do not know that I did hear anything to that effect.

26,087. Of course it is a matter of conversation; will you pledge your oath?—I could not pledge my oath, and I do not, I might or might not.

26,088. He is your colleague, and if you heard that you are his colleague still. That is quite enough for me.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

26,089. Did you take an active part in the last municipal election?—No, not at all.

26,090. You voted?—Yes.

26,091. I do not think you have been asked the question, did you receive any money to distribute at the last municipal election?—No, none whatever; I took no interest in it except just voting.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Charles Hobson called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

26,092. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

26,093. How long have you been a freeman?—I took my freedom up in 1847, soon after I commenced business in Beverley.

26,094. What are you by occupation?—A druggist.

26,095. Have you held any office in the town?—Yes, and am now. I have been a good many years an auditor of the pasture accounts, and I have been twice returned as a member of the council.

26,096. Are you one now?—No.

26,097. Can you tell me the times when you have been town councillor?—First in 1858, and re-elected in the corporation at the end of the three years.

26,098. 1858 and 1861?—Yes.

26,099. And in 1864 you went out?—Yes.

26,100. Who is the present treasurer of the pasture masters?—Mr. Turner.

26,101. Do you know how long he has held that office?—More than 20 years to my knowledge.

26,102. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you mean Mr. Turner of the bank?—Yes, it was auditor I said I was.

26,103. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Yes; I ask you Mr. Turner of the bank has been treasurer for the last 20 years?—Well, more I think, he has been treasurer ever since I knew him.

26,104. And you have been a freeman since 1847; I presume you have voted at the parliamentary elections?—I have voted at all.

26,105. Have you taken an active part in them?—Yes.

26,106. Which is the first you voted at?—There was one election in 1847, just after I commenced business here in Beverley. I was not then on the register, but I have voted for every one since that.

26,107. You voted in 1852, at Lawley, Wells, and Glover's?—Yes, I did.

26,108. For whom did you vote?—For the Conservative candidates always.

26,109. You voted for Glover?—Yes.

26,110. Now I must ask you whether you received any money for your vote?—Never.

26,111. Did any money pass through your hands to give to voters?—Never to my knowledge. I may say never.

26,112. At the election of 1852 did any money pass through your hands?—Not then or at any other time. I have tried to charge my memory, and I do not think that anything of the sort ever did occur.

26,113. Mr. Glover put up in 1857, when he was disqualified; can you say positively that you never received any money to spend on Mr. Glover's behalf?—Yes.

26,114. That you say?—Yes. I am speaking always to the best of my belief; but I think I may say never.

26,115. Yes; but such an operation as expending money on what we call bribery is a thing that impresses itself on a man's mind, and you ought to give me a more positive answer?—It does not impress itself on you so much when it is very prevalent.

26,116. If you only did it once or twice you must recollect it?—I may say I never did.

26,117. Then I must ask you on each election. In 1857, when Edwards and Wells put up, did you receive any money to spend on voters at that election?—No.

26,118. In 1859, when Walters, Edwards, and Walker put up, for whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Walker.

26,119. Will you swear that you were not the means directly, or indirectly, of giving money to any voters to influence the election?—Yes.

26,120. Now we come to Walker and Gridley, in 1860, do you swear the same thing?—Yes.

26,121. With regard to Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, in 1865, had you any money then to spend or give to voters?—No.

26,122. Did you defray any of the expenses of that election?—None.

26,123. Nor of either of the other elections?—Nor of either of the other elections.

26,124. You were re-elected in 1861 to the office of town councillor?—Yes.

26,125. And that election was contested?—Both were.

26,126. Both the 1858 and the 1861?—Yes.

26,127. First of all, was the 1858 a sharp contest?—Yes, it was.

26,128. Which ward is yours?—St. Mary's Ward.

26,129. That contest was also an expensive one?—Not so much as others have been lately. I will tell you what it cost me. Mr. Wreghitt called and asked me to stand. He pressed me; I refused for several times, but he renewed his applications repeatedly, and at last I consented to stand, on a promise that each of the six Conservative candidates should put down 5*l.* in order to meet the expenses, in order that we should have no expense afterwards. The candidates were called together, and the thing was mentioned to them, and they all agreed, and we paid 5*l.* each down before we started. Before the election was over we found this 5*l.* was not likely to cover all the expenses, and we were called together at the "Golden Ball," I believe, and we then put down, I believe, 3*l.* each more.

26,130. That would make 48*l.* multiplied by six?—Yes. I believe I paid a few shillings after the election; that is, all the money I have any knowledge of as to that election.

26,131. Now the election of 1861. At that election there was a sharp contest?—That was a sharp contest.

26,132. Did you bear the whole of your share of the expense in that election?—I did not bear any part in 1858. We paid it out of our own pockets, as far as I know.

26,133. Who paid the expenses of 1861?—I do not know. There was a deputation from Mr. Lowther and Mr. Cook. I declined standing any more. Then Mr. Lowther and others, I think, came and asked me to stand. I refused to do so, and they said, "Well, "if you will only let us put your name up you shall "never be called upon for any money."

26,134. And you agreed. They paid for the expense, as far as you know?—I do not know. I think Mr. Wreghitt and the party paid. That is merely a supposition.

26,135. At all events you were never called on?—I was never asked for a shilling.

26,136. You know that these expenses were heavy?—No, I do not know.

26,137. You said just now that there was a sharp contest in 1861?—Yes.

26,138. You know money was spent very freely at that election?—I should think in 1861 that the election in 1861 would cost no less than the one I have spoken of.

26,139. It was an expensive contest?—I should think not more than 1858.

26,140–1. At all events you were not called upon to pay your expenses?—Nothing.

26,142. And as far as a man can know of anything that takes place behind his back, you know Wreghitt paid it?—No, I do not know.

26,143. You said just now you presumed so?—Yes, because he was the agent, both municipal and parliamentary, and I know that the other candidates, my colleagues, had not paid any more than I had done.

26,144. Did you inquire if you had anything to pay?—Not at all.

26,145. You knew that somebody was paying your share, and you were content to let it stand so?—Yes.

26,146. Without inquiring who your benefactor was?—Yes.

26,147. Did you vote at the election of 1865?—Yes.

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Mr. C. Hobson.

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26,148. For whom did you vote, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—Edwards and Sykes.

26,149. Did you vote at the election of 1868, Edwards and Kennard ?—Yes.

26,150. Did you take an active part in the town council election of 1868 ?—None whatever, not at all.

26,151. Did you vote at it ?—I voted.

26,152. Had you ever any communication with Mr. Norfolk about it ?—None whatever.

26,153. Now, before I go to anything else, do you pledge your oath you never at any of the elections at which you voted received any money either before, at, or after the election, to spend for legal purposes ?—Yes, at all events to the best of my belief.

26,154. That is very unsatisfactory, because we like positive statements. I believe you want to give some explanation with regard to the evidence given here by Mr. Hind ?—Yes.

26,155. The best way will be for you to give it yourself ?—Mr. Hind mentioned that he had a memorandum in his possession that at the election of '59 Mr. England sat in a room at my house and gave money there. I can only say Mr. McCoy came to me previous to the election, and his statement to me was that they were very anxious to meet in my room as a central station, where Mr. England, the candidates, and their friends could meet, free from the annoyance of voters. I had a great objection for my house to be used at any election, and I had some friends at that time, and I referred him to a public-house next door. He said they had been there before and they could not keep by themselves. After being pressed in that manner I agreed that they should have a room at the back of my house to be used for the purpose.

26,156. What purpose ?—As a central committee room, where Mr. England and his friends could sit and communicate with the candidates and their friends without any annoyance from voters. Well, I was in the greater part of the day. I was in the room, and I can speak positively that no money was paid, and no money was turned over at all in that time. Sir James Walker, Mr. Thomas Sharp, Mr. Champney, and, I believe, Mr. James Hall, and many gentlemen of that sort, were continually coming in and out during the election, and Mr. England sat there during the whole time, except when he dined, which he did at my house; and the only people who came in were messengers who were bringing the number and names of the people who voted every quarter or half hour.

26,157. What is the date of this ?—'59; the only time I had anything of this sort in my house. They hired the room, at least I lent it. I stipulated with them that, I should have no pay for it, and to make sure, I went to Mr. Bainton's office yesterday, and asked Mr. McCoy whether I received anything for remuneration, and he reminded me that I stipulated that I should not have anything, and he referred to the accounts, and there was not anything charged for it.

26,158. You did not charge for the hire of the room ?—No, I need not submit to you, gentlemen, that it was an unlikely thing money would be paid in that room, which was the head-quarters of the party during the election.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

26,159. Do you remember whether Peter Hansley went to that room ?—I do not know him.

26,160. You do not know who he is ?—I do not; I know the name very well, but I do not know the man. It is a very familiar name to me, but I do not know the man.

26,161. Now, Mr. Hobson, I will give you an opportunity of explaining something pressing on my mind very much. In '61 you became a candidate, knowing that no money would be paid by you ?—Yes.

26,162. And the expenses were about 10*l.* ?—Yes.

26,163. Will you tell me what services you ever rendered Wreghitt or Sir Henry Edwards ? Except voting for Sir Henry Edwards, what services did you render that they should give you 10*l.* ?—I was always ready to go, and did go canvassing for them.

26,164. What service did you render except voting ?—Canvassing.

26,165. Do you say you were paid the 10*l.* for canvassing ?—No, I do not.

26,166. For what other service ?—I had a great objection to be a candidate at all.

26,167. What other service did you render except voting ? I tell you candidly what is passing in my mind. I have not decided upon it, but I might be compelled to put you down as a person bribed, and I want an explanation from you to remove that impression from my mind. A man gives you 10*l.*, and you do nothing for him but vote for him. What else did you do ?—Nothing beyond that. They might think I rendered them a service (I did not); but they might think I rendered them a service by being in the council at all.

26,168. They paid for your being there; they handed you over 10*l.*, what did you do for it ?—Nothing beyond that.

26,169. Nothing except voting ?—That is all.

26,170. I only wanted an explanation, if you could give it ?—I can only give that, they might consider I was of service to them by being in the council.

26,171. What service could that be ?—By advocating their interest on public occasions of that sort, matters that were supposed to affect the Conservative party.

26,172. You go to the town council for the benefit of the town ?—That is professedly so, but I am sorry to say many other things are introduced there that do not legitimately belong to it.

26,173. What ?—A good deal of party spirit is introduced in public matters. I may say this, before the Conservatives were in possession of the town council Beverley was a perfect ruin, and before 12 years passed they improved it, and Beverley became one of the best towns in England.

26,174. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I could suggest a good many more improvements which might take place ?—Yes, very likely. I may say I had two objects in going in; one in which I did not succeed was that I might be the means, with Mr. Almack, of removing the borough tolls, and the other object was to remove the cattle market, which was then held in the public street, and we were successful in removing the cattle market.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Almack.

Mr. Almack sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

26,175. Do you hold any office in the borough ?—I am a borough magistrate.

26,176. Have you been in the town council ?—I have been in the town council.

26,177. For how many years ?—I was five years, I think, a councillor, and I believe six years an alderman.

26,178. From what date ?—From the year 1857.

26,179. To '63, I believe, town councillor?—'63, I believe. I know there was a vacancy for an alderman.

26,180. And from '63 up to the present time an alderman. Are you an alderman now?—No.

26,181. When did you retire from the office of alderman?—Last year, I believe.

26,182. Then from '63 to '68 alderman?—Yes.

26,183. Do you recollect the contest of '61?—I must state at the outset I had no connexion, and nothing to do with electioneering but in the year '57; all since that I have repudiated entirely, and my knowledge of electioneering is confined to that year.

26,184. Do you recollect the contest in '61?—No, I do not.

26,185. Were you a candidate?—Well, I have no recollection of it.

26,186. Come, you were a candidate in '61?—I was first a candidate in '57, and then it would be the autumn of '60; I was a candidate twice.

26,187. You were a candidate in '60?—Three years after my election.

26,188. Was there a contest?—I do not know whether there was or not.

26,189. In '63 was there a contest?—I am not able to tell you these things.

26,190. Why?—If I could I would.

26,191. Did you contribute any money?—No, indeed I did not, not at all. I had nothing to do with contests except in the year '57.

26,192. Did you contribute any money in '63?—Certainly not.

26,193. For which ward were you returned in '60?—St. Mary's Ward.

26,194. For which ward in '63?—It would be the same ward.

26,195. Who were the candidates?—I do not know.

26,196. Had you paid any money in any contest?—No.

26,197. You took no part in them?—No.

26,198. Were you ever applied to for any money?—No; I only took part in '57.

26,199. I do not care about '57?—That is the only year I had any part in.

26,200. I utterly disregard '57. I suppose you knew from report money was paid at these elections?—I knew nothing but from common report.

26,201. During the time you were a town councillor, I suppose, you knew from common report money was spent at these elections; I mean nothing but from common report?—From common report, nothing else.

26,202. Who were your colleagues in '63?—I am sure I cannot tell you that; the records of the corporation will tell you. I may say I entirely wash my hands of all these contests, except the year '57.

26,203. You thought they were unclean?—Yes; and I may say I was sorry I got into the mess.

26,204. You took part in some parliamentary election, I believe, a great deal?—I was drawn into that the same year, but I never took any part in any other parliamentary election.

26,205. In '57 you took part?—That was the only thing I had to do with parliamentary elections. It was a petition against Mr. Glover.

26,206. Did you advance money to Mr. Glover?—No, I never spoke to him.

26,207. But you might have advanced money to him?—No, certainly not.

26,208. I want to ask you this; it is a most extraordinary thing on the surface. I see that you sent in a bill to England and Bainton. Your name is John?—My name is John.

26,209. "John Almack 15*l.*?"—I may say that is the first time I ever heard of such a thing, and it is untrue every word of it. I never received a farthing from anybody in my life in respect of electioneering matters.

26,210. There it is, Mr. Almack; look at it (*a paper was handed to witness*).—I should like to know who paid it to me. I am sure I never had it.

26,211. It is the last item?—Yes I never received it from anybody.

26,212. It struck me, I must tell you, with very great surprise?—I never did receive any such sum I say positively. There is a mistake, and I will tell you in what I think it has originated; this must be it. I went with five others to London to give evidence. I was hastily summoned there, and my opinion is these are the expenses, but I never paid a farthing, and never a farthing came to me. Now, then, I believe my name has been put down in the bill with others. Somebody can explain it. I can say I never got a farthing.

26,213. But Mr. Bainton had nothing to do with that election?—Mr. England had.

26,214. Had England to do with Glover's election?—This was the occasion I tell you.

26,215. That was Glover's election?—I do not know that he had at Glover's election, but this was the petition against Glover; he was petitioned against for non-qualification.

26,216. Did Mr. England act on that occasion?—On the petition.

26,217. Yes.—I believe he did. I will explain all I know. I do not want to be withholding anything. I will give you all the connexion I had with money, if you think there is anything in it.

26,218. You mean in '57?—That is the year.

26,219. You were anxious to do something in '57?—It was this. I was no friend of Mr. Glover's. I took no active part at all in the election, never in my life. In the year when he was petitioned against for non-qualification the petition was heard before the Committee of Parliament on a particular day. What day it was I do not know, but on that day I met Mr. England in the street. He said he had come over to hear the result, for he would have a telegraphic message from London about this decision of the committee, and I walked over to his office. It was near 4 or 5 o'clock that this passed, but there was nothing there. Then I walked on to the adjoining park of Westwood, where there was a cricket match. While there a messenger came up and requested me to go down immediately to Mr. England's office as I was wanted. I did not know what it was about, but I went. When I got there I was told a telegram had arrived, and that two or three witnesses were to go up to give evidence. I did not see the telegram, but that was what I was told, and they fixed upon me. I suppose Mr. England had managed that. When I got there there were only two persons in the office, Mr. England and Mr. Watson. Well, they fixed upon me to give evidence.

26,221. You had no evidence to give?—I had no evidence to give; but they told me a telegram had come from Wreghitt, and asked me to go. I objected to go for a long time; I strongly objected to go, and I urged Mr. Watson who was present in the room, but he refused point blank, he would not, and ultimately I consented to go. Mr. Watson went to fetch two or three more on the same errand, and he went out without speaking one word as to where the expenses were to come from, and he left me and Mr. England in the office; there we were together. Then I asked who was to pay the expenses; I said I had no money; it was quite unexpected. Mr. England said he had not a scoperel, and he said, "Well, they must pay their own expenses." I said, "Well I must have money in "my pocket to go on such an excursion, and I am too "late for the bank;" the bank was closed. Time passed, I had no money, and Mr. Watson had not returned. I must mention that Mr. Watson had gone to find these additional witnesses and to get a cab to take us to Hull. We were there without a penny. I had not the money to take me to London, and Mr. England said he had not any in his pocket. I said, "What is to be done?" In the end I asked him if there was anyone in the bank, and a clerk was sent. The cashier asked if we were in want of any money, and I said, "Yes,

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write out a cheque; we are in a mess." I must say that Mr. England had previously told him we had not a farthing to pay the expenses. Mr. England wrote out a cheque and then I signed it, and he signed it; and England said "We will both be in one boat, and if we lose it it will not ruin us both." This money was sent immediately after signing the cheque. I left, it was after 6 o'clock, I believe, and the train had to leave at 8, and I had to go home and tell them what a fix I was in. I came back with all haste, and when I got there I found that Watson had made it public, he had told of our journey, and crowds of people beset the door wanting to go for this excursion to London——

26,221. What, you mean to go for witnesses?—Yes.

26,222. Do not for a moment suppose we do not want to hear you.—But I feel it, after a person has stated in this court that I received 15*l.*

26,223. I mean you are perfectly right to give this explanation.—I was afraid I should be detaining you.

26,224. No, I think it is due to you.—Well, I returned with all haste to Mr. England, and he told me when I got there (I do not think the money was got while I was there, I believe the cashier took it, and of course it would be cashed at once). When I came back England told me that Charles Fox would be the paymaster. I was ashamed of the mess I was in, and all these people about, and I left immediately. I went on and walked on as far as the end of the town, but I was then taken up in the cab, and we got to Hull, six of us. When at the station, Fox, the paymaster, did not know I had anything to do with it, and he refused to allow us to travel any way but third class.

26,225. Who is Fox?—He was a watchmaker; he is now dead. Well, there was likely to be a strike amongst us; I objected, and said if I could not have a second class ticket I would not go at all, and we ultimately got second class tickets. He would not allow us any refreshments. I had to get my own refreshments. We arrived in London on the Saturday morning, and we went to Ridley's Hotel, Bridge Street, and there was Wreghitt, and we got breakfast. Mr. Wreghitt took us to Baxter's, the parliamentary office, and we were examined there, and we then went to this Committee of Parliament.

26,226. To the Parliamentary Committee?—Yes; we remained there till late in the afternoon, and I had my expenses to pay.

26,227. Were you examined?—I was examined late in the afternoon. I believe there were four examined of this party who went up; I was one, Fox was another. I will tell you the four.

26,228. Never mind.—I departed at once, as soon as ever I got quit of my examination I left, and Mr. Fox wished me to take two of the witnesses who had been examined, away to keep down the expenses——

26,229. Make it as short as you can.—I will. We had been examined, and three of us left in the afternoon. Now then, sir, my cost was only the railway fare and my breakfast in London. I paid nothing more. The other witnesses were to be examined, and Mr. Fox told me that they were pushed on to some relations in order to reduce the expenses. We were told these witnesses would be of no use; well, perhaps it will be too long to tell you.

26,230. Make it as short as you can?—Shall I tell you the remainder of the story. Well, I may shorten it in this way. The cheque I signed my name to and England joined me in never entered into my bank book, and I never asked for anything, and never got my expenses. I never asked it and never would take it, I am sure.

26,231. What was the amount of the cheque?—The cheque was an absurdly large one, I thought; why it was I do not know; the cheque was 100*l.* The money never came into my hands. Now, Mr. England and other persons, who know the particulars, may very well explain that. I never paid one farthing of the expenses. The only expense I should be at would be my railway fare and my breakfast in London and what this account would be, and as to anybody ever paying to me 15*l.* I am totally at a loss to know. I can only account for this 15*l.* to be all the expenses paid by Mr. Fox.

26,232. Let me ask you a general question. Do I understand you to say, except what you have told us you have never taken any part or received or distributed any money on behalf of any candidate at any election?—Never in my life, not a halfpenny. I have never promised a man, I believe, in my life money for a vote, nor have I ever given it.

26,233. Now the municipal?—Now the municipal, it is this——

27,234. Oh, I do not think it is necessary to go into that, it is a long way off '57?—Well, you will not understand it without; you will not understand it clearly.

26,235. I would rather not go into it, it is a long time ago. If there is anything else you think we ought to know you can tell us?—I am quite at your service.

26,236. Is there anything else you think we should like to know?—I thought you would like to know all about the municipal election in '57.

26,237. Well, we will hear it.—I will make it as short as I possibly can.

26,238. Very well, do.—I believe it was thought I took an active part and interest in the corporation. I had been a resident in Beverley for 18 years at that time, and I was always alive to everything that occurred in the corporation. Well, after the inquiry had taken place, Mr. Edwards came down, and about the following council meeting Vickers, Oxley, Henry Johnson, Lowther, and Watson were candidates. They came to my house.

26,239. That was after Mr. Edwards appeared on the scene?—Yes, it was after. The inquiry of Mr. Glover's was in the month of May, and this was in November. They came to solicit me to stand for the council. I determinedly objected for a long time, but they came, I think, twice a week for a month; at least I am speaking within bounds when I say they came six times. Well, sir, ultimately I was induced to join them. Having consented at last foolishly to stand, they then said there were certain expenses. I objected to it, and said, "If there is going to be anything of this sort I will have nothing to do with you." Mr. Watson was of the same disposition, and he stood out to the last. This went on to within a day or two of the time, and then Vickers, who was the principal spokesman of the party, he was then the leader, said that there was always some expended, that 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.* a man was continually going on the other side, and if we had not something of the sort there would be no chance. Well, I would not stand until the Friday night, and the election was on Saturday. I said, "You "have given me all these statements about bribery "you speak of, and I will not stand unless you give "me six authentic statements of bribery on the other "side." On the following morning Mr. Vickers brought me this paper, with a statement of six cases of persons who had been bribed, and the amounts. That is the statement. (*The Commissioner said there was no necessity for the witness to hand it in.*) Well, I had said I would not stand without that, so there they caught me. Well, they talked about the amount required, and 100*l.* was said to be ample. I would not agree to this, but at last the amount was settled, the 100*l.* Now, they were too old hands for me. They induced me to intercede and ask my next door neighbour to act (he is dead now; I will not give his name; it is well known here); he was to get the money, and I was to give the authority. I did not see the trap; so I did so. I went to the bank, and I think he went with me, and I authorized the banker (he is now dead); he was to honour my cheque to the extent of 100*l.* On the day of the election I was out of town; I was out all day, and I believe I did not

vote. Well, now sir, I came home in the evening by the railway train, and the first news I heard in the carriage was the six had got in, and amongst those six I was one. Then, when I saw this friend of mine whom I trusted, he told me to my horror and amazement he had sanctioned 250*l.* I was perfectly astounded. Well, then, you may be sure that was the cause of a great deal of unpleasantness between I and my friend, and then we became very unfriendly in consequence. I had consented to hold myself responsible; it was to be a joint stock affair, but when the parties went to this amount I was astounded. Now, the only excuse he could make was——

26,240. Never mind.—Well, I must tell you we had a serious quarrel.

26,241. Never mind that.—Then I will only say half a dozen words more. I said I was only liable for the 100*l.*, and that I would not pay for the other. I repudiated it, and it was two years before I paid the other.

26,242. Did you pay all?—I ultimately did, for this reason——

26,243. Never mind the reason. Did anyone promise to pay you?—Yes, some promised, and some did pay and some did not. Mr. Vickers, I believe, he paid 5*l.* I am not sure.

26,944. Did you ever get anything from Wreghitt?—Not a penny.

26,245. Or from anybody else?—I was obliged to beg this about; it was contributed to by several parties, by several in the country. I had to submit to the indignity of begging from several in the country, my friends.

26,246. Did you ask for any from Mr. Edwards?—Not a farthing, nor from Wreghitt. I did not solicit a penny.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS MONKMAN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

T. Monkman.

26,247. How long have you been a freeman?—I took my freedom in 1853. I think it is. I will look at my burgess roll. Yes, 1853.

26,248. What are you now?—At work in the Beverley Iron Company; I have been for 12 or 15 years.

26,249. Had you anything to do with the council choosing last year?—Yes.

26,250. What was that?—I took an active part in bringing voters up.

26,251. Did you receive any money?—No.

26,252. None for yourself?—No.

26,253. Do you mean you did not get anything at the "Golden Ball"?—No, not a farthing.

26,254. Did you pay anyone?—Yes, 15*s.*

26,255. Who was that?—A man of the name of Towse; at least he was called so. If he was here in the room I could not swear to him, I am sure.

26,256. You paid him 15*s.*?—Yes.

26,257. Who did you get the money from?—Bentley.

26,258. Is Bentley your foreman?—No, he used to be my foreman, but I am in the fitting shop now. Daniels is my foreman at present.

26,259. In '57 the candidates were Denison, Wells, and Glover, were they not?—I voted, I believe, once for Glover. I have voted, I think, about five or six times.

26,260. Did you receive any money then?—No, never.

26,261. You never received any?—No, never.

26,262. You were never paid for your vote?—Never paid for my vote.

26,263. Did you ever pay anyone else?—No. Glover I voted for, 1857; that was the first time I voted.

26,264. I do not care who you voted for; all I want to know is, did you ever get any money for your vote?—Never in my life.

26,265. Did you ever pay anyone?—Never.

26,266. Did you ever take anyone to be paid?—Never. I was once paid off.

26,267. Who by?—That man's uncle, Alfred Crosskill's uncle; that was in Wells' election, when Edwards came.

26,268. That was in August '57?—It was in one year. He asked me to come and vote for Wells. I cannot say exactly whether it was '57, or '59, or '58; but I know John Crosskill came to me and asked me if I would vote for Wells, and I said, "No," because my father and my mother, and all the breed of us, have been Conservatives. I have been all my life, and I think I have about nine as true Conservatives as ever was or ever will be.

26,269. He asked you to vote for Wells, and you declined?—I declined.

26,270. And you voted for Edwards?—I voted for Edwards without a penny, and I would walk to London for him if he wanted me. He is a good man, a deserving man, and a man that has done good to the town.

26,271. Answer the questions put to you.—I will, truly.

26,272. Were you working for Crosskill at the time he asked you to vote?—Yes, I was.

26,273. And I suppose you ceased to work for him?—I ceased work. I was paid off. I was out 18 months.

26,274. When were you paid off?—At the time Wells put up.

26,275. How soon after was it?—He asked me on a week day, and I think I was paid off on the Friday.

26,276. Was it the Friday of the election?—I cannot say whether it was Friday, the day of the election; all I can say is, I was paid off.

26,277. On which Friday was it you were paid off?—I cannot say which.

26,278. How soon was it after you had voted for Edwards?—How soon? I was paid off on the Friday, and they put a man on to do the same work I was doing on the Monday.

26,279. How soon was it after this?—I cannot say.

26,280. Did anyone ever offer you any money for your vote?—Yes,—no. I never wanted any.

26,281. But did they ever offer you any?—No.

26,282. On any occasion?—No, I do not think they did. Of course, if the Mechanics' Hall was filled with gold it would not buy me; not the other side would not, nor Fishwick's mill neither.

26,283. But did anyone ever offer you any?—No. I am straight.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

26,284. Were you ever employed as runner?—I have been employed in taking out some bills.

26,285. What did you get for that?—Oh, I cannot say; 5*s.* a day, that is all.

26,286. When was that?—I think I have got it two or three times from Kemp, that is for taking out some bills.

26,287. But when was that, at which election?—I do not know any election in particular.

26,288. You say you got 5*s.* a day for getting out bills at one election, and I ask which election?—I cannot say, if I am on my oath.

26,289. Well, you are on your oath. I will ask you, were you employed as a runner last election?—No, I do not recollect being a runner at all last election; I gave my vote voluntary.

26,290. In '65 were you employed as a runner?—Which election was that?

26,291. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane.—I do not know that I was.

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26,292. Kemp gave you 5*s.* as a runner?—For taking out bills you understand, not as a runner.

26,293. Which election was that?—It would be some election, I cannot say which; if I may be allowed to go and ask Kemp, I can say.

26,294. Was it at the election for '65?—I cannot say exactly, I am sure. I am come here to tell you all true.

26,295. We have heard a great deal too much of that.—Not from me, you have not.

The witness withdrew.

R. North.

RICHARD NORTH called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

26,296. What are you?—A labouring man.

26,297. Where do you work?—Well, I work for myself, at my own work.

26,298. Are you a freeman?—No, I am not.

26,299. How long have you been a voter?—This last two elections.

26,300. The election of '65 and the last election?—Yes.

26,301. Do you vote for town council choosing?—No.

26,302. Did not you vote at the last?—I have not a vote for nothing but the borough.

26,303. Which way did you vote in 1865?—Edwards and Sykes the time before this last.

26,304. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, I did not.

26,305. Did you get anything at that election?—I got nothing at that election.

26,306. Did you see Mr. Bainton about the town at that election, or after?—No. Mr. Bainton never asked me a word about elections; he never asked me for my vote, did Mr. Bainton.

26,307. Oh no, but did you see Bainton about that time, about the time of the election?—No, I do not.

26,308. Did you see him after the election?—Yes, I did.

26,309. Soon after?—It was some weeks and some months after.

26,310. What did you see him about?—He came into a field where I was working, and he made me a present of 2*l.*, and that was out of his own pocket. He made it a practice of giving me things.

26,311. He gave you 2*l.* out of his pocket?—Yes; he thought I stood in need of it; he was a man that was always making me a present of summit.

26,312. 2*l.*?—Yes.

26,313. Always making you presents of 2*l.*?—Always making me a present of summit.

26,314. Did he ever make you a present of 2*l.* before?—No, because I had not been on then.

26,315. He never gave you a present of 2*l.* before?—No, he made me a present of wheat chaff for my horse; and when my family was badly I was to go up to his house and he would give me something; therefore I considered he was a gentleman to me; he behaved well to me.

26,316. How long after the election was this?—I cannot tell you exactly how long it was; it was some weeks and some months. I was working in a field when he came to me.

26,317. Was it within three months?—It was the latter end of harvest when he came to me, but I cannot tell when it was.

26,318. It was in harvest time; he came to you in harvest, about September?—Yes. I consider he was a gentleman, sir.

26,319. We are not asking you your opinion about Mr. Bainton. Were you ever employed at the election running about, day work of any kind, delivering messages?—No, I never was.

26,320. Were you employed at this last election?—No, I was not.

26,321. Have you ever been employed at a council choosing election in any way?—No, I never was; I had nothing to do with them.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

26,322. Did you get any money in '68; was any present made to you after '68? You voted in '68, did not you, for Edwards?—The time before this last.

26,323. And the last election?—I voted the time before this last.

26,324. The election for Edwards and Kennard, I mean; did anyone act as a gentleman to you by giving you any money as a present?—No.

26,325. Are you sure?—No, nobody has never given me a farthing at an election yet.

26,326. No, but after the election; I do not ask you about the election?—No.

26,327. Not after the election?—Nobody gave nothing at the election nor after.

26,328. I mean some trifle to help you on?—No. Mr. Bainton came to me some weeks and some months after the election; he came to the field and made me a present of 2*l.*

26,329. No, I am not asking you about that. In '68 did not anybody come to you?—No.

26,330. Not anybody at all?—No.

26,331. Did not McCoy, or any man of that sort, come and say, "Well, my poor man, do you want 5*s.*"?—No, they did not.

26,332. Have you applied to anyone for aid?—For any money?

26,333. Yes.—No, I have not.

26,334. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) But you told me Mr. Bainton was constantly assisting you?—He was assisting me.

26,335. Has he assisted you lately?—Yes, he has.

26,336. How recently?—He assisted me when my family was badly, not long since; he gave me a chance of going up to the house and fetching anything for my family if they stood in need of it.

26,337. Who is the Bainton that gave you the 2*l.*; what is he?—He is a gentleman, sir.

26,338. No doubt; but where does he live?—He lives not far off from me.

26,339. Just tell me the place where he lives?—He lives in Beverley Parks.

26,340. Do you know his christian name; is it William Bainton?—I believe it is.

26,341. Do you live out of Beverley?—Yes, I live at Woodmansey.

26,342. How far is that?—About two miles and a half from here.

26,343. Did you walk here to give your vote?—Yes, I did.

26,344. You lost your day, did not you?—Yes, I did.

26,345. Had not you got anything for that to pay you for the loss of the day's wage?—I got nothing for it.

26,346. You lost the day's wage?—Yes; and this last time I voted I lost my day and got nothing; where I could have gone and had 6*s.*, and got nothing.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM MOORE RUSTON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

26,347. You are a labourer, I presume?—Yes.

26,348. Are you an agricultural labourer; do you work in the fields?—Yes.

26,349. Are you a voter?—Yes.

26,350. How long have you been a voter?—Only the last time.

26,351. Did not you vote in '65?—No.

26,352. For whom did you vote last time?—Edwards and Kennard.

26,353. Was that the only vote you ever gave?—Yes.

26,354. Were you employed at all at the election?—No.

26,355. What is the name of your father?—William Ruston.

26,356. Where is your father?—He is dead.

26,357. How long ago did he die; I believe it was your father we wanted?—12 months last July.

26,358. Who brought you to vote at the last election?—Nobody.

26,359. I mean, with whom did you come?—Along with me, another man named Smith came to vote.

26,360. You came together?—Yes.

26,361. How far?—From about a mile to the other side of Woodmansey.

26,362. Were you living there at the time of the last election when you voted?—Yes.

26,363. What were you at work, do you recollect, on the day of the election?—No, I was not at work.

26,364. Were you at work the day before?—Only at home.

26,365. You were not at work except at your own house?—No.

26,366. Had you any work?—I had some at home.

26,367. Then you walked a mile and a half?—Two miles; two miles and a half, I believe.

26,368. Did you get any refreshment that day?—Nothing but what I paid for myself.

26,369. Did you get any money afterwards?—No.

26,370. At that time you did not; but did you get any money afterwards?—No, never a farthing.

26,371. From any person?—No.

The witness withdrew.

ROBERT CLARK called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

R. Clark.

26,372. Are you a freeman?—I am.

26,373. How long have you been a freeman?—I think the first election I voted was at Walker's bye election.

26,474. That is 1860?—I believe it is.

26,375. What are you?—I am a millwright by trade.

26,376. Do you work at the old foundry?—I do.

26,377. Who is your foreman?—I have not a foreman.

26,378. In Walker's election did you get anything?—Not a farthing.

26,379. Did you pay anything?—No.

26,380. Had you any money for the purposes of the election at all?—Not a farthing.

26,381. Were you employed as a runner?—Yes—no, not at that election, I was not.

26,382. Are you sure you were not a runner at Walker's election?—I am sure.

26,383. You received that election no money whatever?—Not a farthing.

26,384. Did you receive anything at Edwards' and Sykes' election?—Not a farthing.

26,385. Were you employed as a runner then?—Yes.

26,386. Did you get anything?—5*s.* as a runner.

26,387. Why did you tell us you did not get a farthing?—Not for voting.

26,388. I did not ask you for voting, but whether you got anything, and you said you did not get a farthing?—I got 5*s.* as a runner.

26,389. You were employed as a runner, and got 5*s.* Who paid you?—I believe Mr. McCoy.

26,390. How many days were you employed?—One day.

26,391. Was that all the money you got?—Yes.

26,392. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

26,393. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted the same way I always do.

26,394. Edwards and Kennard, I suppose?—Yes; and I should do again if I had the chance.

26,395. What did you get?—Nothing.

26,396. You were not a runner that time?—I was not; I did what I could do for the party, but I never was engaged.

26,397. You were not paid; of course there was no harm in your doing what you could for your party; we have nothing to do with that. You never voted before '60?—No, that was the first election I voted.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

26,398. What are you by occupation?—A millwright.

26,399. Did you vote at the last election for pasture masters?—Oh, I have voted many times; I have voted these last 10 years I should think, when there was ever any opposition.

26,400. Have you ever got anything for your vote?—Never in my life; I always gave my vote independent of anything of the sort. There is one thing I forgot to mention. I received 5*s.*, I believe it would be two years ago, for being a runner at the municipal election.

26,401. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You received 5*s.* two years ago?—Yes.

26,402. You say in Sykes' election '65 you got 5*s.* How long did you go about; I do not ask you how long you were employed, but how long were you canvassing?—I never canvassed at all.

26,403. How long were you going about?—I only was off the day, the election day.

26,404. Was that the only day?—Yes.

26,405. The only day you were off your work?—Yes.

26,406. Now, in '60, how long were you off your work; do you remember Walker's election?—Well, I believe the place was shut up that day.

26,407. The place where you were at work?—Yes.

26,408. How many days were you off your work?—I was nothing no day at all, only the election day.

26,409. Now, in the council choosing, last council choosing, how many days were you off your work?—I was one day off my work on the council choosing day, the place was shut up, you know.

26,410. I ask you, did you pay anyone?—I paid nobody.

The witness withdrew.

GEORGE ORLANDO DUNNING sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

G. O. Dunning

26,411. What is your occupation?—I am a cattle dealer.

26,412. Have you been long a voter for the borough of Beverley?—I have been a voter ever since 1856.

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26,413. In what capacity ?—As a freeman.

26,414. You voted at the election of 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—Yes.

26,415. Which way did you vote at that election ?—For Mr. Wells, I believe.

26,416. You believe you voted for Mr. Wells ?—Yes; I know I did.

26,417. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

26,418. Did you have anything to spend ?—No.

26,419. The next election, in 1857, was Glover, Edwards, and Wells ?—I believe it was Wells I voted for.

26,420. Did you ever get anything for your vote at any time at these, either before or since ?—No.

26,421. Were you employed at any of these elections ?—No.

26,422. Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover in 1859; for whom did you vote ?—For Edwards and Walker.

26,423. Did you get anything for your vote then ?—No.

26,424. Nor spent any ?—No.

26,425. Walker and Gridley in 1860; did you get any money for your vote then ?—No, not any.

26,426. Or spend any ?—No.

26,427. Or applied for, or was promised any ?—No, I was never employed at all.

26,428. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I voted for Sykes.

26,429. Did you get any money for your vote then, either before or after the election ?—No, I did not.

26,430. Were you ever paid any money at elections, or had you any money to distribute ?—No, I never took an active part in any election at all.

26,431. Did you vote at the last election for town councillors ?—Yes.

26,432. Who did you vote for ?—The Conservatives.

26,433. Were you active at that election ?—No, sir.

26,434. You were not employed in any way ?—I was not employed in any way in it, nor at any other election.

26,435. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you anything to tell us ?—No, I do not know of anything.

26,436. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The witness seems to know nothing beyond voting.—No.

26,437. Do you know anything ?—No, nothing at all.

26,438. Did you attend any meetings at that election ?—I know nothing at all, and I never attended any meetings at all.

26,439. Did you ever spend any money ; I do not mean from your own hands ?—I never spent anybody's money but my own.

26,440. Do you know of any money being spent ?—I never knew of any money, or saw any money spent in bribery in my life, or bribed anybody, or asked any man for a vote.

The witness withdrew.

R. Jenkinson.

REUBEN JENKINSON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

26,441. When did you become a voter for the borough of Beverley ?—The first election I voted at was Walters', in 1859.

26,442. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

26,443. Were you a freeman by birth or servitude ?—By servitude.

26,444. Did you pay for taking up your freedom yourself, or was the money advanced to you ?—I paid myself for taking up my freedom.

26,445. For whom did you vote in 1859 ?—Mr. Walters.

26,446. He was a stranger when he came here ?—Yes.

26,447. Who took you up to vote ?—Nobody.

26,448. Who spoke to you about voting for him ?—Previous to giving my evidence on Mr. Walters, election, I wish to ask a question of the Commissioners. I should like to be protected.

26,449. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We can give it you.—I have been up once before on Walter's election.

26,450. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have been up before ?—Yes.

26,451. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We will protect you; give your evidence freely, and you shall not suffer from anything you say before us; on that you may rely.

26,452. Who brought you up to vote ?—Nobody.

26,453. With whom did you come to the poll; who spoke to you ?—In the first place I was working in London at the time, and I was sent for to come down here to vote.

22,454. Sent for, by whom ?—By Mr. Edwards' party; I cannot tell who the man was who spoke to me.

22,455. You came down ?—Yes, I came down.

22,456. Whom did you see when you came down ?—I saw Mr. Wreghitt.

22,457. What occurred between you and Mr. Wreghitt ?—I wanted my expenses; it cost 28*s.* 8*d.* coming down here, out of my own pocket. I paid 28*s.* 8*d.* out of my own pocket. I went to Mr. Wreghitt, who took me to Mr. Bainton. He offered me 30*s.* for my expenses, and I would not take it.

22,458. Well, what else; go on ?—The next party was Mr. Alfred Crosskell. I told him how I was situated, and he sent me to Mr. Boyes, and he gave me 2*l.*, and I voted for Mr. Walters.

22,459. Did you get any other money ?—Yes. I asked Mr. Boyes for my expenses; he told me I might come down to him here at night, and I received 4*l.* more.

22,460. That was 6*l.* in all ?—Yes.

22,461. Your expenses were, I suppose, nearly 3*l.* ?—It would amount to more than that what I spent.

22,462. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You voted for Walters, I suppose ?—Yes.

22,463. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And you have given us a very straightforward account.

22,464. Did you vote in 1860 ?—No.

22,465. Were you away ?—Yes.

22,466. When did you next vote ?—At this last parliamentary election.

22,467. Did you not vote in 1865 ?—No; I only voted at two elections.

22,468. Were you away in 1865 ?—Yes, I was in London.

22,469. Did you come down to Beverley in 1868, or were you in London still ?—I was living in Beverley.

22,470. For whom did you vote in 1868 ?—For Edwards and Kennard.

22,471. Who canvassed you; who spoke to you about voting for them ?—Edwards and Kennard themselves.

22,472. Did anybody else speak to you but the members themselves about voting ?—One gentleman did, I forget his name; I believe he is a shoemaker; he was the first man. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Kennard were there.

22,473. What are you by occupation ?—A wheelwright.

22,474. And work at Beverley ?—I do at the present time.

22,475. Did you tell them how you were treated by Wreghitt ?—No, I did not.

22,476. When they canvassed you ?—No, I never mentioned it.

26,477. You considered yourself not well treated, and yet you did not mention it ?—No, I did not.

26,478. You did not mention it at all ?—I did not.

26,479. How came you to vote for them; was there any promise made to you ?—No.

26,480. Are you sure?—I am quite sure.

26,481. Did no one speak to you about money, or anything of the kind?—No.

26,482. What period of the day did you vote?—About half-past 10 in the morning.

26,483. Did anyone go up with you to vote?—I went up to vote the same time as my father and another man. I do not know whether he voted, but he took my father.

26,484. Your father and you?—No, my father; my father is an invalid, and requires some person to take care of him.

26,485. Then you received nothing in 1865?—I never did.

26,486. Or 1868?—No.

26,487. Or was promised anything?—No.

26,488. Did you ask for anything?—No, I did not ask for anything.

26,489. Did you vote at the municipal election a few days before?—No, I never did vote at the municipal election.

26,490. Where did you see Mr. Bainton when he offered you 30*s.*?—I think it was the "Green Dragon" passage I believe so.

26,491. Who took you to him?—Mr. Wreghitt.

26,492. In the "Green Dragon" passage?—Yes, at least it was close to the "Green Dragon" passage.

26,493. It was close to it, adjacent to it?—Yes, it was.

The witness withdrew.

JONAS TAYLOR sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Taylor.

26,494. What are you?—A labourer.

26,495. Are you a freeman?—No, sir.

26,496. Are you a householder?—Yes.

26,497. How long have you been a householder?—I cannot tell you; about 14 years.

26,498. Did you vote at the last council choosings?—Yes.

26,499. What did you get?—Nothing.

26,500. Nothing at all?—No.

26,501. You are sure of that?—Yes.

26,502. You paid men to vote?—Yes, there was Conder.

26,503. What did you give him?—17*s.* 6*d.* I believe.

26,504. Was that at the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.

26,505. How long have you voted?—12 years.

26,506. Parliamentary?—No.

26,507. This is your first parliamentary?—Yes.

26,508. Did you give any money to anybody else besides Conder?—Yes, a man of the name of Gray.

26,509. Was that at the "Golden Ball," too?—Yes.

26,510. Do you remember anyone else?—Yes, I do; one of the name of——; I cannot remember just now.

26,511. Tell me how many you remember taking; about?—I cannot justly tell you, but I took a great many.

26,512. You surely can tell me about how many?—No, I cannot, I never took any notice; I never expected this.

26,513. If you cannot tell me to a man, can you tell was it as many as 10?—I took them when they got paid, had voted; that was all I had to see——

26,514. Did you take 20?—I daresay I should take as many as that.

26,515. Do you think you would take more than 20?—I will not say how many I took.

26,516. What do you think is the likeliest number you took?—I cannot say, if it is all the same to you.

26,517. You can say about?—I cannot say when I took no account.

26,518. Will you swear you did not take more than 20?—I will not swear I took 20, or less than 20, or aboon 20.

25,519. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Kennard, and always will.

26,520. Did you get anything?—No, I never wanted anything.

26,521. You might have got it without wanting?—I never did; I always promised when they came to me.

26,522. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What time of the day was it you took these men to poll?—I cannot say.

26,523. Was it early in the day?—I cannot say.

26,524. How long were you taking these men to get their money?—It would be as long as we could get anyone up.

26,525. Were you at work for two or three days?—Yes.

26,526. Two or three days for this purpose?—Yes. I was there when the poll opened.

26,527. Did you get any remuneration for your services?—I did not; I did not want it.

26,528. Did you do all this for your love of the cause?—Ay, and I always will.

26,529. Were you employed to procure refreshments in any way?—No, I was not.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM WESTERBY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

W. Westerby.

26,530. Are you a member of the town council?—No.

26,531. You were a candidate at the last election for town councillors, were you not?—Yes.

26,532. Did you give any money to any persons for their votes?—Yes.

26,533. Do you know how much you gave altogether?—About 3*l.*

26,534. Can you give us the names of the persons to whom you gave the money; have you got a list?—There are three down there (*handing a list in*). I do not know at all what the others were.

26,535. J. Biggs, J. Wilson, and Stimpson?—Yes.

26,536. Were there any more than those?—No.

26,537. Those are the only persons?—Yes, those are the only persons.

26,538. That would not make up 3*l.* Where did you get the 3*l.* from?—My own. I asked them to vote for us, and I said if there was anything given they should have it, and they did not come to vote till after 11 o'clock, and then Mr. Vickers said there was not any money, so I paid it out of my own pocket.

26,539. Do I understand that you expected it to be repaid at one time?—I expected Mr. Vickers or some one of those would have paid me if they had been in time.

26,540. You expected Mr. Vickers to repay you?—No; they had given over giving money then, and I had asked the men to vote before, and they came after the men had given over giving of money, and because I said they should have the same as others I paid them myself.

26,541. At the first I understood the money was to have come from somebody else?—If they had come up in time either Mr. Vickers or Mr. Green would have paid them.

26,542. You would have taken them to Mr. Vickers?—Yes, or else Mr. Green; one of them.

26,543. I understand that if they had come in time you would have taken them to Mr. Vickers or Mr. Green to be paid?—Yes.

26,544. Was that an understanding between you and them?—No, I had no understanding; but I was to go and ask them to come and vote.

26,545. Who told you to do that?—Mr. Green.

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26,546. Mr. Green told you to get them to vote?—Yes.

26,547. And under the understanding that you were to come to Mr. Vickers or Green to be paid; is that so?—There was nothing mentioned at that time.

26,548. Did you understand that if they had come in time that Vickers or Green would pay them?—Because they said that Vickers and Green paid money.

26,549. Mr. Vickers said so?—No, people in the square and about the room.

26,550. Have you taken an active part in parliamentary elections?—No.

26,551. Never any part?—No.

26,552. Have you ever given money to anyone?—No, never at the parliamentary election.

26,553. Is this the only occasion that you have given men money for their vote?—I have given men money at pasture master and council choosings before, when there has been a contest.

26,554. At the pasture master choosings last year, did you give money to anybody then?—No.

26,555. When did you; I understood you to say you have given money?—Once, when Mr. Johnson and Mr. McCoy were up.

26,556. Are those the only three men that you know of that got money at the council choosing, Biggs, Wilson, and Stimpson?—One I paid myself. I don't know what they call him; I knew the man then.

26,557. You say once you paid yourself; did you not pay these?—Yes.

26,558. And another man besides?—Yes; but I do not know what they called him.

26,559. Have you ever said to anyone you have been speaking to that Green and Vickers had had 50*l.* a piece to spend at the municipal election?—No.

26,560. That is all false?—That is all false.

26,561. Have you ever talked to Mr. Burrell on the subject?—Yes; but I never said what money they had, for I do not know.

26,562. You talked about the money they had received?—Yes. I said to Mr. Burrell if there was any money in stir they might have trusted a chap like me instead of a man like Vickers, who had just come from the other parties.

26,563. You were hurt that you were not employed to bribe your fellow-creatures; you felt hurt they did not employ you as a briber?—It was a bit of chaff; I was not at all indignant.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

26,564. Have you a relation of the name of John Westerby?—I had a brother named John.

26,565. He used to do a good deal in this way?—He always said so, but I know no more than that. He had to go to London——

26,566. We know that he has given as much as 1*l.* to two or three people on some occasions. That is a large sum of money. Do you know where he got the money from?—No.

26,567. Do you know whether he had any money in his hands for the purpose of paying away?—No.

26,568. What was he?—He was a cooper and basket maker; he was a tallow chandler by trade.

26,569. He was not very well off?—Yes, he was pretty well off.

26,570. Do you think he was able to pay away 10*l.* or 12*l.* at council choosing elections?—I should think not.

26,571. You do not know whether he got any from any person or not?—No.

26,572. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You paid away only 3*l.*; did you never expect, or did you expect, to get this back again?—No, not when Mr. Vickers said that they had shut up shop.

The witness withdrew.

W. Constable.

William Constable called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

26,573. Are you a voter?—Yes.

26,574. How long have you been a voter?—Above 40 years.

26,575. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

26,576. Now I will not take you through many of them, but have you often voted at the parliamentary elections?—I voted in 1841.

26,577. How much did you get?—12*l.*

26,578. Now I will take you from 1841 down to 1852; did you vote in 1852? I will tell you the candidates, Lawley, Wells, and Glover were up; whom did you vote for?—I forget just now, but I got 2*l.*

26,579. That is quite enough for me. In 1857 Davison, Glover, and Wells were up; it was Glover's second election. Did you vote?—No, I believe not.

26,580. Did you vote in 1857, when Major Edwards first came, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

26,581. What did you get?—2*l.*

26,582. For whom did you vote?—I voted single, Edwards.

26,583. In 1859 there were Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Walters.

26,584. What did you get?—2*l.*

26,585. Then there was Walters and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—Gridley.

26,586. How much did you get?—2*l.*

26,587. There were Edwards, Sykes, and Keane up in 1865?—Keane.

26,588. How much?—2*l.*, I think.

26,589. Do you remember in 1868 there were Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope?—Yes.

26,590. For whom did you vote?—I voted Maxwell and Edwards.

26,591. Tell me, did you see Mr. Wreghitt before you voted?—No, I did not.

26,592. You did not see him?—No.

26,593. Was anything said to you by anyone as to how you should vote in 1868; no promise?—No.

26,594. I do not mean of money, but of any assistance to aid you or get you into any charitable institution?—No.

26,595. Was it said to anybody in your behalf?—No, I believe not.

26,596. Did anyone tell you so?—No.

26,597. No one told you that any promise was made about you?—No.

26,598. How came you to vote for Edwards and Maxwell; how came you to split your vote?—I was at work at the old foundry.

26,599. That is a reason, working at the old foundry; but no promise was made to you?—No.

26,600. And you got no money since?—No.

26,601. Nor after?—No.

26,602. Do you work at the old foundry?—Yes.

26,603. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I did not. I have not voted, not this last four years.

The witness withdrew.

R. Suddaby.

Robert Suddaby called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

26,604. Are you a freeman?—No.

26,605. You are an occupier?—Yes.

26,606. How long have you been an occupier?—I voted this last time at the borough.

26,607. How did you vote the last council choosing?—Conservative.

26,608. What did you get?—15*s.*

26,609. Who paid you?—George Robinson.

26,610. Where was that?—He paid me outside this hall.

26,611. Who did you vote for at the parliamentary?—Maxwell and Trollope.

26,612. Did you get anything?—No.

26,613. Have you never had anyone offer to get you anything?—No, not that I know of.

26,614. I think you have been telling people that you got money last election?—No.

26,615. Were you offered money by anyone?—No, I never saw anybody. I left work and went and cleaned myself, and went and voted.

26,616. My question to you is, were you offered any money?—No.

26,617. No money whatever?—No, no money was ever shown to me.

26,618. You never voted at any parliamentary election, I suppose, before last time?—No, I left work at half-past 8, and at 11, I think, I went and voted.

26,619. You were asked for your vote by Edwards and Kennard?—No, I never seed them.

26,620. Did no one canvass you on their behalf?—I believe they came to our house, but I was not in; I was at work.

26,621. And no one made you any offer of money at all?—No, not at the borough.

26,622. You told me you only voted at the last parliamentary election?—Yes.

26,623. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You said to my learned friend no money was ever shown to you?—No.

26,624. Was money promised, or anything said about money to you?—No, it never was mentioned about money at the borough. I promised Maxwell and Trollope when they came round canvassing, and I polled for them.

26,625. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You said you did not see them?—No, never seed the others.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN TUTING called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Tuting.

26,626. Are you a voter?—Yes.

26,627. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

26,628. Do you hold any office in the borough?—No.

26,629. Do you hold any office at all in connexion with the borough?—No, not connected with the borough.

26,630. What are you?—I am a boot and shoe maker, and sexton of St. Mary's Church.

26,631. What do you receive a year for that office?—40*l.*

26,632. Who are the churchwardens?—Mr. Crust, Mr. Forge, Mr. Parkinson, and Mr. Brigham.

26,633. Have either of these gentlemen spoken to you about your vote?—Mr. Forge did some time before the election. I should say more than a month, perhaps five weeks, through the Bar. I was coming from the cemetery, and he overtook me.

26,634. Now I never like to suggest anything, but tell us what he said to you?—When he overtook me he said——

26,635. Forge is churchwarden?—Yes, of the church of which I am sexton. When he overtook me we walked on a little while together, and he said, "What do you think about the two "candidates: that is, Sir Henry and Captain Ken-"nard?" I said. "Well, the one I knew very "well; I had voted for him once before, and had no "fault to find, and should have no objections to vote "for him again. As to the other he was a stranger, "and I did not know anything about him." He said, "He is all you could wish, is Captain Kennard, ex-"cept we don't know whether he is an orator or not, "whether he is a good speaker." So we went on in that way, and he said, "Do you think you will vote for him." He was not very pressing. I said, "Yes, I will vote for Sir Henry:" and then he said, "Perhaps you will vote for the other." I said, "For anything I know I think I will." I think that finished it. We parted very soon after that.

26,636. Is that all?—That is all the conversation we had.

26,637. Go on; have you anything else to say?—No, we parted there and then, and came through the Bar; he went on one side of the street, and I on the other.

26,638. Do you know a man named Staley?—Yes, some time after that.

26,639. I am asking about all the affairs. What did he say some time after? I am not confining you to any one occasion. Did he speak to you again about the election?—Yes.

26,640. That was nearer the election?—Much nearer.

26,641. Within a few days?—I think it was.

26,642. Tell us what he said?—He said that Mr. Crust had a wish for me to vote for Mr. Maxwell, and I said I had no objections. Indeed, Mr. Crust asked me himself. I said I had promised Mr. Forge to vote for those two, and therefore I did not feel myself at liberty to promise again; and Mr. Crust immediately said, "I will see Mr. Forge and make some arrangement with him."

26,643. Mr. Crust said so?—Mr. Crust did.

26,644. Go on.—So Mr. Forge told me that the arrangement, after seeing him a future time, would be that I was to vote one for Mr. Maxwell, and Staley to vote one for Sir Henry.

26,645. Who is Staley?—Mr. Crust's manservant, I think.

26,646. The arrangement between the churchwardens was that you were to vote for Maxwell and Sir Henry, and that Staley was to vote for——?—Would give one for Sir Henry, instead of voting probably Maxwell and Trollope.

26,647. Of course (I don't blame you at all) being a sexton you felt somewhat under the influence of these men?—I did; I wished to oblige them.

26,648. That is Mr. Forge at the bank?—Yes; he is a churchwarden, the vicar's churchwarden.

26,649. Of the church of which you are sexton?—Yes.

26,650. The other two gentlemen did not interfere with you, did they?—No, not at all.

26,651. Parkinson and Brigham?—Not at all.

26,652. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you voted before?—Yes. I have been a voter I daresay above 30 years.

26,653. Which side have you generally voted on?—On both sides. The first I voted for I think was in Rennie and Clay's year; Fox and Hogg I think it would be.

26,654. Whom did you vote for in 1865, the election before this?—If you give me the names I can tell you.

26,655. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

26,656. Then in 1860, the election before (Walker and Gridley)?—I voted for Gridley.

26,657. Were you sexton then?—Yes.

26,658–9. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you recollect who was churchwarden then?—No, I do not; but I am sure there was none of them asked me anything at all about voting, neither one way or the other at that time.

26,660. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you ever received any money for your vote?—Yes.

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26,661. When was that ?—When I voted for Hogg, at Towneley's election.

26,662. Have you received any money since ?—Yes.

26,663. At what election was that ; 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—I voted single Glover.

26,664. Did you get any money ?—Not a farthing.

26,665. There was another election in 1857, in August, between Edwards and Wells ?—Yes ; I voted for Wells.

26,666. Did you get anything ?—No.

26,667. The next election to that was Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election ?—Yes ; I voted for Walters, and got 2*l.* A man named Taylor I think gave it to me.

26,668. In 1860 you voted for Gridley ?—I did.

26,669. Did you get anything then ?—I got 2*l.* I had better tell you that when I got the 2*l.*, when the person paid me he said to me, would I take the 2*l.* for a certain party in the town that was going to vote for them, and I took it.

26,670. That was in 1860 ?—In 1860. 2*l.* I took to a person in the town according to this person's request who gave me the money.

26,671. Who was he ?—John Westerby. He gave me 2*l.* for myself, and 2*l.* he gave me to give to another party in the town, which I gave to him.

26,672. What is his name ?—George Winn. I would not be quite positive whether I gave it to him or his wife.

26,673. When the candidates are returned you ring the bells of St. Mary's, do you not ?—Yes.

26,674. Are you one of the ringers ?—I am.

26,675. Do you get a trifle for that ?—Yes. I think latterly there has been 5*l.* paid among six ringers. I never went for it ; Wilby and Whitfield went for it ; I think they got it of Mr. McCoy, and sometimes of Mr. Kemplay I think.

26,676. Did you ring the bells after the last election in 1868 ?—No, I think not. I do not recollect that I did.

26,677. It is so short a time ago, you can remember it if you did ?—Yes, I think we did ; I believe so.

26,678 Did you get anything ?—No.

26,679. Not anything ?—It was often a long time before the money was paid for the bellringers—a long time elapsed ; I mean at previous elections. There has been nothing paid for that, I am sure.

26,680. Do you expect to get anything for ringing the bells at the last election ?—No, I do not.

26,681. Did you get anything for Edwards and Sykes' election ?—Yes, I did.

26,682. How much ?—2*l.*

26,683. Who paid you ?—Mr. Whitton, the builder, a fortnight after the election.

26,684. That is Mr. Marmaduke Whitton ?—Yes.

26,685. How were you appointed to your office ?—By the vicar ; he has the appointment.

26,686. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are these the churchwardens of the vicar ?—Yes,

26,687. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are you appointed for life, or can he remove you ?—He can remove me.

26,688. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Not the churchwardens ?—The vicar has the appointment.

26,689. Are you removable at all ?—Yes, at any time by the vicar.

26,690. Will you tell us candidly (and I think you have been speaking candidly) was anything that you yourself would consider undue pressure put upon you by anyone in this transaction ?—Do you mean with respect to my vote at the last election ?

26,691. With respect to Mr. Forge and Mr. Crust ?—No, I do not think so at all. I am sure they were neither of them very pressing. Mr. Crust was not pressing when he asked me in the first instance ; but I found he was very anxious for Mr. Maxwell, and I was very glad when they made the arrangement to suit both parties. Certainly they neither of them pressed me much, I am sure.

26,692. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at the last municipal election ?—I did.

26,693. Did you get anything for your vote ?—I got 1*l.* from Mr. Nutchey.

26,694. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How long a time used to elapse after you rang the bells until you got the money ; generally ?—I think sometimes it has gone for six months.

26,695. At the time who gave you the order to ring the bells ?—We have not had an order from anyone ; it was always on speculation, as we termed it.

26,696. Who used to pay you ?—Sometimes, of late years, Mr. McCoy, and sometimes Mr. Kemplay. I believe Mr. Kemplay paid the last time, but I never went for it myself ; it was done by Wilby and Whitfield.

26,697. How many of the ringers were voters ?—I think four out of the six.

26,698. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You rang for all parties impartially ?—Yes.

26,699. I suppose the Liberals pay you as well as the other side ?—Just the same.

26,700. Who pays you for them when you are paid ?—I have really forgotten.

26,701. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The election of 1859 must have been the last time that they had a chance of paying you for ringing ?—That would be the last time. That is nine or ten years ago. I am sure I forget who they went to. I never went myself once ; if I had my memory would have been more retentive.

26,702. You get the same from all parties ?—Generally, I believe.

The witness withdrew.

S. Suddaby.

SAMUEL SUDDABY called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

26,703. Are you a freeman ?—Yes, since 1847.

26,704. I have no doubt you have voted a great number of times ?—I should think I have voted twice out of three times.

26,705. Do you remember the election when Denison, Glover, and Wells put up ?—Yes.

26,706. First of all, what are you by occupation ?—A builder.

26,707. A master builder ?—Yes.

26,708. When Denison, Glover, and Wells put up, did you vote ?—Yes.

26,709. For whom ?—I voted for Mr. Denison and Mr. Wells.

26,710. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No—yes ; I must not say that, because I believe, to speak the real truth, I believe I got a hare or two some time after ; that is the only thing.

26,711. Have you ever got anything for your vote ?—No.

26,712. You have never at any parliamentary election got anything for your vote ?—No.

26,713. Nor after the election ?—No.

26,714. Have you ever taken an active part in the election ?—Yes, sometimes I have done a bit.

26,715. That is to say, in pecuniary matters ?—Yes, oh yes.

26,716. I should like to hear all that you can tell us about that. Did you take part in the Denison, Glover, and Wells election ?—No. I think I was rather quiet at that election.

26,717. The next election was when Major Edwards came here the first time ; were you active then ?—No, I never took a part at all in it, because I thought that Mr. Wells had been badly behaved to. I thought he had not been well treated by his party, and I did not take an active part in it at all.

26,718. The election of 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker ; did you take an active part then ?—Yes.

26,719. You had money in your hands ?—No, not a penny.

26,720. Had you not anything to do with taking

people where they got money?—Yes; I could not say who. I have no doubt I should do my part.

26,721. Where did you take them to?—To a house in Toll Gavel.

26,722. To a house in Toll Gavel?—Yes, very possibly I should; I cannot say.

26,723. You could not take them without knowing it; you were not walking in your sleep. On whose behalf was that; for which of the candidates?—Mr. Walters.

26,724. You took them into this house in Toll Gavel. It is no use making a long story; you know they went there to get their money?—They went there to get their money.

26,725. How many such persons were there?—I could not say.

26,726. Were there 50?—Oh, no.

26,727. Twenty-five?—I might take, perhaps, six or seven or eight; I could not say. We were all working together; perhaps there might be three or four at once.

26,728. You and the others together took a great many more than six or seven?—Perhaps we should see more than six or seven going.

26,729. A great many more than that?—Yes.

26,730. Who were the others working with you?—I think most of the leading men of the Liberal party.

26,731. Who were they that worked with you in this manner, taking the people to the Toll Gavel; we know the names of several already?—I should say nearly all the names that you have.

26,732. Just mention the names of those that worked with you, individually?—There would be Thomas Duffill, Thomas Southwick, and Thomas Greenhough. I do not know whether Nutchey took an active part in the election that year or not. I do not think he did.

26,733. They were working with you pretty nearly all the day?—Yes, working all the day.

26,734. Do you know the names of any of those persons that you took?—I do not know, I am sure.

26,735. But you and these other gentlemen took up some scores, I presume, to the Toll Gavel, to get their money?—We did our best to get as many as we could.

26,736. What was the rate they were paid at in this election of 1859?—It would be something like 2*l.* a man.

26,737. In 1860, when Walker and Gridley put up, I think you were active on the part of Mr. Gridley, were you not?—Yes.

26,738. And you took the people to the "Pack Horse" in the same way?—I believe I did.

26,739. You know you did?—Yes.

26,740. Who paid at the "Pack Horse"?—I believe a man called Edley.

26,741. Do you know his christian name?—No, I do not; he used to go by the name, amongst us, of Little Edley.

26,742. Do you know where he lives now?—I think he is a solicitor's clerk in London. I do not know; that was our impression.

26,743. Did you see him paying the men?—Yes.

26,744. He was the man with the hairy cap, was he not?—Yes.

26,745. Do you not know who sent him from London, or anything more about him than that?—No.

26,746. When did he first come into the town?—I do not know when he first came in; I should say perhaps he came by 8 o'clock in the morning on the election day.

26,747. You did not see him the night before?—No, I never saw him the night before.

26,748. But you arranged the night before, if I am correct, that you were to go to the "Pack Horse"?—No; I was not there.

26,749. Am I not right in saying that you had arranged the night before with some of your people on your side that you were to go to the "Pack Horse"?—No, not the night before; I only got to know it on the morning of the election.

26,750. Not until that morning?—I believe it was known. The members of the party would know it the night before; but I did not know it.

26,751. They did not tell you until that morning?—No.

26,752. Who came to tell you?—I believe I and a man named Hardwick, a butcher, worked together; I think he told me.

26,753. It would be a little before 8 o'clock in the morning?—Before 8 o'clock in the morning.

26,754. Who told you that you were to take these people to the "Pack Horse"?—I and he worked together partly that day.

26,755. What I wanted to know was, where he got his instructions from?—I do not know; I could not say that, because I never heard it.

26,756. You never asked Mr. Hardwick who his employer was?—No. Of course we were at work all day long there.

26,757. I suppose, from the nature of the contest, you got remunerated for your services?—Not a penny.

26,758. Nothing?—No, I should think not about that; never a penny.

26,759. Did you pay any of the voters?—No.

26,760. It was all done by Edley?—I believe Thomas Oxley, the builder, paid a few.

26,761. What was the rate of payment?—It would be 2*l.* a man.

26,762. 1*l.* for a split vote?—No; there was no split voting then.

26,763. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You voted for Gridley?—Yes.

26,764. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In 1865 (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane) did the party avail themselves of your services?—No, I left them then.

26,765. You would have no more to do with them?—No.

26,766. Did you vote?—Yes.

26,767. For Mr. Keane?—For Edwards and Sykes.

26,768. You left the party altogether?—Yes.

26,769. Would you mind telling me why you did that?—Well, I changed my politics.

26,770. Of course you had a right to do that; was that all?—That was all, no other motive.

26,771. Then I suppose you did nothing. Did you canvass for Edwards and Sykes?—No. I did a little bit in helping to pay the voters on that day.

26,772. That is candid.—You will find nothing else in me but that.

26,773. What did you do?—I paid several voters at that election.

26,774. As far as you can will you tell me their names?—I believe I can do that. I should get about 35*l.* from Mr. Lowther. I got 20*l.*, 10*l.*, and 5*l.*; that made 35*l.*

26,775. Did you get a 20*l.* note?—No, 20*l.* in gold.

26,776. And 10*l.* and 5*l.*?—Yes.

26,777. From Mr. Lowther?—Yes; and I paid about 14 voters.

26,778. Will you give me the list you have in your hand?—It is only to refresh my own memory.

26,779. It is for your sake as well as for ours: the list will be your discharge.—I merely wrote it to refresh my memory.

26,780. Do not let me extort it from you. It is for your own advantage. You have charged yourself with a large sum of money, and here is your discharge. (*The witness handed in the list.*) This is the most ample discharge you can give; it accounts for 36*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, which is more than the sum given to you?—Yes, I was a little out of pocket.

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S. Suddaby.

15 Sept. 1869.

The list was as follows:—

"Edwards' and Sykes' election, 1865.
Received 35*l.* from Mr. Lowther and paid—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Robert Wilson - - -	3	0	0
Oswald Wilson - - -	3	0	0
John Christie - - -	2	0	0
J. Stothard - - -	2	10	0
Benjn. Loft - - -	2	10	0
Saml. Loft - - -	2	10	0
Wm. Marson - - -	3	0	0
Jno. Wilson, senr. - -	3	0	0
Jno. Wilson, junr. - -	2	10	0
Robert Loft - - -	2	10	0
Wm. Spivey - - -	2	5	0
Samuel Spivey - - -	2	5	0
— Gillion - - -	3	0	0
Richard Skinner - -	1	10	0
Paid for refreshment for the above and others - - -	0	17	6
	£36	7	6"

26,781. You have more interest than anyone in producing this list. Where did the 1*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* come from?—Out of my own pocket.

26,782. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I suppose you saw Mr. Lowther and handed him that bill?—No. I wrote it out one day intending to give it to him, and I kept it in my pocket. By some means or other I lost it, and a few days since I put the names down from memory.

26,783. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I must ask you to pledge yourself to this. Do you say that every one of these sums was paid to these persons?—Yes, that is perfectly correct.

26,784. Did you take part in the last municipal election?—No, I did not. I should have done no doubt, but I was away from home.

26,785. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did you make out this list?—A few days since; perhaps last Friday. I made it out from memory. I know it is right.

26,786. Did Lowther ever ask you for an account of the money you disbursed?—He told me there would be wanted a settling up, but I never heard more from him. I had the list then, and was prepared for it, but I never heard more about it. That is the only time he ever named it to me. It would be about a month after the election.

26,787. That you made out from memory?—Yes.

26,788. Are there many in this list dead?—I will tell you.

26,789. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is Robert Wilson dead?—He is dead; he was a machine maker.

26,790. Oswald Wilson?—He is living. I paid Robert Wilson's money to his son, Oswald Wilson. William Marson is dead; he was a bricklayer. John Wilson, sen., is dead. Those, I think, are all that are dead. I paid John Wilson, sen., and John Wilson, jun., together; they were father and son.

26,791. You have received no compliment of any kind yourself?—No compliment. We generally get a poll book presented to us.

26,792. I mean a compliment to yourself. You have been working and laying out money?—No, I never had anything of that sort. They say I got work from the Conservative corporation; nothing of the kind. What work I have done for the corporation I have had to contract again for.

26,793. You have done work for the corporation?—Yes. I have taken contracts as low as 10*l.* 2*s.*

26,794. Were you at work for them in 1868?—Yes, I did some drainage.

26,795. Were you at work for them in 1865?—Yes; I should work for them in the cattle market.

26,796. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I am told that you can tell us something more about Mr. Edley, the man with the hairy cap?—No. He was a perfect stranger to me. I never saw him before or since.

26,797. You have never seen him since that day?—No. I believe he went away a little after 4 o'clock that day.

26,798. You have heard of him since?—No, I have not. I have never seen him nor heard of him.

26,799. What made you think he was an attorney's clerk from London?—I believe that was our impression from talking one to another about him. I believe I got his name from Hardwick.

26,800. Hardwick and you were working together?—Yes. I only knew he was called Edley by hearing Hardwick calling him Edley. I think I addressed him myself perhaps once or twice "Mr. Edley."

26,801. Hardwick told you he was an attorney's clerk?—I have no doubt of it.

26,802. Where is Hardwick?—He is dead. There are plenty more of the party. Mr. Hind would know him.

26,803. There are plenty of the party, who know who he is?—All the rest of the party would know him; there is no doubt about that. There was no secret among us at the time.

26,804. Who came into the room where he was (the heads of the party), besides Hardwick and you?—I should say Radge the landlord; and I saw Thomas Oxley.

26,805. Is Radge the keeper of the "Pack Horse"?—I believe he was the landlord at that time.

26,806. Is he here now?—No, I think not. I do not know where he is.

26,807. He kept the "Pack Horse" at that time?—He would be landlord then.

26,808. Whom else did you mention?—I should say John Westerby and Thomas Oxley.

26,809. Did they all see Edley?—Yes; Thomas Oxley was talking to him. I saw him pay Oxley some money.

26,810. How do you spell Mr. Edley's name?—I never saw it in writing or in print. I should think "Eadley," or "Edley."

28,811. These persons all saw him and talked to him in your presence?—They would see him as well as I did. I saw Oxley talking to him, because he drew some money of him.

26,812. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I wish to ask you a question in reference to yourself. You were engaged in 1860 very actively aiding one party to bribe? Consider for a moment?—What election do you refer to?

26,813. Walker and Gridley's?—Yes.

26,814. You were aiding one party to bribe?—Yes.

26,815. You voted for Gridley yourself then?—Yes.

26,816. Imagine your own condition. In 1860 you are aiding another party to bribe in the same way?—Yes; there was no secret about bribery. All parties did it.

26,817. I want to know what transferred your allegiance and your bribing capacity from one to the other?—I changed my politics.

26,818. What transferred your bribing capacity from one to the other?—I believe I was not very well treated at one time.

26,819. In what way?—In a transaction that we had about eight or nine years since, when we had a municipal election.

26,820. They promised you remuneration, did they not?—No. I paid some money out of my own pocket, and they promised to refund me, but they did not.

26,821. It was not much?—It was not much, only 1*l.*

26,822. You expected to be remunerated, and you were not?—No. I expected to be repaid the money out of pocket, because they promised it.

26,823. Was it in 1865?—No; it was at a municipal election.

26,824. Was it between 1860 and 1865?—It would be when Mr. Daniel Boyes, and Mr. Crosskill, and Mr. Richard Whiteing were up.

26,825. In what year?—It is eight or nine years since.

26,826. It must have been between 1860 and 1865; would it be in 1861 ?—In 1861 I think it would be.

26,827. Then in consequence of that you changed ?—That was one reason.

26,828. Any other ?—No.

26,829. You say that was one reason ?—It was a very slight reason. I do not suppose that would have made me change at all, but I changed my politics altogther. Yes, I did; there is no question about that. I made a thorough change.

26,830. They said it was because you were employed by the corporation. They were ill-natured enough to say that it was because you got the contract from them.—There is nothing in that, because what I get any other man in the world can get.

The witness withdrew.

Joseph Wilberforce Herdsman called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

26,831. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

26,832. When did you take out your freedom ?—In 1863 I believe.

26,833. You are a freeman by birth ?—Yes.

26,834. Who paid for your freedom ?—I paid for it myself.

26,835. Did not anyone give you the money ?—No. I should have had it if anyone would have given it to me.

26,836. Have you voted often ?—Only twice. Once for the pasture masters, and once for the parliamentary.

26,837. What did you get for the pasture masters ?—7*s.* 6*d.*

26,838. What did you get for the parliamentary ?—5*l.*

26,839. When was that ?—It was in 1863, I believe, that I voted for the pasture masters.

26,840. When did you vote for the parliamentary ?—The election before the last.

26,841. In 1865 ?—Yes.

26,842. You got 5*l.*, from whom ?—Young David Nutchey.

26,843. Was the 5*l.* for yourself ?—Yes.

26,844. Were you working at some distance away ?—At Scarborough.

26,845. And you came to vote ?—Yes.

26,846. Your father was a supporter of the party, then, was he ?—Yes.

26,847. Was it before you voted or after that you got the money ?—It was after, the day after.

26,848. You remained in town ?—Yes.

26,849. And went to——?—I went to Mr. Boyes, but I went to the wrong Boyes. We ought to have gone to the young son.

26,850. You saw Nutchey there ?—No. I went to Oxley's and got the money. We ought to have gone to the young Boyes.

26,851. I thought you said young Nutchey paid you ?—Yes, he paid me at Oxley's.

26,852. When you mention old Boyes, do you mean Daniel Boyes who keeps the "Angel" ?—No, he had nothing to do with the election whatever.

26,853. Who was the old Boyes ?—Boyes who kept the "Turf" inn.

26,854. Who was young Boyes ?—The son who was at the bank. He said we ought to have gone to his son.

26,855. To his son at the bank ?—Yes.

26,856. Did he say at the bank ?—Yes, the bank before you get to St. Mary's Church. I don't know whose bank it is; Machell's bank, I believe.

26,857. Old Boyes said that you ought to go to his son, who was at the bank. Who told you to go to Boyes ?—Lowther I believe it was.

26,858. Is Lowther the man you saw upon the occasion ?—There was Lowther, and there was Cook.

26,859. I mean the most important man. I suppose you did not see the attorneys ?—I saw one attorney at Scarborough, who got me the ticket to come; that is all.

26,860. Who was that ?—I could not tell the name, but I could get to know.

26,861. He was a Scarborough attorney ?—Yes.

26,862. You did not see Mr. Bainton ?—No.

26,863. Or Mr. McCoy ?—No.

26,864. Or Mr. Wreghitt ?—I do not know them.

26,865. Where are you working now ?—I am working at the asylum.

26,866. You did not go to the bank at all, I understand ?—No, I do not know that I did. I would not be positive of it. I do not recollect if we did. My father was with me all the time.

26,867. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who got you this money ?—Young David Nutchey. Mr. Lowther asked me if 5*l.* would do, and I said "Yes."

26,868. Your father was present at the time ?—Yes.

26,869. Your father took you to Mr. Lowther ?—Yes; and Lowther said that we were to go to Boyes.

26,870. Lowther asked you if 5*l.* would do ?—Yes.

26,871. And in your presence did he ask your father if 5*l.* would do for him ?—No; he said I was to go, and he said to my father, "You stay back." So he stopped. I do not know what he said to my father. He gave both of us 5*l.*

26,872. He gave both of you 5*l.* ?—Yes.

26,873. Nutchey gave both of you 5*l.* ?—Yes.

26,874. You saw your father receive the 5*l.* ?—Yes.

26,875. That was in Oxley's shop ?—It was not in his shop, it was in his house.

26,876. Was that all you got ?—5*l.*, that is all.

26,877. That included your expenses ?—That included my expenses.

26,878. Were you not paid something at Scarborough before you started ?—No. They got me my ticket to come with, a week's ticket.

26,879. You were at no cost for your ticket ?—No.

26,880. What were your expenses, if you had no ticket to pay for ?—The fare was 3*s.* 9*d.* each way.

26,881. But that fare was paid; you had a ticket given you ?—That is the fare.

26,882. You did not pay for it ?—No, I did not pay anything. It did not cost me anything.

26,883. You and your father each got 5*l.* for your vote, that is the long and the short of the matter ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

Joseph Greenhough called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

26,884. What are you ?—A shoemaker.

26,885. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

26,886. How long have you been a freeman ?—Since 1840.

26,887. I daresay you remember the election in 1857, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were candidates ?—Yes.

26,888. Did you get any money then ?—No.

26,889. Nothing at all ?—No.

26,890. In August of the same year there was an election, in which Major Edwards and Mr. Wells were candidates ?—Yes.

26,891. Did you get anything then ?—At Mr. Edwards' first election; yes.

26,892. How much ?—4*l.*

26,893. From whom ?—James Baker.

26,894. On whose side was that ?—On Edwards'.

26,895. You voted for Edwards ?—Yes.

26,896. The next election was Walters's election, in 1859 ?—Yes.

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26,897. Did you get anything then?—Yes.

26,898. How much?—I think 1*l.*, at the Reform rooms in Toll Gavel.

26,899. For whom did you vote?—Walters.

26,900. Walters, single?—Yes.

26,901. Did you only get 1*l.*?—1*l.*, I believe it was.

26,902. I think you must have got 2*l.*?—I would not be positive. It perhaps might be 2*l.*

26,903. I have no doubt it was 2*l.*—Well.

26,904. I think you would not be done out of 1*l.*?—No, perhaps not.

26,905. Was that all you got?—Yes.

26,906. Had you anything returned to you?—No.

26,907. A gun?—No.

26,908. Had you ever a gun taken from you?—Yes.

26,909. Was that returned to you about the election time?—No.

26,910. For whom did you vote in 1860, when Walker and Gridley were candidates?—For Gridley.

26,911. You got something then?—No.

26,912. You got nothing at all?—Yes, I got 2*l.* from Mr. Walker, and plumped against him.

26,913. Did you not get anything from Mr. Gridley, too?—No.

26,914. Are you quite sure?—I had nothing from Mr. Gridley. I got 2*l.* from a gentleman called Puckering, a coach builder, in compensation for a gun that I lost, but nothing more. I kept a debtor and creditor account against such gentlemen as that.

26,915. In 1865 the candidates were Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

26,916. For whom did you vote?—For Keane.

26,917. Did you get something then?—I got 2*l.* from Mr. Bird, and 1*l.* at the Mechanics'.

26,918. 3*l.*?—Yes.

26,919. I am afraid you were so unfortunate as not to get anything in 1868, at the last election?—I always voted at the pasture masters and the municipal elections without receiving anything.

26,920. I am speaking of the last parliamentary election?—I received nothing, neither did I at the municipal, nor didn't want anything.

26,921. For whom did you vote at the municipal election?—I voted for the Radicals in the Minster Ward.

26,922. And you got nothing?—I got nothing, and I did not want anything.

26,923. For whom at the parliamentary election?—The same party, Maxwell and Trollope.

26,924. I am afraid there was nothing to be got?—I did not want anything.

26,925. You wanted it before?—I will always vote for a good Government, and this is the first honest one that I have known.

26,926. You say you lost a gun; when did you lose it?—I could not tell, but it was previous to Walker's election. I was upon the road between Leconfield and Scorborough, when two of Mr. Hall's men knocked me down on the road, and took my gun from me. I stuck to the gun, and they threatened to knock my hands in pieces, and then I let go. That was previous to the last act; that I consider a dead robbery and nothing more.

26,927. They took your gun away?—They did.

26,928. When did you get it back again?—I never got it back at all.

26,929. Never at all?—No. They summoned me for being in the fields instead of being upon the road. They swore that I was in the fields; at least one of the witnesses did; the other man durst not do so. The gun was taken away, and I was handcuffed.

26,930. I only want to know about the gun as far as the election is concerned. You say it was not given back?—No.

26,931. You got 2*l.*?—The gun was promised me back on certain conditions.

26,932. That is what I want to know. Who promised it to you?—Harold Barkworth; he promised it me back on certain conditions.

26,933. Where was this?—At my own house in Eastgate.

26,934. He came there?—Yes.

26,935. Did he come with a party canvassing?—He came there with a party canvassing, and the day after that he came by himself into the front room. He told me he would give the gun back, provided I would vote for Walker. I said, "You know that I was innocent, "and therefore the gun ought not to have been taken "from me." He said, "I knew you were innocent, "and I will give you the gun back, provided you will "go to the bank and fetch it, if you will vote for "Walker. Come," he says, "on Wednesday. No," and he recalled his words, "I shall be at Malton on "Wednesday. Come," he says, "on Thursday, and "your gun will be at the bank ready for you."

26,936. You never went to see if it was there?—No, because I never intended voting for Mr. Walker.

26,937. Was the Thursday the day after the election?—No; I believe the election was on the Tuesday. He was going to Malton on the Wednesday. He said at first that I was to go to the bank on Wednesday; then he recalled his words and said, "I shall be "at Malton on Wednesday; come on Thursday and "receive the gun." I thought if I could strike straight on the election day they would keep the gun, and I would receive the money.

26,938. Who gave you the money?—Mr. Puckering, the coach builder.

26,939. At what time did he give you that?—It would be perhaps 1 or 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

26,940. Was it before Mr. Barkworth was with you, or after?—It was after I saw Mr. Barkworth. I saw Mr. Barkworth in the morning, that is on the election day morning, and he asked me if I was going to vote for Walker; I said I should vote. I was considering how I should recover.

26,941. What had Puckering to do with the gun?—I considered that they were all implicated in one party, and if you took from one you took from all.

26,942. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When this gun was taken from you were you summoned?—Yes, after the gun was taken from me.

26,943. You were brought before the magistrates I suppose?—Yes, and convicted.

26,944. Who were the magistrates?—Mr. Wiley was one; I cannot remember the other. I employed a lawyer.

26,945. Was it the Beverley bench?—Yes.

26,946. You were represented by a lawyer?—I was represented by Mr. Pettingell of Hull. There were several magistrates.

26,947. How many were on the bench?—Three I believe. Mr. Hall told me that I was innocent when they took me to him.

26,948. Was Mr. Hall on the bench?—No. I believe he is not a magistrate. They took and threw me down on the road. They had two great sticks, and they threatened to knock my hand in pieces.

26,949. Was anyone with Mr. Barkworth when he promised you back the gun?—No. The day previous he came with the candidate, and the day after he came by himself; that was the nomination day.

26,950. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What was your sentence?—I was fined a sovereign and expenses. I would not pay unless I received my gun back that I was robbed of. They got me into the county at last, and they settled me down, and I was obliged to turn up and pay the money.

26,951. The gun was confiscated?—The gun is in my house at the present time; it was sold and resold perhaps half a dozen times over after that.

26,952. You say it was sold?—I applied to James Hall for it, and he said it was in the hands of the rural police. I said to him, "I believe you have got it yourself;" he said he had not, and it was in the hands of the rural police. I said it was not, it was in the hands of his gamekeeper. It was sold and resold. It is in our place now, the same gun that they took away from me when they knocked me down on the

road. I can show you the gun at the present time that they took and robbed me of.

26,953. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Give me the date of that transaction ?—I could not, I am sure.

26,954. I wish you would.—Mr. Thomas Shepherd could, because Mr. Pettingell said if I would be at the expense of summonses to serve them for false imprisonment he would come for me, but of course I was a poor man and I thought the first loss was the best loss.

26,955. I only want to know the date ?—I could get the date.

26,956. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did the magistrates make any order about the gun ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

T. Brown,

TINDAL BROWN called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

26,957. How long have you been a voter ?—Last election.

26,958. I asked you how long ?—Why this last election in 1869, is it not ?

26,959. But you voted at the election before ?—No.

26,960. Not in 1865 ?—No.

26,961. You voted at this last parliamentary election, for whom ?—Edwards and Kennard.

26,962. Were you here at the former election of 1865 ?—Yes.

26,963. And you assisted in working for the party, did not you ?—Yes.

26,964. You had money to distribute, had you not ?—Yes, a little.

26,965. What do you call a little ?—I had 2*l.* given me at once.

26,966. But you had more than that ?—I had 2*l.* given me at once.

26,967. But you had more than that on the whole ?—On the whole, yes.

26,968. How much ?—But I only received 2*l.* at once.

26,969. I want you to tell me how much you got altogether ?—I could not exactly say.

26,970. Did you get 20*l.* ?—Not a half of 20*l.*

26,971. Did not you get 10*l.* from Richmond ?—I might get 10*l.*, but I do not think I did. He gave me 2*l.* at once.

26,972. Yes, yes. How much did you get altogether from him ?—I could not exactly say.

26,973. He may have given you 10*l.* ?—He might ; I could not say.

26,974. What did you do with it ?—I gave it to the men what came to vote.

26,975. That is the election of 1865 ?—Yes.

26,976. Now, tell me who they were ?—I could not exactly tell you that.

26,977. Tell me all that you remember ?—I have so far as I can go. I may mention one name ; that is about all I can tell you.

26,978. Have you got a list ?—No.

26,979. Then you ought to have had one ?—I was employed by him, and I have no list.

26,980. Now, who is this one man you remember ?—I believe they called him Lombard.

26,981. You gave 2*l.* to Lombard ?—Yes.

26,982. Is he a man working with you at Alderman Cussons ?—No.

26,983. Where does he work ?—I believe he is a barber ; I am not sure.

26,984. In this place ?—In this town.

26,985. Hairdresser in this town ?—Yes.

26,986. Whom else did you give money to ?—I cannot recollect any more at all. I do not know many folks in Beverley, although I have been in it a good bit.

26,987. You knew them well enough to give them 2*l.* apiece ?—I was ordered to give men 2*l.* apiece who came to me.

26,988. Who were they ?—I will tell you of all I can recollect.

26,989. You must have paid four or five at the least ?—I do not know any more ; they were strangers to me.

26,990. Where did you pay them ?—It would be in the market place ; I have nowhere else.

26,991. But you knew their names at the time ?—I could not say I did.

26,992. How did you know they were the right men to be paid ?—I was told by the man who employed me to give 2*l.* to men he pointed out.

26,993. Richmond is your foreman at Alderman Cussons ?—Yes.

26,994. And Richmond handed you the 2*l.* at a time and said, "Give it to so-and-so ?"—Yes.

26,995. He never handed you more than 2*l.* at a time ?—No, I do not think he did.

26,996. Yours was merely the hand to pass it on ?—Yes.

26,997. Was that after these men had voted, or before ?—I did not see them vote, but I should think that they voted.

26,998. It was just about the time ? — In the market place, just about the time, against the hustings.

26,999. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In the open streets ?—Yes.

27,000. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How long were you at that work ?—I should say not over half an hour ; it may be three-quarters.

27,001. You got something for yourself ?—A little.

27,002. What was it ?—Half a sovereign, I believe.

27,003. For your labour and day's work ?—We always got paid for the day's work. The foreman had nothing to do with the day's wage.

27,004. Oh, your day's work was allowed you ?—It always is ; Christmas and any other time.

27,005. I do not care about any other occasion. Now, you did something of the same kind at the last municipal election, did not you ?—Yes, a little.

27,006. Again, I must ask you what is a little ; how much ?—3*l.* I believe.

27,007. Who gave it to you ?—Richmond.

27,008. This time in a lump sum, was not it ?—Yes, I believe it was.

27,009. And you paid the men 15*s.* apiece ?—No, 10*s.*, I think ; and he finished them off.

27,010. He gave the odd 5*s.* ?—I could not say what he gave after. It might be 5*s.* ; it might be more.

27,011. You must have paid six men ?—Most likely I did.

27,012. Who were they ?—You have them in the list ; you have got a list of them. Richmond handed in a list of the men that were paid.

27,013. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You were a voter then ?—I was a voter then.

27,014. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What did you get for your services that time ?—I got nothing.

27,015. Worked for nothing ?—Not a fraction.

27,016. But you were allowed your day's wage ?—No, not at the municipal.

27,017. But you told me you always did on such occasions ?—Not the municipal election, only the general election.

27,018. Only the parliamentary elections ?—Only the parliamentary elections, and feasts, and such as that.

27,019. You voted at the last parliamentary election ?—Yes.

27,020. You were allowed your day's wage then ?—Yes.

27,021. And that is all you got ?—Yes.

27,022. No entertainment, nothing to drink ?—Nothing whatever.

27,023. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How much did you get a day ?—3*s.*

27,024. How many men worked there ?—I should say 42 or 43.

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27,025. How many of them are voters?—I could not say.

27,026. About?—Might be 24 or 25; I could not say exactly.

27,027. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) As far as you know did all these 24 or 25 men get their day's wages allowed?—Yes, non-voters and all on the job gets their wages; all that did not vote and all that did. They all get their wages on all other occasions, and all.

26,028. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you all leave your work at the parliamentary election?—I believe we left work about 9 o'clock in the morning; it is the general practice.

27,029. What time do you generally go to work?—Six in the morning.

27,030. Then you came off at 9, and were you absent the rest of the day?—I think we came off about half-past 8, or somewhere there about; I could not say to half an hour.

27,031. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) And when it came to paying at the end of the week you were allowed for that day?—We got full wages always.

27,032. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you take an active part in the election for Edwards and Kennard?—No.

27,033. Were you there at the nomination?—Yes.

27,034. At the show of hands?—Yes.

27,035. Did you remain there to hear the speeches?—Yes.

27,036. That day was not stopped from you?—We got two hours.

27,037. More than that I think?—No, it was not.

27,038. More than that I think?—I could not say to half an hour, or nothing; but that when the nomination was over——

27,039. Was anything at all stopped from you that day?—No, nothing stopped.

27,040. I mean you got full day's wages?—Yes.

27,041. What time did you leave off work?—I should say it may be half-past 10.

27,042. And did not go back again?—Not until it was finished.

27,043. Till what was finished?—The nomination; while they made the speeches.

27,044. Did you go back at all that day?—Yes. If we did not go back we should get no wages.

27,045. Were not you canvassing that day?—No.

27,046. Did you go back that day to work?—I went back as soon as all was over.

27,047. About what time?—I could not say. It would be after 1 o'clock.

27,048. Much later than one?—It might be.

27,049. Do you think it might have been five?—Oh, five! wages would have been stopped.

27,050. Did your master canvass you?—No.

27,051. Who did?—Edwards and Kennard.

27,052. Did Richmond?—No.

27,053. Did not you tell Richmond how you were going to vote?—No, he never asked me. He never asks men, I think; at least he never asked me. Every man can do as he likes.

27,054. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know how all the 24 or 25 voted?—Some for Maxwell, and some for Kennard and Edwards.

27,055. Are you aware in what proportion they voted?—I could not say.

27,056. Can you give me no information about how many voted for Maxwell?—I could not, I am sure.

27,057. As many as 10 do you think?—I could not say; I have not heard him say particular; may be five, may be four.

27,058. Not more than that you think?—I do not think any more than that.

27,058*a*. Had they all their wages?—I could not say, I am sure.

27,059. Had all your workmen wages allowed, however they voted?—Either the boys what is not voters, and the men what is not voters, all of us.

27,060. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who keeps your time books?—Ford they call him. He comes round to tick the time, and pays the wages.

The witness withdrew.

F. Kirkman.

FREDERICK KIRKMAN called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

27,061. What are you?—A bricklayer.

27,062. Are you a freeman of the borough?—Yes.

27,063. How long have you been a freeman?—About 14 years.

27,064. Then you have voted often, I suppose?—Yes.

27,065. I will only take you to 1857. Do you recollect how you voted in the first election, in 1857 (Denison, Glover, and Wells)?—For Glover.

27,066. Did you receive anything?—No, not a farthing.

27,067. Were you employed at all?—No.

27,068. Did you receive any money after the election?—No.

27,069. Did you borrow any money, or anything of that kind?—No.

27,070. You received nothing?—No.

27,071. The next election would be in 1857, August (Edwards and Wells). For whom did you vote?—Edwards.

27,072. What did you receive?—2*l*.

27,073. From whom?—Nathaniel Kemplay.

27,074. When?—On the election day.

27,075. In the street?—In a yard.

27,076. What yard?—The "Green Dragon" yard.

27,077. Was there many of you there?—No.

27,078. The next election will be in 1859 (Walters, Edwards, and Glover). For whom did you vote?—Walters.

27,079. What did you get?—2*l*.

27,080. Who from?—From a man in Toll Gavel, in a house there.

27,081. A man with a hairy cap?—No, he had no hairy cap.

27,082. Now, in 1860, there was Walker and Gridley?—Gridley.

27,083. How much did you get?—2*l*.

27,084. From whom?—From the man in the hairy cap.

27,085. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865. For whom did you vote?—Keane.

27,086. How much did you get?—2*l*.

27,087. From whom?—I do not know who it was.

27,088. In the Mechanics' Hall?—1*l*. one day, and 1*l*. the other.

27,090. Did you ever vote for the municipal election?—No, never.

27,091. Nor for the pasture masters?—Yes, I have voted for the pasture masters.

27,092. Lately?—Yes.

27,093. When was the last vote you gave for pasture masters?—The last year or the year before.

27,094. What did you get?—I cannot say whether it was 2*s*. 6*d*. or 3*s*.

27,095. Who gave it to you?—I won't say what it was.

27,096. The last election, 1868, for whom did you vote?—Maxwell and Trollope.

27,097. Did you get anything?—No.

27,098. Were you promised anything?—No.

27,099. Neither before nor after the election?—No.

27,100. Are you sure for whom you voted, Gridley or Walker?—Gridley.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM RAMSHAW called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

27,101. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

27,102. How long have you been a freeman?—36 years, perhaps.

27,103. And how long have you kept the "Golden Ball?"—Nearly 16 years.

27,104. The first election in 1857 was the one in which Denison, Wells, and Glover were candidates. For whom did you vote then?—For Glover.

27,105. Did you get anything?—No.

27,106. Not for your vote?—No.

27,107. You kept the "Golden Ball" then?—No.

27,108. You said you had kept the "Golden Ball" nearly 16 years?—Yes, I believe I did.

27,109. Just let me beg you to think before you speak. Did you get anything for the use of your house then?—No.

27,110. Are you quite sure?—Yes, not for Glover.

27,111. Did you get anything from anyone for the use of your house?—Not for Glover.

27,112. You mean not in Glover's election at all?—I never got anything at election time for the house.

27,113. Had Glover no band?—Yes.

27,114. Had you anything to do with the band?—Yes.

27,115. Was the band paid in Glover's election?—There was some little, but I am sure I forget what it was.

27,116. How many were there in the band in Glover's election?—Perhaps 20.

27,117. What do you call a little?—A sovereign apiece, or something like that.

27,118. Are you a kind of leader of the band?—Yes, I was.

27,119. Are you a very good musician?—Not so very good.

27,120. These people who played in the band, were they all good musicians?—No.

27,121. They were good voters, perhaps?—Yes.

27,122. Were all of them voters?—No.

27,123. Nearly all though?—The best players was not voters.

27,124. Some could play and some could not?—Yes.

27,125. Who paid you for the band in Glover's time?—I am sure I cannot tell you. If I was to say it was Charles James Fox, you would say he was a dead man.

27,126. Most likely I should if he was dead. Is he dead?—Yes.

27,127. Was he Glover's paymaster?—Yes.

27,128. You think Charles James Fox paid you?—I believe he did.

27,129. And you think the sum was 20*l.*; is that so?—I fancy so, but I cannot tell you. I never kept a minute of that.

27,130. On that occasion was any money spent in your house that was paid for on the part of Glover?—7*l.*

27,131. You had a bill of 7*l.*, that was in fact for treating; was it so?—It was for the expenses of the band.

27,132. That is for the band's beer?—Yes, and such like; refreshments, bread and cheese, and anything of that sort.

27,133. Did no one use your house except the band then?—Oh, different parties. All parties uses my house.

27,134. This 7*l.* paid for all, did it?—Yes.

27,135. You had no other charge against Mr. Glover except what was paid for the band, and 7*l.* for the use of your house?—Just so.

27,136. Then, assuming that 20*l.* was paid for the band, 27*l.* was all that passed through your hands for Glover's election; is that so?—I should think it would be.

27,137. Can you be a little more certain than you "should think"?—I have not a minute of it, and I never bother my head after elections about such things for no party.

27,138. The next election was the same year, in August (Edwards and Wells). Was your band out again in August?—Yes, I should think it would be.

27,139. On Major Edwards' side?—Yes, if we was up then. I cannot tell you whether we was or not, to speak the truth.

27,140. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You voted for Edwards?—Yes.

27,141. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I see your name here pretty frequently (*pointing to a paper*). We may assume that your band was out on that occasion, because you were paid for it. What did you get for your band?—I do not know exactly what we got at that election. I think we should get perhaps 60*l.* one election; either less or more, I cannot tell.

27,142. I find an entry here among others to which your name is attached, "Musicians, 21 in number; Ramshaw & Co., 42*l.*"?—Most likely. It will be at some of the elections. I cannot think of it. I have no minute of it.

27,143. I know that quite well, but we find it in this which purports to be a bill paid by England and Bainton to you?—Yes, Mr. McCoy would pay me the bill.

27,144. Then we will take it 42*l.*, that is 2*l.* a man?—Yes.

27,145. Now, what did you receive for refreshments that year?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

27,146. You told us you got about 7*l.* from Glover; what did you get from the Major? You know you would have these 21 musicians at the house?—At one election I got 9*l.* from Mr. McCoy for refreshments.

27,147. Which election was that?—I am sure I cannot tell you which.

27,148. What did you get; now, think?—I think I got 9*l.*, but I won't say what election it was.

27,149. Are you speaking now of Major Edwards' first election?—I should fancy that would be it; I do not know. I cannot swear it. Very likely it would.

27,150. Did you get anything else in that election?—I should get nothing for voting.

27,151. You got 42*l.* for your band, and 9*l.* for refreshments. Did you pay the band?—I paid them myself.

27,152. The money was paid to you, and you paid them?—Yes.

27,153. What did you get for your part, you were the leader?—The same as the others.

27,154. That would be 2*l.* The next election was Walters', 1859. The candidates were Walters, Edwards, and Walker. What did you get then?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

27,155. Was your band out then?—Yes, I believe it was.

27,156. Was it the same number, 21?—I cannot tell you.

27,157. Yes?—But I cannot, I have no minute.

27,158. You can remember about the number?—We had a large number sometimes, but I cannot tell at all.

27,159. Was your band out at all?—Every election except one, I think.

27,160. What were you paid a man?—We were paid 1*l.* a day.

27,161. For how many days?—Eight days, 12 days.

27,162. In this election I am speaking of, in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, how many days were you out then?—I cannot tell you.

27,163. You can tell about how many days?—I cannot tell you; one, two, or three, perhaps a week; I cannot tell.

27,164. Had you 1*l.* a day for a week?—I will not say.

27,165. You can say about how many days you were out. Do not fence with us in this manner, just answer at once?—If you want me to tell a lie I must tell you one, but I cannot answer the question.

27,166. I want you to answer a thing which you must remember?—I say I do not remember.

TWENTIETH DAY.

W. Ramshaw.

15 Sept. 1869.

27,167. You do not remember?—I do not, how many days.

27,168. Can you tell us how many you had in your band?—We should perhaps have from 20 to 30; I cannot say.

27,169. I do not want you to tell me every man, that is all I wish to know; from 20 to 30 men in the band, and you were paid 1*l.* a day?—I should fancy we should, but I do not know.

27,170. And you cannot remember how many days you were out?—No.

27,171. Perhaps two or three, do you think?—Very likely it might be, but I do not know.

27,172. Do you remember what you got for refreshments then?—No, I do not.

27,173. You would have something?—Very likely; and if I got anything, I should get it of McCoy.

27,174. Do you not know you got something for refreshments that year, 1859?—Very likely I might.

27,175. Did you not get something; can you remember what it was?—No, I cannot.

27,176. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You got it from Mr. McCoy?—If I did get anything, I should most likely get it from him; but I will not swear, because the money came through Mr. Bainton's hands what I got.

27,177. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember what time you were paid at the election of 1859, that I am speaking of?—No. I have no dates at all.

27,178. 1860 was the election of Walker and Gridley, and you would be on Mr. Walker's side, no doubt?—I should.

27,179. Was your band out again?—I believe it was.

27,180. And about the same as before?—I should think they would run about the same.

27,181. And the rate of pay the same?—Yes, I should think so; I am not certain.

27,182. Used you to choose the men in the band?—Yes.

27,183. You would have something for refreshments?—There is no doubt we had.

27,184. Do you remember the amount?—No.

27,185. You do not at all?—No.

27,186. In 1860, do you remember what you got?—I am sure I don't.

27,187. You got 60*l.* in 1860?—I said I got 60*l.* at one election.

27,188. What was the 60*l.* for?—It was for the band.

27,189. Had you anything for refreshments besides?—I should say we should have refreshments at different houses.

27,190. At your house I mean?—It might be the case.

27,191. Was there ever an election at which there was not a band, except the last one?—Not generally.

27,192. You do not remember what you got for refreshments?—No, I do not.

27,193. How many men were in the band in 1860, in Walker's election?—Perhaps most of 40, when we should get 60*l.*, if not 40.

27,194. This must be a very musical town?—Very.

27,195. I suppose the other side had a band too?—Yes, I should think they had some. We have splendid tambourine players at Beverley.

27,196. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Any drums?—Yes.

27,197. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And triangles and Turkish bells?—Yes.

27,198. And they are voters?—Yes; and fife and tabor; they got them where they could; we borrowed the instruments.

27,199. They all have a musical instrument of some sort?—Yes.

27,200. Do you remember what you got for your house in Walker's election?—Nothing.

27,201. I mean for refreshments?—No.

27,202. Surely there would be?—I do not recollect what was gotten.

27,203. But there was this band of 40?—Yes; I do not say exactly 40; I cannot swear.

27,204. Do not think we are going to pin you to one man.—I do not know what refreshments were paid for; I do not remember.

27,205. At all events there would be some sort at your house?—Very likely there might.

27,206. Do you not know that there were?—No, not particularly.

27,207. You told me that there never was an election, except the last, that there was not some?—I said generally.

27,208. Yes, you did; but do you say that there were no refreshments at your house in 1860?—I cannot say, but I should say there might be; there are refreshments every day there.

27,209. You know what I mean quite well?—Yes.

27,210. You had a bill of some sort against Mr. Walker?—Very likely it might be the case.

27,211. And you cannot tell us the amount?—No.

27,212. I daresay we shall be able to tell you.—Very likely.

27,213. The next election after 1860 is Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, 1865; that is a short time ago. I daresay you remember about that. Was your band out in 1865?—Yes.

27,214. How many men were in it?—I forget.

27,215. Are you quite sure you forget?—Yes.

27,216. You do not know about how many?—I should think from 20 to 30, but I will not swear. I have no minute of them.

27,217. How many days were you out? Were you paid as before, 2*l.* or 3*l.*? Were you paid the same way as before?—No; they got 1*l.* apiece for the election, the men that played.

27,218. Do you remember what was paid you for refreshments?—No.

27,219. You do not remember?—No.

27,220. You cannot give us any idea who paid you; do you remember that?—No one paid me for the band.

27,221. But for your house?—Refreshments?

27,222. Yes.—I do not know.

27,223. Did Mr. McCoy pay you?—I cannot swear.

27,224. Well, you are not very communicative. Perhaps you will think over this thing to-night and give us a better account to-morrow morning?—I cannot give you no better.

27,225. I think you had better give us a better; you had better not let us think you are trifling with us; think it over.

27,226. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you any books? Do you keep any account of these things?—No, not of them things.

27,227. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You give me no information whatever. We have had information elsewhere, but you have given us none whatever. You had better come prepared with a very different story to-morrow morning.

27,228. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You will be in a different frame of mind to-morrow morning?—I do not think I shall be. I can't think of these things, and I have no minute.

27,229. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) If you are not in a different frame of mind you will find us in a different frame of mind; I think that you ought to know.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

16th September 1869.

WILLIAM RAMSHAW recalled, and further examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

27,230. I hope you have considered what I said to you yesterday?—Not much; I have considered, but I cannot tell you much more. I have my papers.

27,231. You remember what you told me you got for refreshments in 1858; you said it was 9*l.*?—I beg to withdraw that statement, for I was wrong.

27,232. What did you get?—I got 30*s.*, or something like that; I cannot tell the date.

27,233. You got that in 1858 for the election of 1857?—Yes.

27,234. Now you say you got 30*s.*, and not 9*l.*, from Mr. McCoy?—Yes.

27,235. Was that all you received?—I cannot say to a shilling or half-a-crown, but it was about that.

27,236. Do you mean to say the whole you received for the use of your house and refreshments in the election of 1857 was 30*s.*?—30*s.*

27,237. Paid in 1858?—Yes, paid in 1858.

27,238. Was that all you were paid?—It was.

27,239. Have you seen Mr. McCoy since yesterday?—Not while this morning.

27,240. Did you speak to him?—No, I did not speak to him since I left the Court yesterday.

27,241. Now I wish you to be very particular in your answer. Do you swear you received nothing for the use of your house at Mr. Edwards' election in 1857 except 30*s.*?—Me and my family have had it over, and we fancy it is about 30*s.*

27,242. Do you pledge your oath you had no more?—I will not swear that.

27,243. You will not swear it?—No.

27,244. Will you swear you never had any lumped sum of 10*l.* or 15*l.*?—No, I never did.

27,245. You will swear that?—Yes.

27,246. The next election is Walters's election, 1859. At that time you said you took 42*l.* for 21 men; was it not so?—Yes, 42*l.*

27,247. Now about your house at that time; what had you for refreshments then?—That would be the last refreshments we have been talking to.

27,248. That would be in 1859, then?—Yes.

27,249. Well, I believe it was; then the next was Walker's election in 1860?—Yes.

27,250. Your house was used then?—Yes.

27,251. What had you for the use of your house and refreshments?—Nothing for the use of the house; I received 60*l.* for the band.

27,252. You had some bill for refreshments?—I do not recollect that.

27,253. Had you none at all?—I do not recollect it.

27,254. Will you swear you had no bill against the candidates for refreshments?—No, I will not.

27,255. Then we may take it you had some bill against the candidates in 1860. What paper is it you have in your hand; is it a copy of this (*holding up a paper*)?—Yes.

27,256. Answer me this question: Will you swear you had no bill against the candidate, Mr. Walker, in 1860?—I cannot say.

27,257. If you had one at all, who would pay you?—I do not know that I had one.

27,258. Who generally paid you these things?—I should get it through McCoy or Kemplay, but I do not know that I had a bill; but if I had one I should get it through them, I think.

27,259. You do not remember the amount?—No.

27,260. We were in the election of 1865 when we adjourned yesterday; what did you get for your house and for refreshments in 1865?—I cannot answer that.

27,261. You got something?—I should get it in 1866.

27,262. But you do not remember the amount?—No, sir; that was the election before the last.

27,263. Kemplay paid you, at any rate?—He did; that is, he paid my wife or daughter, I do not know which.

27,264. That is the same thing.—Well, it is the same thing, I suppose.

27,265. You were paid in April 1866?—As far as me and my family can recollect.

27,266. I suppose at all elections the crimson party have used your house?—Generally.

27,267. At council choosing and all?—Yes.

27,268. We know they used it in 1868; what did you get for your house last year?—Nothing.

27,269. They paid you nothing whatever?—No.

27,270. Did you vote for council choosing last year?—Yes.

27,271. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

27,272. Are you a pasture master?—No.

27,273. You were formerly a pasture master?—Yes.

27,274. I think I remember you went out in 1863?—Yes.

27,275. Have you ever paid any men for their votes at any of those elections?—No.

27,276. Except the band?—No.

27,277. Have you ever had money entrusted to you for the purpose of paying voters?—No.

27,278. On no occasion?—No.

27,279. I suppose you have seen money paid to voters at parliamentary elections?—I have not seen money paid at parliamentary elections; I do not interfere in those matters.

27,280. You do not interfere with that part of the business?—No.

27,281. Did you ever have any money paid for your vote except as master of the band?—No, never to my knowledge.

27,282. Never to your knowledge?—No.

27,283. Did you pay any money with your own hands on the council choosing?—No, I never interfered with it.

27,284. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) We have had a great deal of evidence given about your house being used for the purpose of bribery at almost every election. Do you say that was not so?—Not to my knowledge at every election.

27,285. At several elections?—I cannot say as to that. They came into my house, and I did not ask them their business. They asked me for pens, ink, and paper, and I let them have it.

27,286. If you mean to say you did not know what it was used for, you would be almost the only man in Beverley who did not know what it was used for. Why it was notorious, from witnesses who have told money was to be got at your house?—I had nothing to do with it.

27,287. What did you get for the use of your house?—I got nothing.

27,288. You mean to say you lent it to them?—I did.

The witness then withdrew.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Mr. T. F. Champney.

16 Sept. 1869.

Mr. Thomas Frederick Champney sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

27,289. What are you?—A solicitor.

27,290. I believe you have taken an active part in one or more of the elections?—In the earlier elections since I came to the town, not in the later ones. I have been here 27 years.

27,291. In 1857 Denison, Glover, and Wells were the candidates; did you take part in that election?—Yes.

27,292. Which of the candidates did you support?—I supported Mr. Glover.

27,293. Did you act for him?—No, I was not an agent in any way. I must contradict Mr. Nutchey when he said Mr. Champney was an agent for Mr. Glover.

27,294. You were not an agent?—No, not in the slightest way; in no way whatever.

27,295. At all events you were not retained?—No.

27,296. Did you go about canvassing?—I should canvass in that year with Mr. Glover.

27,297. What part did you take?—Merely as a canvasser in 1857.

27,298. Who were the agents retained in Beverley?—Mr. Thomas Shepherd and Mr. John Blyth Robinson.

27,299. Was there an agent elsewhere, a London agent?—I am not aware whether there was, I am sure.

27,300. What part did you take in that election?—I took no part in that election, except in canvassing.

27,301. Did any money pass from you?—No.

27,302. Not at the election, and neither before or afterwards?—No. Both the gentlemen I have named are in the town now.

27,303. In 1857 were you retained?—No, I never had a retainer the whole time I have been in Beverley; I never had a retainer in my life.

27,304. Did you canvass the place for Major Edwards?—I did.

27,305. Did any money pass through your hands at the election?—No, and neither before or after.

27,306. Who were retained in this town on his behalf?—As far as I remember in 1857, which was Major Edwards' first election, Mr. Williams of London, and Bainton and England, local agents.

27,307. Did you know whether Mr. Williams was in the Law List?—I did not know, but I know he was there, for I perfectly well remember the name of Williams.

27,308. You do not know whether he was a solicitor?—No, I do not.

27,309. And you say neither before or after his election, or at the time of it, was any money paid into your hands by or on behalf of either of the candidates?—No; but before we pass from that I wish you to be the medium through which I may explain. Mr. Nutchey said that at Glover's election I gave him some money, 3*l.*, I think. I wish my evidence to go with this qualification. I have no recollection of it, but I should be sorry to contradict him.

27,310. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What you believe in such a matter we believe; that is the rule. I need scarcely say so to you, a professional man. We must take it none did pass?—No, because I do not remember anything about it; but if he says I did, I would believe him when he says so. It certainly did not pass through my hands. It would be my own money, certainly; but I had no recollection of it. Seeing what he had stated, I called upon him yesterday afternoon, and asked him whether he really spoke the truth. He said, "Yes, but you had it not in "your own pocket, you went to the 'Beverley Arms,' "and got it of Mr. Morley." That was his story, and I should be sorry to say it was not true.

27,311. You do not contradict him?—No.

27,312. I think I asked you whether you canvassed?—Yes.

27,313. That was Mr. Glover's?—It was the second election of Glover, Mr. Nutchey gave his evidence.

27,314. Do you remember the election of 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—Yes.

27,315. You supported Edwards and Walker?—Yes.

27,316. And you canvassed with them?—I should canvass with them, but not so much as I did at Major Edwards' previous election.

27,317. Were you a party to the invitation of any of them down here?—No.

27,318. Were you on their committee?—No, I do not think I was on the committee. I was gradually endeavouring to disassociate myself from parliamentary matters.

27,319. Who were their retained agents in Beverley?—I should think Bainton and England.

27,320. And in London?—That I do not know.

27,321. Did you give any money or receive any money on their behalf for the purposes of the election?—No.

27,322. You did not promote their election by any money in any way?—Certainly not.

27,323. Neither before or after the election?—No.

27,324. Nor pay any expenses on their behalf?—No.

27,325. 1860, Walker and Gridley?—That year I was election auditor, and took no part in the election.

27,326. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865; you supported Edwards and Sykes, I suppose?—I did not. I took less part in that election than ever I did except this last election, when I took none.

27,327. Did you canvass with them?—Very casually. I never went to their committee room, but if I met them out canvassing I might canvass with them for an hour.

27,328. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In 1865?—Yes, in 1865. If I met them in the street I might have two hours canvassing, as old friends, I might have gone along with them.

27,329. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you say you never promoted their election, either before, at, or after the election, by money?—Edwards and Sykes; no, I never did.

27,330. And as regards the election of 1860, you were an auditor, and of course could take no part?—I took no part; I did not canvass; I did not solicit a vote; I did nothing but record my own vote; I did not ask a single voter.

27,332. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You took up Glover's case on his first appearance here in 1852?—Yes, in 1852.

27,333. And we give you an opportunity of making a statement. You heard a person who was examined here say that you yourself were one of the persons who promised if he would exert himself to get votes that you would raise a subscription of 15*l.* to get him a cow, and that after the election you laughed at him, and "welched" him?—Yes, that was the expression used, and I am very sorry that it reached the London papers. I was very much obliged to you for speaking as you did. I had been 10 years in Beverley in 1852. I never took any part in elections beyond what I have stated in 1852. I never knew this person by sight at the time he names, or by name; his statement is an utter fabrication.

27,334. Did that occur with anyone with you?—Certainly not.

27,335. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Well, I thought I would give you the opportunity of explaining.

(*The witness.*) I never did so with anyone.

27,336. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Well, I wished, as I have said, to give you an opportunity of explaining.—I am very much obliged to you.

27,337. Passing from that to Mr. Glover's second election, in which you took a part, do you mean to say that if you supplied any money it was out of your own pocket?—It was, certainly.

27,338. Did you not get it back?—No. I am speaking of 1857. I am not aware I did get any.

27,339. But assuming you did get any, you did not get any of it back?—No.

27,340. Were you acting for the party professionally at all?—No, never. I never got a farthing since I came to the town; I never had a retainer.

27,341. You might be paid so much a day?—Well, I never had a farthing.

27,342. When you took up Sir Henry Edwards' case, Mr. Glover being disqualified, were you paid at all?—I never had a farthing.

27,343. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you any memoranda?—No; there is the poll book. I only had three memorandums, and two have been mentioned. This I should like to mention: Robert Padget said I promised him 2*l.*, and he never got it; that he did vote, and I offered to lend him 30*s.*, which I wished back. It is not true. In 1854 he came to me to borrow 30*s.* I lent it on his I O U. My letter book shows that in 1857 I asked for the repayment, and it was only lately I tore the I O U up as worthless. That is not an isolated case. It was after the election of 1852 that he said I promised to lend him the money.

27,344. I think you say you lent similar small sums to other parties?—Yes, no doubt, since 1852; there were several of the Conservative party would come and ask me to lend them small sums. I am sure I have destroyed I O U's to the amount of 25*l.* for such sums.

27,345. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was after Glover's election of 1852?—Yes. The men were badly off generally.

27,346. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was it lent to him in relation to any promise?—No; he was badly off, and was working at Richardson's, the joiner.

27,347. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know of any subscription being raised for Glover on Glover's second election?—I think there was, but I do not remember any particulars about it; I think there was on his second election.

27,348. A subscription raised in the town?—There was a subscription, but I have quite forgotten what it was.

27,349. You cannot tell us anything about it?—I cannot; I would if I could.

27,350. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now, Mr. Champney, can you pledge your memory and conscience as to the state of mind when you lent these, that the lending of the money had no reference to the vote?—I am quite certain of it; quite certain of it.

27,351. Because, as you are aware, it is not an unusual mode of paying?—It had nothing to do with the election I am quite sure; nothing whatever.

27,352. You pledge your oath?—I will, and my honour, too.

27,353. Can you throw any light upon the bill we have here, upon this payment of Glover's: "John "Kemp, 10*l.*; John Kemp, cash advanced to pay "Glover's legal expenses, 15*l.*;" can you throw any light upon that, as you were a supporter of Glover?—Which item?

27,354. Cash advanced to pay Glover's legal expenses, 15*l.*?—No, I am sure I cannot. I will look at the bill with pleasure.

27,355. (*The Secretary.*) It is nothing but "John Kemp, 10*l.*;" and "Cash advanced to pay Glover's legal expenses, 15*l.*"?—No. He was at very low water at that time; that is all I remember.

27,356. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Glover was returned at that election?—In 1857; yes.

27,357. Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

27,358. That is the election that Nutchey speaks of?—It is.

27,359. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) One question I ought to have asked you; did you take any part in the municipal election last year?—Not the slightest in the world.

27,360. You voted?—Yes. I went over to York on Saturday afternoon, and came back to Beverley on the Monday, at about 12, and I voted and returned to York. I recorded my vote and went away.

27,361. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is there anything you have to tell us, we should like to know?—I have thought over it since I got an intimation from Mr. Collier I was to do so, and I do not know that I can suggest anything that I have not already seen in print.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Henry William Bainton sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

27,362. Now, Mr. Bainton, if you please, we will commence in 1857. Do you recollect the election in 1857, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up?—I do not.

27,363. You are a solicitor?—Yes.

27,364. You do not recollect that election?—I do not.

27,365. Were you in Beverley at the time?—I was not in Beverley.

27,366. Then you recollect, I think, the second election in 1857, in which Major Edwards and Wells were concerned?—No. In 1858 there was an election.

27,367. No, 1857?—In 1858 I think.

27,368. No, the parliamentary election was in 1857?—I recollect when Major Edwards first came.

27,369. Major Edwards and Wells; that was 1857, in August of 1857?—I thought it was 1858.

27,370. No, 1857. I think you and your partner, Mr. England, were the legal agents for Sir Henry Edwards at that election?—No, I was not; I had nothing whatever to do with it.

27,371. Had you joined Mr. England at that election?—I had not.

27,372. When did you join Mr. England?—In November 1857.

27,373. That would be after; so, during that election you had nothing at all to do with the election?—I had nothing to do with it.

27,374. We can get that from Mr. England, then. Will you look at these accounts put in by Mr. McCoy, because you were cognizant of these (*the accounts were handed to the witness*). There was a certain amount paid, and these were additional. These were paid in your time, at the time of your partnership; if you look at the date you will see that?—Yes.

27,375. They were paid in your time?—Yes. I will explain that at once. I was not at Beverley even then; I was then living in London at that time.

27,376. Then I will not trouble you with them at all. You do not know the Williams referred to in one of those accounts?—I think that does not refer to him.

27,377. Yes, it does, if you look at it.—(*The witness referred to the account.*) No, it is not in that account. The election in which Williams was here was the first election of Sir Henry Edwards.

27,378. The first time then that you took an active part would be in the election of 1859?—Yes.

27,379. Did you know a Mr. Williams was engaged down here in 1857; did you ascertain it afterwards?—I did.

27,380. And do you know that gentleman?—I do.

27,381. What is his name?—I do not know his Christian name.

27,382. When have you seen him last?—I believe in 1860.

27,383. Where was that?—In London.

27,384. Where?—In the lobby of the House of Commons.

27,385. What is he?—I believe he is a solicitor.

27,386. A solicitor?—I believe so.

27,387. You saw him in the lobby of the House of Commons in 1860; was he acting?—No, not to my knowledge.

27,388. I am asking you what you know. He was not concerned. You were up there, I suppose, about the petition?—Yes, I met him by accident.

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Mr. H. W. Bainton.

16 Sept. 1869.

27,389. How did you know him before?—I had seen him in Beverley.

27,390. Oh; when?—When Sir Henry Edwards was here, the first time Sir Henry came.

27,391. Then you were down here?—I was in Beverley then.

27,392. I am sure you did not intend to deceive me, but you threw me off that. When I asked you whether you were an agent you might have answered "No, but I was in Beverley." You were in Beverley?—I was.

27,393. During his election?—Yes.

27,394. And active?—No, I was not active.

27,395. What were you doing in Beverley?—I came down from London just about that time, in the commencement of the vacation.

27,396. Yes, it was in August?—Yes, I came down from London just for a short time.

27,397. And your future partner was then conductor?—Yes.

27,398. You took some part?—Personally I do not remember taking any part in it.

27,399. No, you would be looking on. You knew Mr. Williams?—I knew him.

27,400. Were you at the "Beverley Arms" when he was there?—I do not recollect; I cannot remember.

27,401. You knew he was acting for Sir Henry Edwards?—I did.

27,402. Were you introduced to Sir Henry Edwards himself?—Yes.

27,403. As a gentleman about to join Mr. England, I suppose?—I cannot remember.

27,404. Is Mr. Williams lame?—I think not.

27,405. Was not there another Mr. Williams; there might be two Mr. Williams here?—At that election?

27,406. Yes.—I never knew but one.

27,407. And he was not lame, you say. Was he the paymaster here?—He was the legal agent.

27,408. For expenses?—He was the agent for the election expenses.

27,409. Then of course he would be. Now I will take you to what I was at before. Do you know where he lives now?—I do not know of my own knowledge.

27,410. But have you heard?—I have.

27,411. Where?—At Bath, I believe.

27,412. His name is Isaac Williams?—I do not know his Christian name.

27,413. But he lives at Bath. Now we come to '59; were you concerned for the joint candidates, for Major Edwards and Walker?—I was.

27,414. Your firm; you were concerned for both?—Yes.

27,415. I think at that election Walters was elected; it was Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes.

27,416. Were you concerned for the petition against Walters?—Yes.

27,417. And you unseated him for bribery?—I did.

27,418. And, according to the decision of the House of Commons, some men were prosecuted for bribery at the York assizes?—Yes.

27,419. Now, you returned an account, I think, in that year on behalf of Major Edwards and Walker; you sent in an account of their joint expenses?—I did.

27,420. Which you sent in before the petition was tried?—I do not remember the date of it. I sent it in within the time allowed by the Act.

27,421. Within the time allowed by the Act of Parliament. (*The witness communicated with Mr. McCoy.*) You may get every assistance you can in these matters from Mr. McCoy; I see they amount to 569*l.* 7*s.*?—Yes.

27,422. Then, after the petition was over, you sent in a bill of 217*l.* more?—Yes.

27,423. I see a number of items in the bill. Did you send these items, item by item, to the candidates before you received the cheque for the 217*l.*?—What is the date of the cheque you refer to?

27,424. No. Did you send them; you know these were paid?—Oh, yes.

28,425. They were paid afterwards; did you send them item by item. Did the candidates require you to send, item by item, the account of the 217*l.*?—I sent them full particulars.

27,426. I say item by item?—Yes, the same as that account.

27,427. Then I see you put in that account "Amount paid previous to election for messengers, 18*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*?"—Yes.

27,428. And the account for messengers is 58*l.* odd?—Yes.

27,429. Why did not you put this 18*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* in the bill?—The account was sent in to the election auditor, and it is included in the account.

27,430. Take care what you say.—It is included in this account sent in to the members afterwards.

27,431. You claimed for messengers and watchers 58*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

27,432. And after all danger was past you make another claim for account paid previous to election, 18*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*?—That account was sent in at the time. It was required by Act of Parliament to send in an account of the expenses incurred prior to the election; and that is a copy of the account I sent in to the election auditor, which he should have published at the time he was required to do it, but he did not do so,

27,433. (*Mr. Champney.*) I was speaking to Mr. McCoy yesterday, and he says that appears to be an innocent omission of mine. I was election auditor at Walker's election, and it was my omission; I had no idea whatever of that account.

27,434. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now, just look at this. The fate of the election might have depended upon that, because at that time the committees of the House of Commons used to judge of the adequacy and number of persons employed, colourably employed, as messengers?—Yes, I know that.

27,435. Then, you say, the explanation you give is that that was not published by the election auditor?—That was so.

27,436. Were you examined?—I was.

27,437. And did you hand in this account (*reading from report*): "The following account was handed "in. The expenses of Henry Edwards, Esq., and James "Robert Walker, Esq., at the election for the borough "of Beverley, the 29th of April 1859." Look at it. (*The report of the committee was handed to the witness.*)

27,438. You handed that in, did not you?—Yes.

27,439. If it was an accidental omission of the auditor not publishing it, how is it that it was not in the account put in at the House of Commons?—I cannot explain it now; I have no recollection.

27,440. The whole fate of the election might have depended upon it?—But this account had been sent in, as far as I am concerned, and it should have been published by the election auditor.

27,441. Oh, yes, but the House of Commons called for it; the House of Commons called for an account. Now, all this you sent in afterwards?—Yes.

27,442. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you got the date when this was sent in?

27,443. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think it was sent in in September, was it not, this additional account; that is so?

(*Mr. McCoy.*) Yes.

27,444. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What do you say, Mr. Bainton; when was this account sent in?—I cannot say. I do not recollect, unless there is anything to fix it there.

27,445. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No, there is not.

27,446. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you say, Mr. McCoy, that was sent in in September?

(*Mr. McCoy.*) Yes.

27,447. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) After the election petition?

(*Mr. McCoy.*) Yes.

(*The witness.*) Yes, it was.

27,448. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why did not you

put in this account, "Oxley, as per bill, 29*l.* 16*s.*"?—I did not get it until afterwards. I knew nothing about it.

27,449. It was advanced. All bills are to be sent in within a certain time?—I am not sure that was the case in that election.

27,450. It was since the Act?—It was not necessary for the agent to send those accounts in.

27,451. What was the 29*l.* 16*s.* for?—For the travelling expenses, I believe, of voters.

27,452. That is Oxley's account?—I believe so.

27,453. You know very well that is used as a species of bribery constantly?—It was not bribery in this case.

27,454. Well, we will not go into that. What is the meaning of Richardson, as per bill, 2*l.* 11*s.*; Padget, ditto, 3*l.*; and then Forge, ditto, 5*l.*?—I believe Padget's account was for repairing boards for the state of the poll, some boards connected with the election.

27,455. What was Forge's account for?—That was for the use of the Assembly Rooms.

27,456. Of which he was a trustee?—Yes.

27,457. I am very sorry to have to put this question to you, but look here (*reading report of Beverley Election Petition*, 1859): "To Mr. Bainton." He is cross-examined by Mr. Slade as follows:—"To Mr. Bainton. "Will you inform the committee whether or no the "account sent in by you to the election auditor "includes every shilling expended on behalf of Major "Edwards during the election?—It does."—That was the account, 569*l.* 7*s.*

27,458–61. But it did not?—The other account had been sent in.

27,462. Now, pray do not say so. "Will you "inform the committee whether or no the account "sent in by you to the election auditor includes every "shilling expended on behalf of Major Edwards "during the election?—It does." Now, they are asking on the 9th of August with reference to an election that took place in April; just look at it yourself, and consider it well?—But this question is also put: "Did you send in an account of the expenses incurred prior to the nomination?

27,463. Yes; well, of course you did, I am aware of that; that is in the House of Commons Report. Look here, attend.—That is the account.

27,464. Do not you know the purport of the question was to ascertain whether or not the whole expenses, every possible thing, was included in that account?—First of all I was asked——

27,465. Do not you know the purport of the question was to ascertain from you whether every shilling expended or incurred was in that account?—It was in the prior account. That question takes into account that I had been previously asked if I had sent in every account to the election auditor, and I said I had of expenses incurred prior to the nomination.

27,466. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Prior to the nomination; a good deal of it is subsequent to the nomination?—Which are they, sir?

27,467. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Oxley's bill.—No, certainly not.

27,468. Show me any account of Oxley's bill that you had sent in, the 29*l.* 16*s.* Pray consider, and do not involve yourself.—I have no wish but to explain every item of that.

27,469. Show me any account you had sent in of Oxley's bill prior to the nomination.—It was not incurred.

27,470. It was not, pray be careful. Then Oxley's bill was not incurred prior to the nomination?—No.

27,471. Then what do you mean; did Oxley's bill ever appear before the committee?—No.

27,472. Then all that was expended did not appear?—Oxley's bill was not incurred prior to the nomination.

27,473. Was not it incurred on behalf of Major Edwards?—Not that I am aware of; I did not know of it. I returned the account of the expenditure as far as I knew.

27,474. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) "Morley, hotel charges, 89*l.* 12*s.*;" surely that was after the election?—Yes.

27,475. It shows the expenditure was subsequent to that?—The Act of Parliament required that I should send in the account of money that I had paid out of my pocket prior to the nomination, the account of 18*l.* something I had then expended; and I returned that account to the election auditor. I was asked by a committee of the House of Commons whether I had sent in the accounts, and I said yes; and I was then asked if the other account included all the other expenses, and I said yes; and that was the case.

27,476. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The question is framed with a particular view; it was framed in the most general terms for the very purpose of getting out there was no other expense incurred. (*The learned Commissioner again read the question to the witness.*)—And I said yes; and it did at that time.

27,477. No, it did not. When did you pay Morley's bill; when did you pay Oxley's bill?—Some time afterwards.

27,478. When; some time afterwards won't do?—Probably in September.

27,479. Oh, no, you obtained the money back in September?—Obtained the money back?

27,480. Yes.—I only paid it then, when I got the money.

27,481. You had not paid it, then, till you got the money from the members?—I fancy that would be the case; I would not be positive, but I think that was so.

27,482. I have a doubt about that, if you say that Oxley's bill was for travelling; have you that bill?—No.

27,483. Well, I want it.—I do not know there was one; I have no recollection of ever seeing only the account, the claim.

27,484. Then "as per bill" is all a sham?—Well, that is an expression, merely a term.

27,485. Merely a term of deception?—No.

27,486. What else, he had no bill?—If there was a bill it would be sent in to the members.

27,487. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Which Oxley is it?—Robert Oxley.

27,488. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You know Forge's bill was incurred before the nomination, was not it?—It was not sent in.

27,489. The question says "expended and incurred." What was Hind, 2*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.*, and Douthwaite, 3*l.*?—I think that is a public-house account.

27,490. Morley, "as per bill," 2*l.* 17*s.*?—A public-house account, I believe.

27,491. That was expended at the time?—Not that I know of.

27,492. Burrell, 1*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*; is that the same?—I believe so.

27,493. "Attending registration, 21*l.*;" when was that?—That would be probably in '58 or '59; I cannot say which.

27,494. It would be in '58, it could not be '59, because it was before the 14th of September?—It might have been in '58.

27,495. It must have been, because the registration did not commence by Act of Parliament till after the bill was sent in. That was long incurred; did you incur that on behalf of both?—It was not incurred by either of them, but the account was sent in afterwards, and they paid it to me.

27,496. Did you attend the registration?—Yes.

27,497. On behalf of them?—I attended on behalf of the Conservative Association.

27,498. Do you mean the Working Men's Association?—Yes.

27,499. Oh. I understand you attended on behalf of the Working Men's Association, of which Wreghitt then was chairman?—Yes.

27,500. I suppose he instructed you?—Yes.

27,501. Now, why cannot you tell me fairly; why did you say you were not instructed on the part of either, and then tell me that Wreghitt instructed you. Very well, that is the explanation you give of the 217*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*?—Yes.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

H. W. Bainton.

16 Sept. 1869.

27,502. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When was the 301*l.* 5*s.* 0½*d.* received?—In August 1859.

27,503. When, what time in August?—The 27th of August.

27,504. Did you apply for it?—I should think I did.

27,505. Do you know when you applied for it?—I should think about the day that I received it.

27,506. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was after the decision of the committee.

27,507. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You applied for it after the decision of the committee. I suppose almost immediately after the decision of the committee you applied for it?—It is before, I think.

27,508. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No, the 10th of August. Yes, of course it would be immediately after; that is the usual way. That is the only explanation you can give us of having furnished that account?—All that I can say is, that the accounts of expenses incurred prior to the election, so far as I know, was sent over to the election auditor, and I was asked before a committee of the House of Commons if I had sent in the accounts; and then the very next question was, whether the account contained all the expenses, and I said it did as far as I knew.

27,509. Whether it was an account of every shilling expended?—Very well, that was so.

27,510. You accept that. I believe men were prosecuted for bribery in that election?—Yes.

27,511. Men were prosecuted for bribery after that election?—Yes.

27,512. I suppose you had no part in the prosecution, had you?—No.

27,513. Were you at all aware how the expenses were paid, whether they were ordered to be paid?—No.

27,514. They were ordered by the House of Commons, by the Treasury; no doubt that would be so. Now we come to 1860, the next election. You took an active part in that election?—I was engaged as an agent.

27,515. As an agent again?—Yes.

27,516. Now I ask you before we go further, did not you know, or had not you reason to suspect, that money was going at that election besides what passed through your hands?—Not at the time.

27,517. Very well, I will accept it. How soon afterwards had you reason not to know personally, but reason to suspect, that money had been expended on behalf of the gentleman for whom you appeared as conducting agent? How soon after the election had you reason to suspect that? We know all about it now?—Within a very short time; I cannot say exactly, but within a few days.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien remarked that was just the answer he should expect.

27,518. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You knew it within a few days?—I believe that was so.

27,519. What was the date of that election of 1860?—I think it was in January.

27,520. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In January of 1860, and then the prosecution for bribery was pending. I think it would come on at the spring assizes at York, or was it the winter assizes?—I do not remember.

27,521. I think it was the spring assizes of 1860, at York. The House of Commons having ordered a prosecution for bribery that took place in 1859, we now come to an election in 1860, and in a few days after you had reason to know that money had passed; not through your hands?—I heard it.

27,522. I mean that. You are not at all implicated in so far as that sum of money was incurred; did you hear from whom it came?—Not for some little time.

27,523. I mean some little time afterwards you heard it came from Mr. Walker?—I did.

27,524. It is no secret, you know; did you hear the amount?—No.

27,525. Did you not hear any amount stated?—No.

27,526. From whom did you hear it?—The first time I heard it was the rumour of the town that money had been spent. I made inquiries of the parties who had been concerned.

27,527. And you found that the money had been spent?—Yes.

27,528. That would be the natural way on hearing of expenditure of money besides what passed through your hands; of course you would do that as conducting agent. Knowing that, let me call your attention to the expenses. Now I will read it over to you: "Amount as advertised by election auditor, "337*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*;" is not that so?—Yes.

27,529. That is the amount that you sent in as the expenditure of Walker. It was a single contest, 337*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*; is not that so?—Yes.

27,530. And then you sent in on the 14th of September, I think, an additional bill of 264*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, is not that so?—Yes.

27,531. And you knew at that time that these men were being prosecuted for bribery?—If that was so, I remember the circumstance.

27,532. It was sent in, I think, upon the 14th of September 1860?—I have no account of dates.

27,533. I think Mr. McCoy will say that?

27,534. (*Mr. McCoy.*) Yes.

27,535. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The election was in January?

27,536. (*The witness.*) Yes.

27,537. And there was a talk of a petition, I suppose?—There was a petition.

27,538. Against whom?—Mr. Walker.

27,539. That is important, a petition against Mr. Walker; were you examined on it?—No.

27,540. Was Mr. Walker examined on it?—I do not remember.

27,541. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Walker was decided to be duly elected.

27,542. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What a farce! such an inquiry. I am sorry to speak so disrespectfully of committees of the House of Commons.

27,543. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were you examined before the Committee of the House of Commons?—No.

27,544. *Mr. Barstow* stated that Mr. Walker was not examined.

27,545–6. *Mr. Serjeant O'Brien* said he was very glad of it.

27,547. What is Akrill, 6*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*?—I cannot explain it now.

27,548. Have you the return for 1860?—All the accounts I have were sent to the members and to Mr. Walker.

27,549. You have no accounts in your office?—No, I have not. There is an account that Mr. McCoy had better produce.

27,550. Then we will take it from him now.

(*Mr. McCoy here handed in an account, which is as follows*):—

James Walker, Esq., M.P., in account with Messrs. England and Bainton.

May 1860:	£	*s.*	*d.*
Balance due on the last account	401	13	4
Mr. Morley, as per bill	1	5	0
James Pease, Esq., for Mr. Young's expenses from Wawne	0	10	0
Mr. Champney, for additional expenses to the returning officer	0	10	0
Mr. Kemplay, as per account	53	5	0
Mr. Pickering's account	30	6	0
	£487	9	4

May 1860:	£	*s.*	*d.*
By cheque	400	13	4
Error in last account, additional payment to messenger	0	10	0
Balance	86	6	0
	£487	9	4

15th December 1860, paid £86 6 0

27,551-2. Can you tell me, is this an additional account?

(*Mr. McCoy.*) Yes, it is.

27,553-4. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then there is 487*l.* to be added?

(*Mr. McCoy.*) No, 88*l.*; I believe so. When I was asked the other day I had the papers, but it escaped me.

27,555. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There is not the slightest imputation on you at all; 88*l.* in addition to the 264*l.*?—Yes; if you refer to the previous account it is a continuation.

27,556. We have no complaint to make of you at all. So that now it stands, 337*l.* returned to the auditor, and 350*l.* expended afterwards, in addition to whatever was expended through other channels. Do you recollect, Mr. Bainton, the evidence given in reference to that election by Mr. Kemplay, a man who was paid subsequently 53*l.*, and Pickering. I will tell you; Kemplay said, "I went to Mr. Bainton's office "the morning of the election, and I saw him giving "directions, but I cannot say whether it was Mr. "Bainton or Mr. McCoy, told me to go to the 'Cross "Keys'; and I went to the 'Cross Keys,' and there a boy "came in and put a bag in my hand which contained "300*l.*" I think he may be mistaken there; I think it contained more. Do you recollect seeing Kemplay?—I believe I did.

27,557. On that day?—Yes.

27,558. Did you direct him to the "Cross Keys"?—I could not be positive about that; but I gave him some money myself to go and pay the expenses of the distant voters.

27,559. How much?—50*l.*, I think.

27,560. Is that the 53*l.* that is here?—It is substantially the same. I believe that was the amount.

27,561. You did not send that in to the election auditor?—He returned the money to me; he furnished an account to me that I would not acknowledge, and he returned the money to me immediately.

27,562. That does not make the slightest difference?—The account was not of itself an account for travelling expenses, and as soon as I saw it I repudiated it at once,

27,563. Very well; it gives us more pleasure to hear an explanation than anything else. Then do I understand you to say that you gave this money merely for *bonâ fide* travelling expenses?—That was the intention.

27,564. And that when you saw his account containing other matters not in accordance with that, that you repudiated it?—I did.

27,565. And that then he returned you the money?—To the best of my recollection he did.

27,566. Did he?—Yes, he did; I have no doubt,

27,567. When did he return it?—I think within a day or two of the election.

27,568. After the election?—I think so.

27,569. Have you any memorandum of it?—No memorandum at all.

27,570. You directed him to the "Cross Keys"?—I dare say I did; I would not swear I did not.

27,571. At that time, as a man of truth, did you know, or had you reason to suspect, anything ever would have occurred at the "Cross Keys," such as we have heard of?—Positively not; certainly not.

27,572. Anything like what did occur?—Certainly not.

27,573. I gave you when this was paid, this 264*l.*, on the 4th of September. When was the additional 80*l.* paid?—In December.

27,574. In the following December?—Yes.

27,575. 264*l.* in September, and the additional in December?—Yes.

27,576. Who paid you?—Mr. Walker, the present Sir James Walker.

27,577. That was the father of the candidate?—I think so.

27,578. Did he call upon you? I suppose you had no communications in reality with the son?—Which son?

27,579. With the member?—I believe not; I think not; I do not know.

27,580. What age was he?—Mr. Walker would be about 30.

27,581. Had you any interview with him about pecuniary matters?—All the accounts were settled with the present Sir James Walker.

27,582. That does not answer my question?—I do not recollect any.

27,583. Before the settlement did you submit them item by item?—I believe I generally sent them to Mr. Walker, the member, and he forwarded them to his father. If I did send them to Mr. Walker, it was by Mr. Walker's directions.

27,584. Did you give a detailed account of how the expenses were incurred? Did you give them in fully as they are here (*showing account*)?—I believe a copy of that.

27,585. Was any demur made to settling your bill?—Never.

27,586. Were you ever called upon to explain any of the items?—I was not; but I volunteered to attend Mr. Walker during the time he was in Beverley, and go through the account with him.

27,587. The present Sir James Walker?—Yes.

27,588. Did you do that?—I did.

27,589. I suppose, then, you received your cheque for the amount?—Not at the time; afterwards.

27,590-1. That is what I mean. So much for the election of 1860. I think you paid some money yourself; some of the voters said you paid some into their hands?—Never.

27,592. I do not lay any stress on it?—I deny it.

27,593. It may be your uncle. If you tell me upon your oath that you did not know before the election if the money was advanced——?—I did not.

27,594. Did you know that the expenses were being incurred?—Do you mean the expenses afterwards?

27,595. Yes?—No.

27,596. Now, I will come to 1865; you were conducting agent then?—Yes.

27,597. Then you know perfectly well, of course, that money had been expended in 1859 in bribery, and in 1860 in bribery?—In 1859 I do not know that there had been money spent by the Conservatives.

27,598. Except the accounts; the accounts exhibit items of bribery; I mean the accounts before us, the additional accounts that you sent in. There is no doubt whatever that some of those are bribery. You had no right to send in a farthing additional account. However you knew in 1860. Now we come to 1865. You were appointed agent again to conduct the elections?—Yes.

27,599. Of course you know that money was to be employed?—No, certainly not.

27,600. Do not destroy the weight of your evidence before. Had you any conversation with either of the gentlemen, Sir Henry Edwards or Mr. Sykes, about the necessity of adhering strictly to legitimate modes of winning the election?—I do not recollect.

27,601. They did not give you a caution?—They gave me a caution to avoid all corrupt practices.

27,602. Which of them gave you the caution to avoid all corrupt practices?—I believe both; I think both mentioned it.

57,603. Where was that mentioned?—I cannot say, but I have heard it mentioned.

27,604. I mean to you?—I cannot call to mind any particular time, because I have heard it mentioned several times.

27,605. I mean in an interview with you?—I do not remember any special interview with respect to it.

27,606. Did not these gentlemen, Mr. Sykes and Sir Henry Edwards, inculcate upon you the necessity of adhering strictly to a proper mode of conducting the election?—Yes.

27,607. That is what I mean?—Yes.

27,608. How soon after the election was over did

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you discover that money had been expended?—I think it was some time afterwards; I think so.

27,609. How soon, two or three days?—More than that.

27,610. How soon?—I cannot say, but it might be reported in the town.

27,611. Did you implicitly believe that they were sincere, now, be cautious?—I did.

27,612. After what you had known before?—Certainly.

27,613. You implicitly believed that they were sincere in that?—I did.

27,614. There is the additional account. Of course there was a petition threatened. In that election I see signed by you 65*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* It is dated the 7th of September 1865, the election having taken place in July; is that so?—Yes.

27,615. And I suppose a petition was threatened;—I think it was.

27,616. Now I find as usual, on the 14th of September, 16*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* That is the additional?—I think it is 110*l.*

27,617–8. Look at it (*showing paper to witness*)?—I do not know anything about that. My additional expenses were 110*l.*

(*Mr. McCoy.*) That is the account Mr. Wreghitt handed me to pay to Mr. Kemplay.

27,619. You paid that in addition?—That had nothing to do with Mr. Bainton's account; that is the amount paid by Kemplay.

27,620. Who gave you the money?—Mr. Wreghitt.

27,621. And you gave 130*l.* of it to Mr. Kemplay?—16*l.*, every penny of it.

27,622. He said 130*l.*?—Yes, I believe he did.

27,623. That is what I mean?—Yes.

27,624. Did you tell that to Mr. Bainton?—I do not know that ever I did.

27,625. (*Mr. Bainton.*) Did you know that this bill was sent in?—No; I knew there was some accounts that were settled by Mr. Kemplay afterwards.

27,626. (*Mr. Barstow.*) "Mr. McCoy gave me 130*l.* previous; I got 5*l.* for my services"?—Yes, I know there were some accounts standing.

27,627. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Mr. McCoy said in his evidence that he made out the accounts with you?—Not that account, the general account.

27,628–9. (*To Mr. McCoy.*) You were asked the general question, whether these accounts were made out by you in conjunction with Mr. Bainton, and you said "Yes."

(*Mr. McCoy.*) I did, and that was so; but this account was not referred to then.

27,630–1. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You took great care that Mr. Bainton knew nothing about that.

(*Mr. McCoy.*) I kept it from Mr. Bainton's papers.

27,632. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You said it was not among the general body of the papers?—Yes.

27,633. I understand there was, in addition to this sum of 650*l.*, in 1865, 16l. and 110*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*?—Yes.

27,634. That was independently of other monies expended?—There were those three sums.

27,635. Independently of other monies expended?—Yes.

27,636. And now you say you believe that these gentlemen were sincere when they spoke to you about purity?—These accounts were incurred, but they were not incurred by them or their agent. Their intention——

27,637. Do not tell us about their intention. When did they pay you that additional 110*l.*?—(*No answer*).

27,638. There was a petition threatened, of course?—Yes.

27,639. Now tell me the date of the payments?—I received 200*l.* from Sir Henry Edwards on the 12th of July, and 150*l.* about the same time.

27,640. Was it not in April 1866?—I can tell if I look at the memorandum (*the account was handed to the witness*). That was the time that I settled the accounts.

(*Mr. McCoy.*) It is "July, Edwards, 200*l.*; ditto, 150*l.*;" then, "1866, April, 31*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*"

27,641–2. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) "1866" is opposite the "ditto"?—No, I believe I have stated the fact.

27,643. You received the 31*l.* in April?—Yes.

27,644. In July you received from Sykes 200*l.*, and in September 200*l.*?—Yes.

27,645. The 110*l.* is the only amount of money that you claimed in addition to what you had given to the election auditors?—To the members.

27,646. These accounts were published of course, the 600*l.*?—Yes.

27,647. Let me go back. Mr. Walker fought a single-handed battle at that election. Did Sir Henry Edwards appear on the scene here at all?—I cannot say.

27,648. I think you can if you will try and recollect?—If you will draw my attention to anything; I do not remember.

27,649. Do you not recollect his taking an active part in that election?—I do not remember.

27,650. You do not recollect?—No, I do not.

27,651. Do you not recollect his being here and speaking?—I cannot say; I do not remember.

27,652. I believe in 1865 there was a great talk, publicly and privately, of purity, was there not? You recollect that very well?—I do not remember.

27,653. Where did you hear of the purity that was to be in 1865?—I heard it from the members.

27,654. From their committees?—It was announced at their committees.

27,655. I think there were some observations.

27,656. It was announced openly at public meetings?—I dare say it was.

27,657. When did you ascertain how it was done?—I think it was some time after the election.

27,658. How soon, a week?—I think more than that.

27,659. You knew what bank the money came from, I think?—I knew afterwards.

27,660. About a week afterwards?—I think it was a considerably longer period than that.

27,661. A month?—I think it was some months.

27,662. We will take it two or three months?—I cannot say positively.

27,663. I do not expect you to give evidence otherwise than honestly. From whom did you hear it, that is, confidentially?—I think from Mr. Barkworth.

27,664. The banker?—Yes.

27,665. I have an object in putting the question to you, therefore be cautious. Did you hear it before you had sent in that additional bill?—Yes, I think so.

27,666. And of course before you were paid it?—Yes.

27,667. Consider well this question. Will you take upon yourself to say you did not pay some of that money in that additional bill after you heard that report?—I dare say I may.

27,668. Had you heard the amount that was expended?—I think I heard 700*l.* or 800*l.*

27,669. Then I suppose you are still of opinion that you thought them sincere when they inculcated and announced how they were going to fight the town on purity principles?—I concluded that this had been done without their knowledge.

27,670. After you had heard that Mr. Sykes had introduced Mr. Egerton?—I never heard that till I heard Mr. Barkworth's statement.

27,671. Had you heard that they had paid the bill?—They had not paid the bill then.

27,672. When did you hear they had paid the bill?—The latter end of April or the beginning of May 1861.

27,673. After all dread of the petition was over?—Yes.

27,674. Do you know of your own knowledge that there were negotiations going on about the withdrawal

of the petition against Sir Henry Edwards, and giving up the prosecution against Boyes?—I did not know of it at the time; I have heard of it since.

27,675. Heard of it so as to amount to a belief in your mind that such was the case?—Well, I cannot say when I did hear it.

27,676. You have heard of it under such circumstances as impressed your mind with a belief of its truth. It was not a mere hearsay report. Did you hear it under circumstances that impressed your mind with the truth of it?—Yes, I think so.

27,677. Had you known money was advanced for the election of pasture masters by Wreghitt; had you heard it?—I had heard it.

27,678. And believed it?—Yes.

27,679. Did you hear that money had been advanced by Wreghitt for council choosing?—Yes.

27,680. And believed it?—Yes.

27,681. Had you heard considerable complaints made about the exercise of the patronage by the pasture masters, about its being exercised in one direction?—No, never; not till the last petition.

27,682. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Which petition?—The one before Baron Martin.

27,683. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had you never heard complaints made about the distribution of Walker's charity?—No, not until that petition.

27,684. Never heard a complaint?—Never.

27,685. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What time in the morning did you pay Kemplay the money you gave him to pay the travelling expenses?—I think it would be between nine and ten o'clock in the morning, as well as I can remember. It was early in the morning.

27,686-7. In what kind of money did you give it him?—In East Riding Bank notes, I believe. I drew a cheque, and I think I went and got it cashed and gave him the notes.

27,688. How long after that did Kemplay repay?—I think it was within a short time. It was between then and rendering the account to the election auditor.

27,689. It was after the election day?—Yes.

27,690. In what manner did Kemplay repay you? Do you remember?—I do not know.

27,691. You do not remember whether he repaid you the same money that you had given?—No, I do not.

27,692. You can give us no information on that point?—I am afraid I cannot.

27,693. At any rate Kemplay had in his hands this 50*l.* during the whole of the election day and the next day?—Yes.

27,694. Are you sure it was you who directed Kemplay to the "Cross Keys"?—I think it was.

27,695. Are you sure?—I believe it was, to the best of my recollection.

27,696. What had he said to you that induced you to send him to the "Cross Keys"?—The reason was this: I had written, prior to the election, to the agents in various places where we knew there were distant voters, and requested that they should be canvassed, and handed railway tickets. On the day of the election there were a great number of voters turned up who had no railway tickets, but required to be reimbursed their travelling expenses; and in order to meet this, I either sent for Kemplay, or I met him, and I asked if he would undertake to pay those men their legitimate travelling expenses.

27,697. Are you quite sure it was you who sent Kemplay to the "Cross Keys"?—I think so.

27,698-9. Are you sure? (*To Mr. McCoy.*) Did you see Kemplay in Mr. Bainton's office on the morning of the election of 1865?

(*Mr. McCoy.*) I did not. I do not know that I saw him on that day.

27,700. Kemplay's evidence to us is, "I saw Mr. "Bainton there. His clerk told me to go to the 'Cross "Keys.'" What clerks had you?

(*The witness.*) I had two clerks at that time.

27,701. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say that you paid some items in the bill of 110*l.* in 1866 for the 1865 election, and you say it was after you heard the report?—Yes.

27,702. Was it after you had the conversation with Mr. Barkworth?—Yes.

27,703. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you attend to the prosecution of the petition in 1860? Were you in London then?—Yes.

27,704. Did you hear the evidence before the committee of the House of Commons?—Yes.

21,705. Did you hear a man named Megson examined?—Yes; I had forgotten that at the moment. I remember it perfectly well.

27,706. He gave evidence that the pasture masters had given him charity in consideration of his promise to support them?—Yes.

27,707. Then you must have heard complaints about the pasture masters?—The evidence at that time would have rebutted it completely.

27,708. You must have heard complaints?—I might hear him make that complaint; but the evidence would have rebutted it. It was rebutted, I believe.

27,709. At all events, it is clear from there being such an inquiry instituted that there must have been complaints, and that you must have heard of them?—I never heard of them in the way that they were put on the occasion of the last petition; certainly not.

27,710. Did I understand you to say, that you were aware that Mr. Barkworth had received the money in 1865?—That he had received it.

27,711. When did you know that he received that sum of money?—I think in May 1866; the latter end of April or the beginning of May.

27,712. He told you he had received that money. Did he tell you that Mr. Sykes gave it?—No.

27,713-4. He did not tell you where he got it?—I think not.

27,715. Did he tell you it had been repaid?—Yes.

27,716. Did he tell you who had repaid it?—I believe not. He said the money was paid, I think; to the best of my recollection.

27,717. Will you pledge your word that he did not tell you by whom that money had been repaid?—I cannot say positively one way or the other.

27,718. You will not pledge your word?—I will not.

27,719. Did he not tell you that Mr. Sykes had paid a part?—I do not know.

27,720. You will not swear that he did not?—No.

27,721. Will you swear he did not tell you that Sir Henry Edwards had paid a part?—To the best of my recollection he said that the amount was paid

27,722. That he told you in 1866?—I think so.

27,723. Did you ever hear who paid the expenses of prosecuting Mr. Boyes the last time? Are you aware who paid those expenses?—No. They are not paid yet. We got an allowance twice from the county.

27,724. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you the attorney for the prosecution?—I was.

27,725. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Going back to the election of 1857, I think you said you were at the "Beverley Arms" then?—I might be.

27,726. You saw Williams there?—I do not know that I saw him there. I did see him.

27,727. I understood you to say that you saw him at the "Beverley Arms"?—I was asked if I was at the "Beverley Arms" during the election, and I said, "Yes." I am not sure that I said I saw Williams there. I saw him during the election.

27,728. I understood that you saw him at the "Beverley Arms"?—I might have seen him there.

28,729. You were with the candidates when they made speeches from the window at the "Beverley Arms"?—I dare say I was in the room; no doubt I was.

27,730. Williams was there too, was he not?—I cannot say. I cannot remember. I saw Williams several times.

27,731. In the room?—I do not know whether he was in the room; I could not be positive.

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27,732. You may have seen him there?—I may have seen him.

27,733. That means you did see him?—Well, perhaps I did.

27,734. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did you first ascertain that Kemplay had received a sum of money on that occasion at the "Beverley Arms"?—I never heard it. You mean the election of 1857. I was not aware of it until I read his evidence.

The witness withdrew.

C. Sykes.

CHRISTOPHER SYKES, Esq., M.P., called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

27,735. You are a member for the East Riding of Yorkshire?—Yes.

27,736. You live in the neighbourhood of Beverley?—Yes.

27,737. In 1865 you were a successful candidate for the borough of Beverley?—Yes.

27,738. Mr. Bainton was your agent?—Yes.

27,739. You and Sir H. Edwards were in strict coalition together?—Yes.

27,740. You had common committee rooms?—Yes.

27,741. I do not know whether you had a committee or not?—We had.

27,742. The committee was common to both?—Yes.

27,743. You had the same agent, Mr. Bainton?—Yes.

27,744. The total amount delivered for election expenses to you and Sir Henry Edwards was 762*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*?—I believe it was.

27,745. And you paid 381*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*?—Yes.

27,746. You paid that by two cheques, one in July 1865, and the other in September 1865, each for 200*l.*?—I believe so.

27,747. Besides that there was another sum of sum of money paid by you for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

27,748. We have heard that a sum of money was paid by Mr. Barkworth to a Mr. Matthews, and so to a man named Lowther, who has been before us, and distributed for the purposes of the election?—I have read that in the evidence, but I never heard of it before. I mean to say I never heard Mr. Matthews's name introduced.

27,749. Had you made any preparation for the payment of that money before you came to Beverley?—No, I had not.

27,750. When did you first hear any mention made of that money?—As well as I remember, mention was made of it accidentally. I think in the winter of 1865–6, that is the winter after the election. There was some casual mention of it, but there was no mention of any sums at all.

27,751. Do you remember who it was that told you?—Mr. Barkworth, in answer to my own (more in joke than anything) questions about it. There was some reason given to me to believe that some money had been spent, but no accurate sum was mentioned.

27,752. You had heard in some way or other before that time that some money had been spent on your behalf?—I had imagined so; I cannot say I had heard it, but I imagined so.

27,753. You perhaps had heard that there had been a corrupt expenditure in the election?—No, I had not heard that.

27,754. Had you not heard that voters had been bribed in your behalf at the election?—No; distinctly not.

27,755. Had you heard that there had been bribery on the other side?—I had heard that said about Mr. Keane; in fact it was a current report.

27,756. That was a very likely thing to lead to your knowing (what we know now) that money was spent on your side?—I did not know it. In fact, as I tell you, until the winter I only suspected it in the vaguest possible manner.

27,757. Can you tell us what gave you cause to suspect that there had been a corrupt expenditure on your behalf?—Partly Beverley always having been more or less influenced from that source, and partly also from my knowledge that almost every borough in England is in some degree or other influenced by money.

27,758. What passed between you and Mr. Barkworth?—As well as I remember, we had a conversation in the bank, but he gave me no definite sum at all, and it led to no result. I was quite in the dark about it; quite.

27,759. Did he at any time give you any account of the mode in which he had paid this money?—No.

27,760. Never at any time?—Never.

27,761–2. When were you called upon to pay any sum of money, except that which you paid to Mr. Bainton as the legitimate expenses of the election?—I think it was in the month of May. Mr. Bainton will bear me out.

(*Mr. Bainton.*) I believe in April.

(*Witness.*) I well remember the day, because I had gone that morning to Sir Henry Edwards, who was then my colleague, to call upon him. I had gone rather early in the morning, contrary to my usual habit; and he expressed a great wish that I should get back to my own house in time to see Mr. Bainton. Mr. Bainton had called on him before, and Sir Henry expressed a great desire that I should go back immediately and see Mr. Bainton.

27,763–4. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What is the date of that?—In the month of April.

(*Mr. Bainton.*) Towards the latter end of April.

27,765–6. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There had been some talk, I believe, of a petition?—There was some talk of a petition.

27,767. Are you aware whether at this time that you are mentioning the petition had been abandoned?—I am not, indeed.

27,768. Did you see Mr. Bainton?—I saw Mr. Bainton, and he will bear me out, I think, when I state what passed between us. Mr. Bainton said that several gentlemen, influential members of our committee, had taken into consideration the great previous expenses which Sir Henry Edwards had been put to in the borough, and they had thought it fairer that I, being the junior member, should pay the whole sum.

27,769. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did he tell you that he had seen Sir Henry Edwards then?—I think not. I knew it.

27,770. You knew he had come from him?—I knew he had come from him.

27,771. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He said that several influential gentlemen,——?—Members of our joint committee.

27,772. Thought you ought to pay the whole?—Thought I ought to pay the whole.

27,773. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose you demurred to that?—My answer to that was, what I should give again if the proposal were made to me, "I have "great respect and regard for you, Mr. Bainton; I "always have had. At the same time I cannot help "expressing my surprise that you undertook to bring "such a message to me. You can expect me to give "but one answer, and that answer of course I give. I "decline, as I believe the expenditure was for both."

27,774. At that time had Mr. Bainton told you the amount?—Yes, I think so.

27,775. What amount did Mr. Bainton mention?—That I really cannot say.

27,776. About what?—My half was 535*l.* and odd shillings.

27,777. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then it would be about 1,070*l.*?—I think so.

27,778. (*Mr. Barstow.*) 535*l.* was your half?—I think so, and some odd shillings; but I am not sure.

27,779. The gross amount was over 1,000*l.*?—Yes.

27,780. Was anything mentioned as to the mode in

which the money had been expended?—No mention at all.

27,781. What did Mr. Bainton do when you declined to pay the whole of the expenses?—Mr. Bainton said he was sorry to have been the bearer of such a message, but acting only as an agent he was obliged to do so.

27,782. I suppose upon your refusal some negotiation must have taken place with your colleague?—I am not aware of it; I do not know. I paid my half.

27,783. At that time?—At that time; yes.

27,784. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you not see Sir Henry?—No.

27,785. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Nor send him any message?—No.

27,786. That sum of 535*l.* was exclusive of the sum you mentioned as being paid for the election expenses through your agent?—Yes.

27,787. Is that the whole amount that you paid with reference to this election?—Those two sums. There is one other circumstance which you may regard as connected with the election, but which I really do not consider to be connected with it; still I think it my duty to tell you fairly what it is. I do not myself, and I never did regard it as an affair connected with the election. It so happened that for some years previous to the election I had been on friendly terms with Mr. Daniel Boyes, who is a great friend of a mutual friend, Lord Londesborough. I had constantly met him, and he had on several occasions (I cannot say where or when) certainly impressed me with the idea that a prosecution which was instituted by the Conservative party had nearly ruined him. That was my impression; and I had, as I now have, a very friendly feeling towards Mr. Boyes. Well, about three weeks before the election (before Mr. Keane came into the town), one evening when we were at the "Beverley Arms," it was before dinner, but it was rather late in the evening, Sir Henry Edwards came in and said to me that he had had a conversation with Mr. Daniel Boyes, which he thought might be of service in our election; and Mr. Daniel Boyes had stated to him that provided a certain sum of money was forthcoming from us he would guarantee that there should be no contest, and that we should come in comparatively for very little money.

27,788. Sir Henry Edwards told you that?—Yes. Sir Henry Edwards said to me on that occasion that he thought it would be politic on our part, and I at once agreed to it, always thinking in my own mind (though that is not a matter of which you will take cognizance) that our party, the Conservative party, had acted rather unfairly to Daniel Boyes in the prosecution. The sum of 500*l.*, I think, as well as I remember, was mentioned between Sir Henry Edwards and me as being sufficient. About a week after that Mr. Keane came into the town. There was a contest, as you know, an expensive contest. Mr. Boyes's own sons voted against us. Though Mr. Boyes has always been friendly personally towards myself, I could not expect him to give me his support. Some months after this election Sir Henry Edwards came to me in London, and said, "There was a certain understanding, "which Boyes has violated in every condition. There "was a contest, and his own family voted against us, "and there can be no more claim upon us for this sum." My answer to him was that I thought he (Boyes) was perfectly right himself. I did not enter into my reasons, but I thought he had been unfairly, and in some degree harshly treated. I said, "I do not wish to "influence you, Sir Henry, but I shall give him what I "believe he understood I should." Then Sir Henry "said, Of course if you do, I shall." I sent him 250*l.*, and I believe Sir Henry did, but I am not aware.

27,789. Mr. Boyes was not a voter at this time?—Mr. Boyes had no vote himself. He was disqualified.

27,790. The sum that you have just mentioned, 535*l.*, and the 381*l.* are all that you have paid for the election?—I think so, as well as I remember; entirely.

27,791. If there is any other sum, perhaps it is some small one?—Yes, which has escaped my memory.

27,792. What prosecution was this that you speak of?—It was long before I was connected with Beverley. There was some prosecution, of what nature I really do not know. It was long before my time.

27,793. Arising out of the election petition of 1859?—Possibly. I think it was the trial in which Mr. Daniel Boyes was disfranchised.

27,794. He was convicted at York, but never sentenced. Are you aware that that trial was by the order of the House of Commons?—No, I am not.

27,795. The Conservative party had nothing to do with it. It was by order of a committee of the House of Commons?—I am not aware of it.

27,796. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I understand that, in answer to the question with regard to Mr. Barkworth, you said you had not heard of Mr. Matthews' name being introduced before you read it in the published account of our proceedings?—Never.

27,797. Do I understand you to say that with that exception you confirm Mr. Barkworth's statement?—There is another statement which I never heard or dreamt of till I read it in the evidence yesterday morning; that is, that Mr. Egerton had given a cheque. I imagined it to be Captain Egerton, who lives near Market Weighton, who is a great friend of mine personally, but who is about the last person in the world I should ask such a thing of.

27,798. Mr. Barkworth's statement is that you introduced him to Mr. Egerton in your room?—I introduced Mr. Egerton.

27,799. Is that room in your house?—In the "Beverley Arms."

27,800. That was so. You did introduce him?—I introduced him.

27,801. Do you know anything about his going into another room and borrowing a cheque?—Not the slightest.

27,802. This 535*l.* that you have spoken of, did it include the sum that you repaid to Mr. Barkworth, or to Mr. Barkworth's bank?—I know nothing about that sum.

27,803. Let me bring it before you. Mr. Barkworth's statement, correct or otherwise, is this: he says that after you introduced Mr. Egerton to him he obtained from Mr. Egerton a cheque for 500*l.*, in an envelope; also that he gave his promissory note in return. Then he says that that sum was paid nine months afterwards by Mr. Sykes's own cheque?—I imagine that to be the 500*l.*

27,804. That is what I want to know?—I have no knowledge of anything beyond this cheque of the 30th April 1866 of 535*l.*

27,805. When did you first become acquainted with the transaction between Mr. Barkworth and Mr. Egerton?—Yesterday morning, on Lord Londesborough's coach; he is Mr. Egerton's brother-in-law, and he expressed still greater surprise than myself that Captain Egerton's name had ever been mentioned.

27,806. You never heard of it till yesterday?—I never heard of it till yesterday morning on the coach going to the Doncaster races.

27,807. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Of course, as a member of the House of Commons, you know that if you pay money that has been illegally expended, by Act of Parliament that is bribery?—Yes.

27,808. Of course at that time you must have known that the money had been improperly expended?—Yes, after the sum was presented, no doubt.

27,809. I suppose, like other men, you preferred to do an illegal act rather than allow any one who has advanced money for you to be at a loss?—I should think so.

27,810. I believe you paid something with regard to the *quo warranto?* Did they not call upon you for the expenses of the legal proceedings with regard to the municipal election?—Yes, I believe so.

27,811. You paid half?—I believe so.

27,812. I am sorry to ask you another question, but it is not from any motive of curiosity. Did you

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become a shareholder in this concern, the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company?—Yes, I did.

27,813. Was that before you were solicited to stand as a candidate for Beverley?—No.

27,814. Was it when you announced yourself?—When the conversation took place which led to it.

27,815. About your standing?—Yes.

27,816. Was it at all suggested to you that it would be desirable that you should become a shareholder?—Most desirable.

27,817. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That was early in 1865?—I think it was in the spring of 1865.

27,818. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was that by Sir Henry Edwards?—By Sir Henry Edwards himself.

27,819. Have you ever seen anything of Mr. Wreghitt?—Constantly; and I am glad to take this opportunity of expressing, before as many of the town as I see present, that I have great respect and regard for Mr. Wreghitt, very great. He has occupied towards me a very difficult post.

27,820. I do not suppose it was made a condition that you should subscribe in becoming a candidate?—Not absolutely.

27,821. It was not made an absolute condition, a *sine quâ non*, but it was suggested to you. May I inquire how many shares you took?—Twenty shares.

27,822. Then you invested 2,000*l.*?—The amount was not all called up.

27,823. How much did you invest?—1,400*l.*, I think.

27,824. Are you a shareholder now?—I have ceased to be a shareholder.

27,825. When did you cease to be a shareholder?—A few months after I ceased to be member for Beverley.

27,826. Did you lose by that transaction?—Yes.

27,827. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At the time you were member for Beverley, were you in the habit of confiding sums of money to Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes, I was.

27,828. For what purpose did you confide them to him?—I never knew at all.

27,829. How did it come that you left money with Mr. Wreghitt?—I was told that it had been the custom, and I was glad to follow it.

27,830. Who told you that it was the custom?—Sir Henry Edwards.

27,831. Can you tell us how much on the whole you left with Mr. Wreghitt?—I cannot give you any idea of the whole.

27,832. How much a year?—I think on an average about 50*l.* a year.

27,833. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In addition to these sums?—Yes.

27,834. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you take any account from Mr. Wreghitt as to how the money was spent?—No, I did not.

27,835. What was your understanding of what was done with the money?—My understanding was that there were many poor people in Beverley who were constantly to a certain degree requiring charity, and that it might involve a great deal of trouble, constant letters backwards and forwards between my colleague and myself, and that by placing the money in Wreghitt's hands they were disposed of. I will not say entirely for charitable purposes, but very greatly for charitable purposes.

27,836. Did you ever ask any account from him?—No, I never did.

27,837. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You were not a candidate at the last election?—I was not.

27,838. Did Sir Henry Edwards mention any other persons who had so deposited money with Mr. Wreghitt?—I am not aware.

27,839. Did he say he had done so himself?—I understood that, certainly, but I am not aware of it.

The witness withdrew.

J. Halden.

JOSEPH HALDEN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

27,840. Are you a voter of Beverley?—No.

27,841. Where do you live?—At 84, Clarendon Street, Hull.

27,842. What are you?—A brush manufacturer, drysalter, &c.

27,843. Did you come over here to the election in 1857?—I suppose I should. Yes.

27,844. Did you come over with Mr. Wilde and Padget?—Yes.

27,845. Were you present at the breakfast that Padget spoke about?—No.

27,846. You were not present at the breakfast when 25 persons sat down, and found money under their cups?—I was not.

27,847. Had you anything to do with that transaction?—Nothing whatever.

27,848. When did you hear of it first?—I heard of it some time after the election.

27,849. What did you come from Hull for?—Mr. Wilde met me the day before, and said he was coming over to Beverley to see how they were going on. I said, "Then I will take a seat with you," and he said, "Very well."

27,850. Then you came merely for pleasure?—Merely for pleasure.

27,851. That story does not agree with Mr. Padget's?—I do not know what Mr. Padget can say about it.

27,852. Did you go to the "Holderness Hotel" in Beverley?—Yes, of course. We put up our horse at the "Holderness Hotel."

27,853. How long did you stay at the "Holderness Hotel"?—Perhaps half-an-hour, or longer, perhaps; not much. The breakfast did not take place then. There was no breakfast or tea there.

27,854. You were not at the breakfast?—I was not at the breakfast.

27,855. You know about Mr. Wilde getting the cheque, do you not?—He said he got a cheque.

27,856. Did he show it to you?—He showed me a piece of paper.

27,857. Looking uncommonly like a cheque?—I believe it was a cheque.

27,858. Then would it not be shorter to say at once that it was a cheque?—Yes, I should say it was a cheque.

27,859. Where did he tell you he had got it from?—He did not tell me who gave it to him. He told me he got it from Mr. Boyes's house.

27,860. Which Boyes is that?—Daniel Boyes, the public-house in Beverley.

27,861. Did he tell you what he was going to do with it?—He did not say, but I imagined; I made myself sure it was for the purposes of the election.

27,862. For what purpose; to pay the out-voters, or something of that kind?—The Hull voters.

27,863. Did you not see Boyes afterwards at Hull?—I never saw him afterwards. I do not think I have seen him since. I should not know Mr. Boyes if I was to meet him in Beverley streets.

27,864. That was the election, if I understand it, when Major Edwards and Mr. Wells were up?—I am sure I would not swear what election it was. I believe it was the first time that Edwards came to Beverley.

27,865. Do you know of any persons who were paid with the money?—Yes, I know one.

27,866. Who was that?—Padget; he told me that he got 30*s.* I do not know any more. There were between 20 and 30 people at that breakfast, but who they were I do not know.

27,867. Did you see them?—I was not there; I did not see them.

27,868. How do you know there were 20 or 30?—Mr. Wilde told me so afterwards.

27,869. Did you go with Wilde when he got the cheque cashed?—No, I did not. He asked me if I would cash the cheque. I said I would have nothing

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at all to do with it. I said, "Go to your banker, he will do it." Who cashed it I do not know.

27,870. You know that they were Hull men who were paid with the money?—They were Beverley freemen, but residing in Hull; there is no question about that.

27,871. Have you any idea how many there were?—About 20 or 30.

27,872. As many as that?—Yes.

27,873. What was the amount of the cheque?—I do not know; he told me 20*l.*, but it must have been more.

27,874. That would be only 1*l.* each?—Padget tells me that he received 30*s.*; that is my impression.

27,875. If it was 30*s.* each the cheque must have been over 20*l.*?—Yes, he must have made a mistake, or I must have forgotten, or he must have had another draw, to have paid that money; one or the other. My impression is that he told me it was 20*l.*, and that he paid the men 1*l.* each and gave them their breakfast.

27,876. Have you any reason to think that he got a second cheque?—No, I have not.

27,877. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This was a considerable time after the election, was it not?—That he told me he had paid 1*l.*? he told me that after the election.

27,878. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The breakfast was on the day of the election, was it not?—Yes, we went over to Beverley in the morning in time to poll.

27,879. When was it that Wilde got the cheque?—It would be some time before the election, but I cannot tell you the day.

27,880. I thought he got the cheque after the election?—Before the election.

27,881. I think Padget said he got it after the election?—Before the election.

27,882, Was it before the election that he asked you to cash the cheque?—Before the election he asked me to cash the cheque.

27,883. Some days?—It was two or three days after he got it; he asked me before the election.

27,884. Some days?—Say some time.

27,885. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember stopping on the road on your way?—Yes.

27,886. It was then that Wilde showed you the cheque?—Yes.

27,887. Do you remember what amount it was made out for?—I do not; he told me 20*l.*; I did not read a word of it.

27,888. It must have been more?—I believe Padget said it was more, but that is my impression.

27,889. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you mean on the road to Beverley?—On the road from Beverley to Hull.

27,890. After the election?—No, after receiving the cheque; he received the cheque in Boyes's house, and went over to Hull immediately.

27,891. He received the cheque in Boyes's house? Yes; no doubt.

27,892. Some time before the election?—Yes.

27,893. Some days?—Yes; we went home that evening, and on the road home from Beverley to Hull he shows this cheque, or piece of paper which I suppose was the cheque.

27,894. That was all before the election?—All before the election.

27,895. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you quite sure it was 20*l.*?—That is my impression.

27,896. You are not sure?—Padget said it was more; that is my impression.

27,897. Padget's evidence was this: "Mr. Halden told me this morning that the cheque received by Wilde was for 50*l.*?"—He is mistaken; he called at my house to refresh his memory about certain things.

27,898. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you quite sure of the date; that it was at Edwards's first election?—I only go by this: In going through the town I heard many people say, "What do you think of "Edwards?" And they replied, "Well I haven't seen "him." "Oh! you will like him when you have seen "him, he is a good fellow; he is a 'horsey man,' a "hunter, or something of that kind." That is the reason why I suppose it was the first time of his coming to Beverley.

27,899. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You never saw what was on the cheque; you just saw the paper?—I saw the paper, but I did not read a word of it.

27,900. Did you know whether there were two cheques?—No, I did not; I only conjectured it.

27,901. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you go with Wilde to Boyes's house?—I will tell you how we went. We drove over from Hull; we put Wilde down at Boyes's house, and drove to the "Holderness;" we left our horse at the "Holderness Hotel," went about the town, and called for Wilde; we picked him up at Daniel Boyes's again.

27,902. You left him at Daniel Boyes's?—Yes.

27,903. And afterwards you picked him up there?—Yes; we said, "Are you ready to go home?" He says, "Yes, I am;" but he bothered about a deal, and then he said, "I am not ready; I have not got it."

27,904. This was all at Daniel Boyes's?—At Daniel Boyes's house this conversation took place, or rather in his passage, which is the same thing.

27,905. He told you he was not quite ready?—Yes; we had waited perhaps three quarters of an hour, and we were getting out of patience. "What are you "waiting for?" we said; and he said, "I have not "got it yet." I presume that it was the money that he had come for. That was the first time I fancied that he had come for money.

27,906. Did you see Daniel Boyes at all?—Yes, I did in the house.

27,907. You saw him, I suppose, in conversation with Wilde?—Yes, he was talking to Wilde.

27,908. Perhaps you saw the cheque pass to Wilde?—No, I did not.

27,909, Who was Wilde's banker; to whom you told him to go to get the cheque cashed?—I believe he banked at the Hull Banking Company.

27,910. Do you know whether he got it cashed there?—I do not know. I advised him to go there.

27,911. Have you anything more to tell us?—Nothing more.

SAMUEL WALLIS called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

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27,912. Are you a freeman of the borough of Beverley?—I am.

27,913. How long have you been a freeman?—I was bred and born in Beverley.

27,914. When did you take out your freedom?—I got a travelling situation, and was many years away from Beverley, and I could not come to vote.

27,915. When did you vote?—For Glover.

27,916. The first time Glover was up?—I believe it was the election he was disqualified, because he had not the means.

27,917. That was in 1857. Did you vote for any one else?—No, single Glover.

27,918. Did you get any money for your travelling expenses?—Yes.

27,919. How much?—10*s.* he ordered me.

27,920. The next time would be Edwards and Wells; did you vote then?—I voted single Colonel Edwards.

27,921. How much did you get?—Nutchey paid me 2*l.*

27,922. Did you vote in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes.

27,923. How much did you get?—Now we are coming to the struggle.

27,924. How much did you get?—2*l.*

27,925. From whom?—Dan. Boyes.

27,926. In 1860, there was Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Gridley.

27,927. How much did you get?—Old Padget came

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and asked me what money I wanted. I says, "You know I'm a regular out-and-out Conservative." He says, "We want Gridley." He put me down at 12 o'clock at night 12*s.*

27,928. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Padget gave it you?—Padget.

27,929. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In 1865 there was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, for whom did you vote?—I voted for my old friend Christopher Sykes.

27,930. And what did you get?—Mr. Oxley's dead——

27,931. What were you promised?—I should get the same as other men; but the man is dead, and you can't get anything out of a dead man.

27,932. He promised you you should get as much as the others?—Yes.

27,933. Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope, the election of 1868; did you vote at that election?—Yes.

27,934. For whom?—I came from Hull to Beverley. I voted Kennard and my old friend Colonel Edwards, and I never got a penny; I paid my own expenses.

27,935. Were you at the breakfast in Hull?—No.

The witness withdrew.

D. Morley.

DAVID MORLEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

27,936. What are you?—I am out of business at present.

27,937. Used you to keep a public-house?—Yes, the "King's Head."

27,938. When did you give it up?—About three years ago.

27,939. How long did you keep it?—About 32 years.

27,940. Are you a freeman?—No.

27,941. You have been a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

27,942. Now do you remember the election in which Denison, Wells, and Glover were candidates?—Yes.

27,943. Did you get anything then?—Glover stopped at our house a night or two.

27,944. You had a bill against him; he paid you?—I believe he paid his own bill; I think he paid it before he went away. It was only a small account.

27,945. Was there anything besides his own account?—No.

27,946. You voted for him, I suppose?—I did the first time he came, but he got away again before he stood to poll the next time.

27,947. Did you get anything for your vote the first time?—Never got a penny in my life.

27,948. You are quite sure of that?—Oh, yes.

27,949. The next election was between Edwards and Wells; whom did you vote for?—Colonel Edwards. I voted for him every time he came here, the first time and every time since.

27,950. You had a bill at your house?—Yes, there was a small bill.

27,951. How much was that?—16*l.* or 17*l.*

27,952. What was your bill for?—Why, it was for money that I paid for men to go to vote, I think.

27,953. Was any of it for treating?—Not a penny. I took every man up and got him to poll, and I took him to my house and paid him.

27,954. How many men did you pay?—I do not know; I think some eight or nine.

27,955. Who were they?—I am sure I don't know.

27,956. None of them?—They was out of town men, I think; Ticton and Hull Bridge men, about there.

27,957. Do you know their names?—I do not, indeed. I went to see them all polled, and then I took and paid them. I think there was one man, a Beverley man, I knew.

27,958. Were they men whom you knew?—No, I did not know nothing about them particularly.

27,959. Who was the Beverley man?—He is a publican, I think.

27,960. Bielby?—No.

27,961. Who paid you this 16*l.* or 17*l.*?—A man by the name of Nathaniel Kemplay, I believe.

27,962. Is that all the money that passed through your hands at Edwards's election?—I think it is.

27,963. This 16*l.* or 17*l.*?—Yes.

27,964. The next was Walters, Edwards, and Walker. Do you remember that?—Yes.

27,965. Had you anything to do with the election?—I voted, but I had nothing to do with any money accounts.

27,966. They paid you a bill for your house?—They was not at my house. They was at my son's.

27,967. But they paid you something?—I think not.

27,968. Did not they pay you anything for any account?—Yes, they might pay me.

27,969. You were paid in April following. That election was in August?—It would be the last bill that Kemplay paid me.

27,970. You remember Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Very well.

27,971. Were not you paid something then on behalf of the major and Mr. Walker?—Very like I might. I think I was.

27,972. McCoy would pay you something?—That I cannot say positively; I really cannot.

27,973. Do not you remember; it is not so long ago?—I recollect about it very well, but whether I had a bill or no I am sure I do not know.

27,974. Do you remember whether it was McCoy or Kemplay who paid you?—No; it was Kemplay that paid me before this last time.

27,975. Then McCoy paid you this time?—I have had nothing since. I have been out of business.

27,976. But you were in business till three years ago?—I left about three years ago, and I had nothing to do with the election before. I would not trust a man a glass of ale.

27,977. Do you remember about how much you were paid in Walters's election?—I am sure I don't know.

27,978. Do you remember Gridley's election?—Yes.

27,979. Did you get anything after the election, then for your house?—No, I had nothing to do with them.

27,980. But I mean from Mr. Walker?—I voted for Walker, but I had no bill.

27,981. You had no bill at all?—Not a penny.

27,982. No bill for cabs or conveyances?—I do not think they had any; I used to find them cabs sometimes.

27,983. You had nothing at all?—I think not.

27,984. Edwards and Sykes, 1865, had you anything?—No, nothing at all.

27,985. Had you anything last year?—No. You know I was out of business. Edwards and Sykes was the last election I was there.

27,986. And you had nothing then?—I think not.

27,987. Did you find carriages?—I am sure I don't know.

27,988. I think we have heard about you finding conveyances?—I might find a carriage or two, but I am sure I don't know.

27,989. Had you anything for treating then?—No.

27,990. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you ever send in a bill to Messrs. Bainton and England for money that you paid on account of Glover?—Yes, but that was at this election I am speaking of, in 1867.

27,991. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When did you send it in?—1867. That was that bill for 17*l.* This was all money that I paid, every shilling of it. Mr. Bainton paid me again. Some time ago his bill went in to him. Kemplay paid me for it. He came and paid the bills.

27,992. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) But did not you

send in a bill to Bainton and England for money that Glover owed you ?—No, never ; I think not.

27,993. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was the bill that you sent in to Bainton and England ?—It was somewhere about 16*l.* or 17*l.*

27,994. When did you send it in ?—It would be 1867 election, would not it ?

27,995. 1857 ?—No, 1867 ; no, 1865 would it be ?

27,996. Was it when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up ? Which do you mean ? Who was up at that election ?—Sykes and Edwards and Keane.

27,997. You sent in a bill. How much was that bill ?—I think about 17*l.* It went in to Mr. Bainton.

27,998. You sent it in soon after the election ?—Yes.

27,999. What did you charge for in the bill ?—Nothing but money I had paid out of my own pocket for to get men to vote.

28,000. How did you pay that money ?—Perhaps in 30*s.* or 2*l.*

28,001. To different voters ?—To voters.

28,002. But when you sent in the bill you did not send it in that form ?—I put on it nothing more than I paid. I took up every voter to vote before I paid him.

28,003. I am quite sure of that, but what did you mention ? You wrote the bill, did not you ?—I dare say.

28,004. What did you charge ?—I charged not a penny more than I paid away. I put it down on a scrip of paper.

28,005. Did you say "So much money paid" ?—I put every man's name down on a scrip of paper, and what I paid him.

28,006. And you sent that to Mr. Bainton in 1865 ?—In 1865, I believe it was.

28,007. And Kemplay came and paid you that money afterwards ?—Yes, some time after.

28,008. Are you sure that that was when Sykes and Edwards were up ?—Yes.

28,009. Are you sure that it was not the first time that Mr. Edwards came ?—Oh, no.

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28,010. Because you told us that when Edwards came the first time you had a bill for 16*l.* or 17*l.* ?—No, I could not. I voted for him the first time, and have done every time since. It was the last bill that I had against him.

28,011. You had 16*l.* or 17*l.*, and you paid it to men from Ticton and Hull Bridge ; was that when Major Edwards first came ?—No ; the last election but one.

28,012. The Edwards, Sykes, and Keane election ?—I believe so.

28,013. And that bill you sent in to Mr. Bainton ? Yes.

28,014. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you send in any bill in Major Edwards' first election, Edwards and Wells ?—Oh, I should think so.

28,015. What was that for—Perhaps for refreshments in different ways, but it was not much, I know.

28,016. Not much ?—Very trifling.

28,017. Was it for paying voters, or not ?—It may be for carriages. We generally used to find a carriage or two to fetch voters and such like. I do not know that we had anything else.

28,018. Did you pay any men from Ticton and Hull Bridge in Edwards and Wells's election ?—I never paid a penny but that time.

28,019. Did you pay this 16*l.* or 17*l.* out of your own pocket first ?—Yes.

28,020. And then Kemplay repaid you ?—I took the bill in to Mr. Bainton, and it was paid some time afterwards.

28,021. You took the bill yourself ?—Yes.

28,022. How soon after the election did you take the bill to Mr. Bainton ?—A week after, perhaps.

SAMUEL BIELBY called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

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28,023. You keep an inn or public-house ?—Yes.

28,024. What is the name of it ?—The "Sloop Inn."

28,025. At Beckside ?—Yes.

28,026. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

28,027. How many years have you been a freeman ?—Since 1852.

28,028. Have you voted in all the elections since then ?—No.

28,029. Did you vote at the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells in 1857 ?—I think I did.

28,030. Do you know whom you voted for ?—I think I voted for Denison and Glover. I believe so ; I would not be sure.

28,031. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing.

28,032. That you remember distinctly ?—Yes.

28,033. Neither before nor after the election ?—No.

28,034. When Major Edwards first came here, shortly afterwards, did you vote then ? You know when he put up against Wells ?—Yes ; I voted for Edwards. I got nothing.

28,035. That you swear ?—To the best of my recollection, I do not remember getting a farthing.

28,036. Do you mean you have received it so often, you do not remember when you received it ?—No ; I never received it very often. I can remember when I received it.

28,037. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, 1859 ; did you get anything that time ?—I voted for Walters.

28,038. What did you get ?—2*l.*

28,039. Who gave it you ?—I got it at the Reform Association Rooms. I believe Taylor gave it to me, but I would not be positive ; but I got it there.

28,040. Walker and Gridley's ; did you vote then ?—Yes, for Gridley.

28,041. What did you get ?—Nothing.

28,042. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did anybody offer you anything ?—No.

28,043. Were not you looking about for anything ?—No.

28,044. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How was it you got nothing at that time ?—I do not know, I am sure. I did not get anything ; I know that.

28,045. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I did not vote.

28,046. Why did not you vote ?—Well, I thought I would not vote.

28,047. You were here ?—Yes, I was here.

28,048. Did anybody offer you anything ?—No.

28,049. Who came canvassing you at that election of 1865 (Edwards and Sykes) ?—I think both Mr. Edwards and Mr. Sykes too, and Mr. Keane as well ; and I never promised none of the party.

28,050. You knew very well that money was going freely at that election ?—Yes, I heard tell of money going, but I never got any. I did not vote.

28,051. Did you vote at this last council choosing ?—Yes.

28,052. What did you get for your vote then ?—Nothing.

28,053. What time in the day did you vote ?—I should think I should vote about 10 o'clock. I do not know exactly ; some time in the morning ; about 10 or 11 o'clock.

28,054. And you say that you got nothing for your vote ?—Nothing.

28,055. At the council choosing ?—Nothing.

28,056. Now look what you have told me. You told me you got money for your vote more than once ?—Yes, twice.

28,057. When was the other time ?—I got it for Lawley and Wells, in 1852.

28,058. What did you get then ?—3*l.*

28,059. Whom did you vote for ?—Lawley and Wells.

28,060. And you got 3*l.* ?—Yes.

28,061. Do you mean to say those are the only two occasions on which you were paid for your borough

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vote?—Yes; I never got anything that I know of any other time.

28,062. None that you know of?—No.

28,063. You gave money to different people?—No, only to one; and that was at the last municipal.

28,064. Oh, come, think?—That was given into my hands; just merely handed to me to hand to the party that got it.

28,065. Did not you give money to people at the borough election?—No.

28,066. Never?—Never any money passed through my hands to anyone.

28,067. What was the payment at council choosing?—1*l.* to a man the name of Lovell, and Mr. Bentley, in Dickinson's shop, gave it to me. I was in his shop at the time, and he handed me the 1*l.* to give to Lovell to vote. That was the only money I had anything to do with.

28,068. What is Lovell's Christian name?—I believe William. I would not be sure.

28,069. Where does he live?—Somewhere in Lairgate, I think. James William, I think it is.

28,070. Well, I think that at the elections there have been refreshments?—Only twice, and once I never got paid for it. I ain't paid yet.

28,071. Which was the first time?—Keane's election.

28,072. You sent in a bill?—Yes.

28,073. Do you know how much it was?—1*l.* 8*s.* for cheese and bread and ale when they were canvassing. I believe Mr. Keane and his brother was in the house at the time it was got.

28,074. Where did you send in that bill?—I believe Mr. Hind's clerk fetched it; he came down and called for it.

28,075. Were not voters allowed to drink at your house?—No, this was for the men that was canvassing, cheese and bread.

28,076. Besides that was not there something drank at your house?—At the municipal election there was 1*l.* I believe Park said he paid 1*l.* 10*s.*, but he made a mistake, it was 1*l.*

28,077. Which election was that?—The last municipal.

28,078. Was not there drinking at your house in 1865?—I think not.

28,079. Just think now?—I cannot remember.

28,080. 1865 is not so long ago. There was drinking at your house at the candidate's expense?—I fancy not.

28,081. Did not you send in any bill?—No.

28,082. Nor make any charge?—No bill, only for refreshments.

28,083. Perhaps not a bill, but you made a charge for refreshments?—No, never but that time I told you.

28,084. Did not Mr. Lowther ever pay you a bill?—Never in his life.

28,085. Have not you ever got money from Lowther?—Only in his own trade. At our end, where I live, the merchants give them a pint of ale for every ton that goes out of his yard.

28,086. What yard?—Coal yard. Anyone that goes for a ton of coal always gets a pint of ale allowed. That is the only bill he has paid me.

28,087. What are you?—I am a fitter by trade.

28,088. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where do you work now?—Nowhere.

28,089. Do you keep this public-house still?—Yes.

28,090. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How was it you did not vote in 1865?—I am sure I do not know. I was not forced to vote.

28,091. That is true, but you knew money was going?—Yes.

28,092. And you asked for some, I think?—No, I did not.

28,093. I do not mean asking in so many words?—No. There is two elections I did not vote. I did not vote at Gordon's election.

28,094. You received monies before, and you knew money was going. Give me a reason?—The only time I received money I have told you.

28,095. But why did not you vote in 1865?—At Keane's election?

28,096. Yes?—I do not know I am am sure. I do not know what was the reason I did not vote.

28,097. Can you give me any reason?—I think I cannot.

28,098. I think you could if you liked give me a sufficient reason?—Why, I was not forced to vote for neither party, so I thought I should do neither party any harm nor good neither.

28,099. Why did not you sue for your bill if it was an honest transaction? It is very easy to raise such imputations against men. Why did not you county court them?—I am sure I do not know what was the reason. I have thought that I would do it ever so often, but of course I didn't. I didn't know who to sue for it, but I knew there was two or three publicans in the town that had got paid, and my wife was up to town once, and asked Mr. Hind for it, and he said he could not pay it. A clerk of his fetched it from our house. I believe a son of Greenhough's.

28,100. How did you know Bentley?—I knew him from being a boy. I served my time when he was at the foundry.

28,101. You worked at the foundry?—Yes.

28,102. When?—I think about nine or ten years last April since I left. When I left I left through ill health.

28,103. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were called yesterday, where were you?—I was out of town. I attended here every day. I live at the other end of the town, and I didn't get up on Tuesday night. I was here the first part of the day. I was not at home yesterday, and I didn't know I had been called upon. I was here the first thing this morning.

28,104. You were called just now?—Yes, I went to my dinner. I got back as soon as I could. It is a long way to the other end of the town.

28,105. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a licensed victualler?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Botham.

JOHN BOTHAM sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

28,106. Are you a voter for this borough?—I vote at elections.

28,107. How long have you voted at elections?—I do not know exactly.

28,108. Tell us about?—Nine or ten years.

28,109. Do you recollect when Sir Henry Edwards first came here?—Yes.

28,110. Did you vote at that election?—I do not know; I think not.

28,111. Just recollect whether you did or not?—I am sure I do not know whether I voted for Edwards; I forget; I have such a bad memory.

28,112. That is an epidemic, bad memory, in Beverley, is it not?—I cannot tell whether I did or not.

28,113. Was your house open?—Yes.

28,114. Do you recollect the amount of your bill in 1857?—I never had a bill, I think.

28,115. What did you receive?—They went and had drink; I cannot say what was paid.

28,116. You were paid after the election?—They sent me a sovereign or two now and then; it may be I was paid that way.

28,117. After the election of 1857 you had an account against some people, and they paid it?—I think not.

28,118. Have you no recollection of it?—No.

28,119. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You must come here to-morrow when your memory will be a little refreshed, and you can tell us more?—I do not know that I shall know more.

28,120. Have you it in your book?—No.

28,121. Who receives the money; is it sometimes the missis?—She do sometimes, but I cannot recollect that.

28,122. Do you recollect the election of 1859?—No, I am sure I do not know what election it was.

28,123. I will tell you whose election it was; it was Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—I voted once for Walters, and that was all the time I ever did vote.

28,124. You voted once for Walters?—No, I was wrong there.

28,125. Set yourself right; for whom did you vote?—I voted for Walters once, and I got 2*l.*; and that was the only money I ever received for voting.

28,126. You got 2*l.* for voting for Walters in 1859?—Yes.

28,127. You plumped for Sir Henry Edwards in '57?—Yes.

28,128. What did you get for that?—Nothing.

28,129. Did you pay any money or receive any money after that election?—No, I do not know that I did.

28,130. You would know; did you receive any money after the election?—I think not.

28,131. In 1857?—I think not.

28,132. Why do you think not?—I cannot recollect that I did.

28,133. I will not trouble you further about that; you received money for Walters; who paid you?—I cannot tell you what man it was, but I got paid in the Association Room.

28,134. You came down with the crowd to be paid there?—Yes, I cannot tell you who it was.

28,135. In 1860, Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—I do not know, or whether I voted or not, for I did not vote sometimes; I cannot tell.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien directed the Secretary to refer to the poll book, whereupon the Commissioners were informed the witness had plumped for Walker in 1860.

28,136. You voted for Walker?—I told you I could not say.

28,137. What did you get?—Nothing; I never got anything for voting but once.

28,138. Did any money pass through your hands afterwards?—No.

28,139. Was any bill paid?—Only once.

28,140. Are you sure of that?—Not at Edwards' election.

28,141. At what election was a bill paid?—I got some money from Mr. Edwards' party, a debt Mr. Glover left.

28,142. Glover left a bill unpaid, did he?—Yes.

28,143. How much?—Somewhere about 10*l.*

28,144. How was that?—It was got, that, in drink.

28,145. And you sent the bill into England and Bainton, is that it?—No.

28,146. Who paid you the bill?—I had not got a bill; they asked me how much drink there was, and I told them, and I got it.

28,147. Who gave it to you?—A man of the name of Straker.

28,148. Was that before you voted in 1857?—No, I did not get it while this election; before this last; the election before this last election.

28,149. You said there was a bill due to you from Glover, and that Straker paid you 10*l.*?—Yes.

28,150. Was that before 1865?—It was after that election; before this last.

28,151. Was it before you voted?—I did not vote at all, not this election before this last, not for no party.

28,152. Was it after that election of 1865 they paid you the money?—Yes.

28,153. It was a very short time before the election of 1868 that they paid you?—Yes, a short time.

28,154. Have you any account showing when you were paid the 10*l.*?—No, I have no account.

28,155. What year was it in; was it in 1867?—It was some time after the year after the election I got it, or the same year, I can't exactly say. I did not receive it; my wife got it, and I never see it.

28,156. Is your wife living?—Yes.

28,157-8. She will remember the date?—I think it was before 1867.

28,159. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,160. For whom?—For Edwards and Maxwell.

28,161. How is it you did not vote in 1865; can you tell me?—I do not know; I was over late; when I went to vote it was closed, and I was too late.

28,162. You kept yourself open to the last?—Nobody asked me to vote, and I did not.

28,163. Do you know Mr. Wreghitt?—No, I cannot say I do.

28,164. Don't you know Mr. Wreghitt; have you not had conversations and transactions with him?—I think not.

28,165. Do you know Mr. Kemplay?—I think I have seen him.

28,166. Has he ever paid you any money?—I do not recollect that he has.

28,167. Just recollect; has he not paid you money?—I think not.

28,168. You say Straker paid you 9*l.*; is that all the money you received? Did Mr. Bainton ever pay you any money?—He gave me three sovereigns once. He said he would give it me for my trouble.

28,169. What Mr. Bainton is that; do you know his christian name?—It is Mr. Bainton, of Beverley Parks.

28,170. How very difficult it is to get anything out of you; where was it that he paid you the three sovereigns?—At my house.

28,171. When?—At the election before last.

28,172. You really behave very improperly. I asked you if you had received any money; that was in 1865, was it not?—Yes, I think it was.

28,173. Was it before the election?—Yes.

28,174. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think you had better come here to-morrow, and we shall then have an opportunity of asking you some questions after your wife has been heard.

28,175. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You must brush up your memory in the meantime.

28,176. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What is your wife's Christian name?—Mary; we may make it up; we will look at books.

28,177. How soon before the election was it you received the three sovereigns from Mr. Bainton?—It would be two days.

28,178. Two days before the election?—Yes, I think so.

28,179. Did you receive any money after the election?—Yes.

28,180. How much?—7*l.* 10*s.*, I think.

28,181. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I really am astounded that at this part of the inquiry witnesses should so behave. They are sworn to tell the whole truth, and yet they keep back the most important parts.

28,182. What did you do with the 7*l.* 10*s.*?—I think I paid some debts.

28,183. What did you do with it?—It was to pay the brewer's bill, and sich like.

28,184. Did you get the 7*l.* 10*s.* for yourself?—Yes, for the breakfast.

28,185. Oh, there was a breakfast, was there?—Yes.

28,186. Was that before the election?—Yes.

28,187. And this was paid for the breakfast?—Yes.

28,188. Well, you could not forget that, you know, a good breakfast; what day was the breakfast, was it the day before the election?—Yes.

28,189. Was this all the money you received?—It was all but what Mr. Bainton gave me.

28,190. What did he give you?—3*l.*

28,191. 3*l.* and 7*l.* is 10*l.*, is that all the money you received?—Yes.

28,192. Do you recollect the council choosing in 1868?—I had nothing to do with it.

28,193. Are you a freeman?—No.

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28,194. Who gave you the 7*l.* 10*s.* ?—Mr. Straker.

28,195. When did Straker give you the 10*l.* ?—A few days after the time for the breakfast it was paid. The breakfast took place at Mrs. Clarkson's. I had everything prepared for the breakfast, but at last it was to take place at Mrs. Clarkson's. He came to me and asked me if I had made a bill out; I said no. He threw 10*l.* on the table and said, "Take it out of that."

28,196. You told me he paid you something for Glover's election ?—He did.

28,197. How much ?—10*l.*

28,198. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) If he paid 10*l.* for Glover and 7*l.* 10*s.* for the breakfast that would be 17*l.* 10*s.* altogether ?—Yes, altogether.

28,199. 10*l.* and 7*l.* 10*s.* for yourself ?—Yes.

The witness was ordered to attend at 10 the following morning in company with his wife.

T. Clubley.

THOMAS CLUBLEY sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

28,200. You are a freemen ?—Yes.

28,201. How long have you been a freeman ?—Since about 1864.

28,202. You took up your freedom in 1864 ?—Yes, I think I did.

28,203. Did you vote in Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election; was that the first election you voted at ?—No, it was Lawley and Wells; I voted as a ten pounder.

28,204. Did you vote when Denison, Glover, and Wells were candidates ?—Yes, I believe I did.

28,205. Did you get anything then ?—No.

28,206. Nothing ?—No.

28,206*a*. Of that you are quite sure ?—Quite sure.

28,207. Denison, Glover, and Wells, did you get anything ?—No.

28,208. Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I got 2*l.* for Walters.

28,209. The next was Walker and Gridley ?—I got 2*l.* for Gridley.

28,210. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I got 2*l.* for Keane.

28,211. Did you get anything for the last council choosing ?—No, I never voted. I have not voted for seven years.

28,212. Did you not vote at the last parliamentary election ?—Yes.

28,213. How did you vote ?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

28,214. What time in the day did you vote ?—A quarter to 10.

28,215. Did you get anything ?—No.

28,216. Were you going about the town all the day ?—No, I was part of it.

28,217. Did you see any money paid ?—No, I never seed no one.

28,218. Did you hear of any who were paid ?—I heard that George Hoggard had got 4*l.* for voting for the major.

28,219. Who told you that ?—Some of his workmen he told it to.

28,220. Did he say who gave it him ?—I cannot distinctly tell.

28,221. You did not know personally about it ?—No.

28,222. I dare say you yourself spread the story far and wide ?—No, I have not said a deal about it; I have talked about it.

The witness withdrew.

J. Franks.

JOHN FRANKS sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

28,223. Are you a voter ?—I am an occupier.

28,224. Are you a voter ?—I am a municipal voter.

28,225. Have you not voted for the borough election ?—The last election.

28,226. Did anybody give you anything ?—No, sir.

28,227. Did not anybody give you a sovereign ?—No.

28,228. Not at the municipal either ?—Yes.

28,229. Who gave you the sovereign ?—Robert Thirsk; it was only half-a-sovereign.

28,230. Who did you vote for at the municipal ?—The Conservatives.

28,231. And Robert Thirsk gave you 10*s.* for that ?—He did, sir.

28,232. And whom did you vote for at the parliamentary ?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

28,233. What did Thirsk say the municipal was for ?—For voting for the municipal election.

28,234. And that only ?—He never mentioned anything else.

The witness withdrew.

S. Wilson.

SAMUEL WILSON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

28,235. Are you a freeman ?—Yes, I have been a freeman 38 years; I took my freedom in 1831.

28,236. I will take you shortly through the elections. Do you recollect Towneley's election ?—Yes, very well.

28,237. Did you vote at that election ?—I did.

28,238. What did you get ?—I got 12*l.*, and two 2*s.* tickets.

28,239. In 1857; did you vote at the election in 1857 ?—I have voted ever since I took my freedom.

28,240. In 1857, it was Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—I voted for Denison and Wells.

28,241. What did you get ?—I forget.

28,242. Was it 2*l.* or 3*l.* ?—Yes, 2*l.* or 3*l.* I am not exactly sure, but I should have what was going at the time.

28,243. From whom did you get the money ?—Most likely it would be from John Westerby, he was my master. I have been a messenger for the party all my life.

28,244. Did you pay away much yourself on behalf of Westerby ?—No, I never paid a penny in my life.

28,245. I do not mean of your own ?—No, I never was intrusted with money to pay away.

28,246. Now the second election of 1857, Glover, Edwards, and Wells, who did you vote for ?—Single Wells.

28,247. What did you receive ?—I was paid for running about.

28,248. Running about; how often ?—Oh, many days' service; if you got 30*s.* or 2*l.* you worked very hard for it.

28,249. From whom did you get the money at that time ?—Most likely from John Westerby, he was my master.

28,250. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker and Glover. I suppose you ran a good deal then; for whom did you vote ?—For Walters.

28,251. How much did you get ?—2*l.*

28,252. Did you not get more than 2*l.* ?—No.

28,253. Who did you get it from ?—Robert Taylor.

28,254. Walker and Gridley ?—I voted for Gridley.

28,355. How much ?—2*l.*

28,256. From whom ?—From Robert Taylor.

28,257. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, for whom did you vote then ?—Single Keane.

28,358. How much ?—Somewhere about 2*l.*

28,259. Was it 2*l.* or 3*l.* ?—It was a little over 2*l.*; I do not know exactly how much.

28,260. Who paid you?—John Westerby paid me that.

28,261. Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope?—Maxwell and Trollope.

28,262. How much?—Nothing.

28,263. Were not you running then?—Yes.

28,264. You ran as usual?—Oh, I have to look for that yet.

28,265. You have got to look for it?—Yes.

28,266. From whom have you to look for it?—I do not know.

28,267. By whom were you employed as a runner?—Oh, I set myself on.

28,268. Did you set yourself on, then, at the former elections?—Very generally.

28,269. And they recognized your services?—Yes.

28,270. Which of the party did you tell; did you tell any of the leading men that you had set yourself on?—Well, they knew me, they did not want telling.

28,271. When did you ask for any remuneration, after the election was over?—I never had any occasion to ask for it.

28,272. I mean this last time, you know you have not been paid yet; when did you ask?—I have not asked at all.

28,273. Why not?—Because I knew there was not anything going, not even a gill of ale.

28,274. Then you did not send in a bill to anybody?—No.

28,275. I only want to know why it is a gentleman who receives money at every election down to a certain point did not get it last time; I want to know why did not you get it for that?—Because there was none to get.

28,276. Then for the best of all reasons. Did you ever vote for council choosing?—Yes.

28,277. You were always paid?—No.

28,278. Almost always?—Very seldom.

28,279. About what amount?—Perhaps *5s.*, a mere trifle, the greatest I ever had for it.

28,280. Did you vote for pasture masters?—Yes, I voted for them often.

28,281. For how much?—Very often nothing.

28,282. How much did you get?—I do not think ever more than *3s. 6d.*

28,283. *3s. 6d.* a time?—Yes.

28,284. Did you vote for anything else, for churchwardens?—No, I do not go to church much.

28,285. But have not you voted for churchwardens?—I may have at times, but not often.

28,286. How much?—I never got any pay.

28,287. For poor law guardians have you voted?—Yes.

28,288. How much?—Oh, there is no pay; it is a teetotal thing that.

28,289. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now have you told us all you know about elections?—No, of course not.

28,290. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Well, tell us all you know?—Oh, I could not think of it.

28,291. Tell us all you know?—No, I cannot do that.

28,292. Did any money ever pass through your hands; you told me just now it did not; now be cautious?—It never did; I was never trusted with money to give to any one.

28,293. Be cautious, now; did any money pass through your hands at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes, a good deal.

28,294. Stand down; we will consider what to do with you. What did you mean by telling me no money passed through your hands?—I forgot; I thought you would question me about the mill after; I never thought about the parties coming through the mill.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien ordered the witness to stand down, and said that evidence would be got against him from other parties.

JOHN WILSON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Wilson.

28,295. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1840, I believe.

28,296. When Denison, Wells, and Glover were here, how did you vote?—I am sure I cannot tell you how I voted at that time; I have no poll book and no record whatever.

28,297. Of course you have no poll book?—I believe when Glover got in I voted; I do not know whether I voted at all, but if I did I should vote for the Liberals, but I could not say.

28,298. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

28,299. You are sure you did not?—Yes.

28,300. You are quite satisfied about that?—Yes, I did not.

28,301. The next election, Edwards and Wells, did you get anything then?—The two members only.

28,302. They were not two members; Edwards and Wells were the two candidates?—No, I do not remember getting anything that time.

28,303. Will you swear you did not get anything?—Well, I cannot say whether I did or not, to speak the truth; I only want to tell you the truth, but on my oath I could not say whether I got the money or not.

28,304. You remember perfectly well whether you got money or not?—Well, I cannot say; I have no recollection of it at all.

28,305. You remember Walters' election?—Yes.

28,306. Did you get anything then?—Yes, I got *2l.*

28,307. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Walters.

28,308. And you got it from Taylor, I suppose?—Yes, Robert Taylor, in the room in the Toll Gavel.

28,309. Then the next was Walker and Gridley; what did you get then?—Well, I cannot say whether I voted at all that election or not; possibly I did not; there were one or two elections I did not vote.

28,310. Well, we will soon find out; but I will go to the next election, 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; who did you vote for?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

28,311. What did you get?—I got *2l.*

28,312. Who paid you?—Suddaby, bricklayer.

The Secretary, having referred to the poll-book, informed the Commissioners the witness had voted for Gridley in 1860.

28,313. Now you voted for Gridley in 1860; you did vote; what did you get?—I do not remember getting anything.

28,314. Oh, nonsense!—I do not know, I am sure.

28,315. There was money going then, we know, and you are sure to have got it if there was any?—I do not know that; I do not look out particular.

28,316. Well, then, it seems to come to you without your looking out?—I know what I got at Sykes' election; I have no knowledge about Gridley's, no memory at all; it slipped my memory altogether. It appears I voted, but I cannot say.

28,317. Nonsense!—I cannot remember; I will tell you the truth if I do remember it.

28,318. You remember a man with a hairy cap?—Yes, I do, now. I can tell you now of it; it was at the "Pack Horse." I remember now; that just brought it to my knowledge, or I had forgot the thing altogether.

28,319. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Can you read?—Yes.

28,320. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At the last council choosing, what did you get?—Nothing at all.

28,321. Who did you vote for?—I do not remember that I did vote at all.

28,322. This is but ten months ago?—Well, but I think I did not vote at the municipal election at all; I think not.

28,323. You think not; are not you sure?—I am almost certain I did not; I do not make a practice of

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voting at that, and I did not vote, I am almost satisfied.

28,324. Are you sure whether you voted or not?—I am in my own mind; at present I am almost confident.

28,325. Can you swear whether you did vote or not?—I got nothing for it if I did vote; but I do not know that I did.

28,326. You got nothing for it?—I got nothing for it if I did vote; but I do not remember that I did vote.

28,327. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for the Liberals; both borough and county for the Liberals.

28,328. Did you get anything then?—No, nothing at all; nor never had anything offered.

28,329. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you remember what you got in Towneley's first election, in '41?—I believe I should vote for Towneley twice; I believe one time I got 2*l.*, and the other time I believe 12*l.*; and something like two 2*s.* tickets.

28,330. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you quite sure you did not vote in the municipal election?—Well, I got nothing for it if I did; but I could not swear whether I did or not.

The witness withdrew.

J. Stothard.

JOHN STOTHARD, called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

28,331. How long have you had a vote?—I voted for the Hon. Arthur Gordon first.

28,332. Are you a freeman?—No.

28,333. Are you a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

28,334. Well, the next election after that, did you vote; Denison, Glover, and Wells?—I did.

28,335. For whom?—I voted for Denison and Wells.

28,336. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a farthing.

28,337. Have you ever got anything for your vote?—Yes.

28,338. You are sure you did not at the time I ask?—Yes.

28,339. Well, when Major Edwards came here in '57, did you vote then?—I voted for——

28,340. The first time Major Edwards came?—Who was his colleague?

28,341. Well, the other candidate was Wells?—I voted for Wells.

28,342. That is what I should suppose; well, did you get anything for your vote?—No.

28,343. Which was the first election you got anything for your vote?—Walters'.

28,344. That was the next election, '59; for whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Walters.

28,345. And what did you get?—I got 2*l.*

28,346. Where did you get it?—At the Toll Gavel.

28,347. The next election was in 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I did not vote.

28,348. Were you in the town?—I was.

28,349. Why did you not vote?—I was not on the list.

28,350. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, '65, did you vote then?—I did.

28,351. For whom?—For Edwards and Sykes.

28,352. What did you get?—2*l.*

28,353. Who gave you that?—Samuel Suddaby, bricklayer.

20,354. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—I did.

28,355. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

28,356. You did not?—No.

28,357. Which side did you vote?—I voted for the candidates who were returned, Catterson and Usher.

28,358. For the Conservatives?—Yes.

28,359. And you say you got nothing for your vote?—Nothing. I did not ask for anything.

28,360. What are you by occupation?—I am a nail maker and patten maker and grocer.

28,361. You have on some occasions received money to pay other men?—Never a farthing in my life.

28,362. Then we have been told so?—Then them that have told you told you falsehoods; I never received half a penny in my hands to give to any man.

28,363. Have you never been employed at any of these elections?—Not employed. I helped to get votes up at the council choosing last election; I did that, but no money was intrusted to me.

28,364. Were not you paid for your services?—No. The three candidates were neighbours of mine, and I helped to get voters up to try to get them in, that was all.

28,365. In the election of '65 were not you employed?—I never was employed.

28,366. Were not you very active in the election?—I do not know that I was. I cannot remember that I was.

28,367. Did not you take up voters to the poll?—No.

28,368. Not one?—I never took a parliamentary voter up to poll in my life.

28,369. Did not you take an active part?—I might walk about the same as other people, that is all; I never took an active part in an election in my life.

28,370. Did you say you did at the last municipal election?—Yes, at the last municipal I did.

28,371. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get anything at the last municipal election, council choosing?—No.

28,372. For whom did you vote parliamentary?—For Messrs. Catterson.

28,373. Ay, but the parliamentary election?—Yes, I voted for Sykes and Edwards. The last parliamentary election, when Maxwell and Trollope were up, I voted for Major Edwards, and gave the colonel a plumper.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

28,374. Were you employed at all in any way by the old company?—No; I was never employed at all.

28,375. The old foundry, I mean; you never had anything to do with the old foundry, had you?—No. Well I have sold them goods, and that is all.

28,376. They are customers of yours?—Yes; at the time of the Crimean war I made them a good deal of goods.

28,377. When?—In the time of the Crimean war.

28,378. Oh no, I do not want that?—Well, I understood your question was, had I any trade with them.

28,379. Have you been making goods for them since?—Well, last year I made them some nails.

28,380. Before the election?—Oh, a long way previous to the election. It had no bearing upon that. Anybody who comes to me for goods, I am glad to sell them.

28,381. Do you know Mr. Wreghitt?—Well, I know him by sight.

28,382. Have you ever had any dealings with him?—I never had a dealing with, I never bought a halfpenny worth of him in my life. I know he is a draper, I believe in North Bar Street.

The witness withdrew.

RICHARD MEGSON, called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

28,383. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

28,384. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1831.

28,385. And you have voted at a great many elections, I suppose?—I have voted at most of the elections.

28,386. Did you vote at Towneley's election in 1841?—I did.

28,387. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes, 12*l.*, and the 2*s.* a-day ticket.

28,388. Now go down to 1857, and tell me whether you voted at that election, when Denison, Glover, and Wells put up?—I did not vote at all, I believe.

28,389. You think you did not vote?—Yes.

28,390. The next election, when Major Edwards was here; Edwards and Wells, did you vote then?—Were they both in one year.

28,391. Yes, the two elections in one year?—Then I should not vote. I was neglected to be put on the list that year, so these elections I should not vote.

28,392. The next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; did you vote then?—Yes.

28,393. For whom?—Mr. Walters.

28,394. What did you get for your vote?—2*l.*

38,395. From whom?—Robert Taylor.

28,396. Was that all you got?—Yes.

28,397. Were you employed at all at that time to give money to others; did you give any money?—No; I never was employed for anything at all, for no purpose whatever at elections; I never was employed in any form or shape.

28,398. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes, Keane.

28,399. What did you get?—2*l.*

28,400. Where was that?—I should get that at the "George and Dragon."

28,401. Did you take any voters up to the poll?—No.

28,402. Have you ever had Walker's gift?—I have.

28,403. When was that?—Just before last council choosing.

28,404. That is, you got it in 1868. How much did you get?—30*s.*

28,405. Who gave it you?—I am sure I cannot exactly say; there were most of them there. Almost all the pasture masters were there.

28,406. At the table; was anything said about voting or supporting the party?—Not the slightest.

28,407. What was your ground of application for the money?—I had been ill for 14 weeks; laid up with rheumatics.

28,408. Had you ever got Walker's gift before?—No, nor any other gift.

28,409. Just think, you have been up in London; you were up in London in 1860, were you not?—I was not.

28,410. Your name is Richard Megson?—Yes, but there is another of the same sort, and that is why I was struck off the list on those two occasions.

28,411. What are you by trade?—I am working at the gasworks at present.

28,412. Were you ever a carter?—No.

28,413. Then it is another Richard Megson?—It is; I never was in London.

28,414. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes, I did.

28,415. Did you get anything for your vote?—17*s.* 6*d.*

28,416. Who gave it you?—Watson, the auctioneer.

28,417. Who did you vote for?—Oh, I voted for the Conservatives, of course.

28,418. You say that as if it was a matter of course; but in 1865 you voted for Keane, the Liberal side?—Yes, but that was not for the municipal; he was for the borough, the parliamentary. I am for the Conservative party for the municipal.

28,419. For the Conservative party for the municipal; and of course you voted for them at the last parliamentary?—No, I did not.

28,420. Who did you vote for?—Trollope and Maxwell.

28,421. Are you sure that you voted for Keane in 1865?—Yes.

28,422. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who did you vote for in Walker and Gridley's election?—Gridley.

28,423. What did you get?—2*l.*, at the "Pack Horse."

28,424. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where do you live?—Minster Moor Gate.

28,425. And what did you say your occupation was?—I am working at the gasworks at present; I am a baker.

28,426. You work at the gasworks under the corporation?—Yes, at present.

28,427. Is the other Megson alive?—I am sure I do not know whether he is or not; he was not very long since.

28,428. You have seen him in this place about?—I think it is a year now since I saw him; he went from Beverley to live at Woodmansey; he went as a cattle tenter, to look after beasts or something, at some farm, and then I am sure I cannot say where he went. I am sure he went to live at Woodmansey when he left Beverley, and more than that I cannot say. He is not connected with me at all.

The witness withdrew.

SAMUEL WILSON recalled; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

S. Wilson.

28,429. Now, Wilson, we will give you one more chance?—I am sure——

28,430. Say not a word; we will give you a chance. When did money pass through your hands?—On the nomination day afternoon, and on the election day morning.

28,431. In 1865?—In 1865.

28,432. Then you withdraw what you said, that no money ever passed through your hands?—That was a sad mistake.

28,433. Then you withdraw it? Now be cautious; had any money ever passed through your hands at, before, or after an election up to that time?—Never.

28,434. Now, who employed you to pay money on that day?—Richard Day brought a register to my house and gave it to my wife, and told her to send me on to the Mechanics' Hall immediately.

28,435. The day before the election?—The nomination day.

28,436. Yes, that would be; and you brought the register with you to the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

28,437. What time in the day was that?—It would be a little after three in the afternoon.

28,438. And how long did you remain in the Mechanics' Hall?—Why, till after six.

28,439. Did you see Daniel Keane there?—No.

28,440. Just look at that, and tell me is that the book you had (*a book was handed to the witness*)?—Yes.

28,441. Keep it in your hand. How much money did you receive?—I received by pounds from him; there was a man in the side room.

28,442. Who was he?—He was called in the town

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the man in the moon. I never saw the man; I never saw him.

28,443. It is no use keeping up that farce now.—I never saw him; he gave me the money through a hole in the door with his two fingers.

28,444. A hole in what door?—It was the library door in the Mechanics' Hall, two slide doors, and they made a hole in it, and he was in inside the library.

28,445. And you called out the names, I suppose?—I called out the numbers.

28,446. The numbers were on the register, I suppose?—Yes. I knew the voters almost all of them, but I did not call out their names, I called out the numbers.

28,447. And did you put a tick to every man that was paid?—Yes.

28,448. How much were they paid that day?—Over 230*l.*

28,449. A pound each, was it, the first day?—A pound each the first.

28,450. A pound each on the nomination day. Now who did you see the evening after you had paid?—I do not know that I saw anyone.

28,451. What did you receive yourself for the three hours' work?—I got nothing then.

28,452. What did you receive afterwards?—For my work?

28,453. Yes?—2*l.*

28,454. For all your work?—Yes.

28,455. Did not you receive something more?—I did not, I did not take the money.

28,456. Who paid you the 2*l.*?—I believe that was John Westerby.

28,457. Do not you know that you gave several some money after the election?—Not one penny piece that I am aware of.

28,458. Who did you see that evening; did you see Mr. Todd of Hull?—No, I did not.

28,459. You saw him here at the election?—I saw him about.

28,460. You knew he was acting?—Of course I was aware he had something to do with the election, because he was always at the "Holderness Hotel" with Keane.

28,461. Were you at the "Holderness Hotel"?—No.

28,462. You said you were there?—No; I never went to the "Holderness Hotel."

28,463. How did you know he was there?—I saw him at the window.

28,464. Was Daniel Keane there?—Yes.

28,465. Who introduced you to Daniel Keane?—I never was with Daniel Keane.

28,466. I do not say you were. Who introduced you to him; somebody mentioned him to you, or you to him; he spoke to you?—No; I had no connexion with Daniel Keane.

28,467. No connexion; I know that?—No, I had not; I did not speak to him.

28,468. You left at 6 o'clock in the evening of the nomination day. Will you tell me who you saw that evening of the party; you had to report to some one; to whom did you report?—I made no report that night.

28,469. Whom did you see?—I do not recollect seeing anyone.

28,470. You had this book in your hands?—Yes.

28,471. You had the names of about 200 persons in your hands it was very important for them to know; to whom did you show that?—I kept it in my pocket till next morning.

28,472. You went home after that?—I went home.

28,473. Whom did you see next morning?—I went back again to the Mechanics' a little after, about eight.

28,474. Did not you tell anybody the number of names you had down?—I should not tell anybody, without I told John Westerby.

28,475. He is dead?—Yes.

28,476. Did not Mr. Hind ask you about it?—He did not; in fact I believe I never see Hind either day.

28,477. Next morning, who did you see first?—Richard Day. He was the doorkeeper.

28,478. Is Richard Day living?—No, he is dead.

28,479. Was he keeping the door?—He was the out-door man, to let them out as they got the pound.

28,480. He was doorkeeper?—He was the doorkeeper to let out the voters as they got this sovereign.

28,481. Who was there to let them in?—I really do not know how they got in; they came to the large room behind me, and I let them into the room where I was, six or seven at once, then I passed them through the next door.

28,482. You do not know how they came?—They came through the large hall, and I passed them through the door.

28,483. You let them in from the large hall into the little room?—Yes, I let them in six or seven together.

28,484. How many did you let in on the second day, the polling day, how many?—We had soon done then; the last was stopped at 11 o'clock.

28,485. About how many did you let in?—About a hundred.

28,486. How came the tap to be stopped? Who gave the orders?—I cannot answer that correctly; there was no more money I expect.

28,487. Was it the same man who was there the day before?—Yes.

28,488. You knew the hand?—Why, I could not see his fingers; he had a kid glove on.

28,489. Tell me who was the man? I have no doubt we shall find him out. Tell me who was the man; we know him; I can tell you his name?—I can now, but I never could before. I saw Mr. Hind's evidence.

28,490. Who was he? Was it Tindal?—Tindal, of Huddersfield. Well, I never knew that until I read Mr. Hind's evidence.

28,491. And you had seen him here the day before? You had seen Mr. Tindal here the day before?—No, I never did see him. I did not know who he was. I knew the other man in with him.

28,492. Who was the other man?—Thomas Southwick.

28,493. What was he doing?—Checking a book like this, I expect.

28,494. Now, is that all you know?—It is all I know about that election.

28,495, Do you know a man named Thomas Greenhough?—Yes.

28,496. Was he paying money that dey?—I am not aware of it.

28,497. Did you see him in the Mechanics' Hall?—No; in fact they never came where I was.

28,498. In the room?—No, only the voters.

28,499. Now I think you can give us some information about other elections, cannot you?—I do not know.

28,500. About the last election; you took part then?—It was a regular pure election.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

28,501. In the election before this were you engaged in a similar manner?—No, I never paid any money before.

28,502. But you have taken people to be paid?—I have sent them to such and such a party.

28,503. You have gone with them to a man who

has paid them?—No, I have never been right up with them; I have told them to go and see such a man.

28,504. Now, I will begin in 1857 and take you through. Denison, Wells, and Glover; did you take anybody to be bribed then?—I sent men that wanted money. I sent them to where it was.

28,505. In that election?—Yes.

28,506. Where was it in that election?—In a shop in the market place, the middle of the market place.

28,507. What was the name of the shop?—He was an auctioneer.

28,508. Do you remember the name?—John Greenbury.

28,509. Who was paying there?—There was John Tigar. I cannot exactly remember, but there were two or three of them; I cannot bear in mind.

28,510. John Tigar and two or three more?—Yes, I believe that was the lot.

28,511. John Tigar we have had before; that is nothing new. Who besides John Tigar?—I cannot call them to mind; there would be some of our own party.

28,512. We might imagine they would not be the other party. Cannot you give us any other names besides John Tigar?—I would not swear, because I have no recollection or any memorandum.

28,513. Was that on the part of Denison and Wells?—Yes.

28,514. How many men did you send them, do you think?—A score, I should think.

28,515. Do you know what they got?—I expect they got 2*l*. I did not go with them.

28,516. Can you tell me whether it was a well-known thing that money was paid there?—I believe it was.

28,517. Were you paid there for that election yourself?—That time.

28,518. Yes?—Yes.

28,519. You were paid by Tigar and the other men?—I do not know who would pay me that time.

28,520. Was Westerby paying money at the place where Tigar was?—I could not say he was; he would be more likely to be running about.

28,521. The next election was Edwards and Wells, in the place of Mr. Glover, disqualified?—Yes.

28,522. You got something, then?—I do not think I did. I believe that was a pure election.

28,523. Edwards and Wells?—Yes, or nearly so. I heard Mr. Wells say he would not give 5*s*.

28,524. Yes, I suppose that every candidate who ever stood for any place has been heard to say that. You got nothing, you answer?—I might get 1*l*. or 30*s*. for my vote.

28,525. Were you a runner?—Yes, I have been one every time.

28,526. Answer as well as you remember, and be careful. Did you take anyone to be paid that time?—I did not.

28,527. Well, I will take your answer.

The witness withdrew.

William Gibbs called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

W. Gibbs.

28,528. How long have you been a freeman?—About 12 years.

28,529. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—No.

28,530. Your first election would be Walters'?—Yes.

28,531. What did you get?—2*l*.

28,532. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Walters.

28,533. The next election, 1860, who did you vote for, Walker and Gridley?—I should vote for Mr. Walker.

28,534. What did you get?—Nothing.

28,535. Quite sure?—Yes.

28,536. The next was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane. What did you get?—I got 2*l*.

28,537. Which way did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

28,538. Who paid you?—A man they call Widdall paid me again the "Cross Keys."

28,539. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

28,540. Who did you vote for?—For the crimson.

28,541. What did you get?—A sovereign.

28,542. Who paid you?—Nutchey.

28,543. At the last parliamentary, who did you vote for?—Edwards and Kennard.

28,544. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is Widdall's christian name?—He is dead now.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Mr. Henry William Bainton recalled, and further examined by the Chief Commissioner.

28,545. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are aware, with reference to what occurred here yesterday, your attendance would be required to-day. I do not know, Mr. Bainton, whether I said anything about the interview with Mr. Sykes. When did you go up to London? I think we have not had the published accounts of 1868 put in. Mr. McCoy said you published them in the usual way?—Yes, it is the only account I have.

28,546. I ask you has any application been made to you for any monies since the last election?—Not any; I am not aware of a single case.

28,547. Has any application been made to you for any money that has come to your knowledge?—I am not aware of it; I do not remember a single case.

28,548. Has there or not?—I can state with the greatest confidence I am not aware of a case.

28,549. Can I take it that no person whatever in any capacity whatever in your office has had such an application?—I think not; I say it as well as I can state it.

28,550. No person has applied at your office for any expenses or money laid out on your account or anything whatever?—I think not; I believe, I do not remember a single case.

28,551. Beyond the published expenses?—No.

28,552. Had you had any conversation with any person who took part in the election as to when these expenses should be paid?—Well, I think not.

28,553. You said, "I think not." Will you not go beyond that?—I think not.

28,554. We know there was a petition presented in March. Now I ask you, have you had any conversation with any person with reference to any expenses incurred at the election as to the time they ought to paid?—No.

28,555. Has it come to your knowledge that anyone connected with your office has made any arrangement with any person with reference to the time payment of these expenses would be made?—No, it has not.

28,556. Have persons come to your office and asked for Captain Kennard's address?—Yes, I believe so.

28,557. Captain Kennard will be here?—There were——

22,558. Who?—I believe Tom Turner.

22,559. Do you mean the banker?—No, the solicitor.

22,560. We have not examined that Mr. Turner?—No.

22,561. Anyone else?—I do not recollect anyone else at present.

22,562. Is there any memorandum in your office would show who has applied for Captain Kennard's address since the election?—I think not.

22,563. Was that before Mr. Baron Martin came or after?—It was after.

22,564. After Mr. Baron Martin came here?—Yes.

22,565. And after the report?—Yes.

22,566. I suppose Sir Henry Edwards' address was known?—I daresay it would be known.

22,567. If anyone applied to you you do not remember?—No.

22,568. I will apply the same question to the municipal as to the parliamentary; has anybody applied to you since the election, municipal or parliamentary, in respect of any money spent at either?—I do not remember.

22,569. Or said to be?—I do not remember; I had nothing to do with the municipal.

22,570. Now I will take you to 1865, as to which time most important evidence has been given. Mr. Sykes has said you met him at his house in London?—Yes.

28,571. Who told you to go up to London?—I was going to London on some private business, and I wrote to make an appointment.

28,572. With whom?—With Sir Henry Edwards.

28,573. Did you know 1,070*l.* had been spent otherwise than through your hands?—No; I knew money had been spent, but not the amount.

28,574. From whom?—From Mr. Barkworth.

28,574*a*. Where?—In the bank.

28,575. How much did he say it was?—I do not think I knew the exact amount.

28,576. Did you ask him?—I don't think I did.

28,577. Mr. Sykes said you went to him?—Yes.

28,578. Did you meet Sir Henry Edwards before you went to him?—I did.

28,579. Did you see any of the party before you left London?—I did.

28,580. Except Mr. Barkworth?—Yes.

28,581. Who?—I think I saw Mr. Arden.

28,582. I think so indeed. Anyone else?—I think I saw Mr. Wreghitt.

28,583. I think so too. Anyone else?—I do not remember anyone else.

28,584. Did Wreghitt, Arden, and Barkworth suggest to you that you should seek to obtain the whole of the amount from Mr. Sykes?—I believe Mr. Arden suggested it in the first instance,

28,585. You had a meeting?—It was said. I do not think there was a meeting; I think it was in a separate interview.

28,586. He was the first that suggested it?—I think so as far as my recollection goes.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He said openly here all the bribery was for Mr. Sykes.

28,587. Did you tell Mr. Arden, Mr. Wreghitt, and Mr. Barkworth you were going up on that message?—I daresay they would know it.

28,588. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is quite enough?—I do not remember telling them specially.

28,589. Then did you see Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

28,590. Had you the amount then?—No, I do not think I ever knew the amount.

28,591. Mr. Sykes said you brought it to him and told him?—Yes, I can explain that.

28,592. Did you see Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

28,593. Before you saw Mr. Sykes?—Yes.

28,594. Did you tell him the message you had come upon?—Yes; I went partly to settle my own accounts by appointment, and after those accounts had been gone through I alluded to a sum owing to the bank.

28,595. Well go on. What else?—I alluded to the suggestion that had been made by certain friends here in Beverley. That was all that passed.

28,596. What did he say? It is really not a bit of use attempting to conceal anything from us; it must come out?—I do not wish to conceal anything. I suppose he assented to it.

28,597. Well, go on. You have been giving your

evidence very clearly up to this point?—And I said that I was going to mention it to Mr. Sykes.

28,598. You told him this sum was owing to the bank, which was obtained by and expended in corrupt means, and you told him that it was suggested that an application should be made to Mr. Sykes for the payment of the money expended in bribery?—Yes.

28,599. That would fix a charge upon Mr. Sykes. It was known by his friends at Beverley you were going to apply to him for that amount; that is what you said?—Yes.

28,600. What did he say?—It is very difficult to say at this time.

28,601. Did he assent to it?—I said before that he assented to it.

28,602. And you had his concurrence to carry out that scandalous scheme! Very well. Did anything pass between you?—I do not remember; I left the house, and went to Mr. Sykes.

28,603. You heard Mr. Sykes state on his oath he had no knowledge of the money being raised, and gave no authority for its being raised?—Yes.

28,604. What reason had you to suppose that Mr. Sykes had given any authority for the money to be raised?—I had no reason.

28,605. What reason had you to suppose all that money had been raised with Mr. Sykes' authority and knowledge?—I had no reason.

28,606. Have you had any interview with Sir James Walker?—At what period.

28,607. After any election expenses?—Yes.

28,608. You have?—Yes.

28,609. Have you ever made the same proposition to him?—No.

28,610. Or heard it?—No.

28,611. Are you aware the same proposal was ever made by Sir Henry Edwards, or anyone on his behalf, to anyone?—I heard of it since this inquiry.

28,612. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You have heard of it since this inquiry?—The observation has been frequently made to me since.

28,613. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Let me see the expenses? (*They were handed in.*)

28,614. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is one thing suggests itself with regard to the expenses; there may be some supplementary expenses to those which we had. At what time were the accounts sent to your office?—I think in the autumn of the year, or some six or seven months after.

28,615. What time was this election?—In July, and I settled the accounts with the members having got in all the claims. They settled accounts April 1866.

28,616. When did the supplementary accounts come to your hands?—I believe you may find the supplementary claims, Mr. Kemplay gave our clerks in my office or people connected with me. It is 110*l.*; I am speaking from memory.

28,617. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is 1865.

28,618. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I wish to know at what time these expenses, which formed the supplementary claims, came to your hand; how soon after this election?

28,619. (*The witness.*) Do you mean the expenses of the election in 1865.

28,620. I will take either; it is immaterial to my question?—There were peculiar circumstances attending some of the other elections. There was a petition and parties did not send in their claims till it was decided.

28,621. There was a petition in this case?—It was merely presented, but nothing took place on it.

28,622. In 1868?—I understood you 1865.

28,623. I suppose these accounts of 1868 would come into your hands in two months after the election?—I daresay they would.

28,624. You think they would?—It is a very difficult thing to remember, but I daresay they would; I would not say positively.

28,625. Supposing the circumstances were similar, would they come to your hands by this time?—They would; but I do not believe there are any. I think we have all the accounts of the election, as far as I know.

28,626. In the ordinary course of things they would have come to your hands?—Yes.

28,627. Pending the inquiry they would?—Yes. I was asked if I was examined before the committee in 1860, and I said I was not, but it has been brought back to my memory I was

28,628. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you reason to believe you shall send in any further account to Sir Henry Edwards?—Not relating to the election, but the petition. As to the election I cannot believe there are any accounts.

28,629. Have you any reason to believe you will send in or shall have to send in any further accounts?—No, I have no reason to believe there will be any further account.

28,630. Have you any reason to suppose there will be any further account to be sent to Captain Kennard?—No I have not.

Mr. McCoy recalled.

Mr. McCoy.

28,631. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have heard the evidence just given. Do you bear Mr. Bainton out of no application being made to Mr. Bainton for further claims as to the last election?—No none, whatever.

28,632. And you do not expect any?—No, I might say there is the poll-book that has been printed.

Mr. William Bainton, sen., sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

Mr. W. Bainton.

28,633. I would rather hear from a gentleman in your position a plain statement. Did you take a part in the election for Sir Henry Edwards when he first came here?—I did.

28,634. An active part?—I did.

28,635. Did you canvass for him and with him?—I did.

28,636. Did any money pass throught you hands on that occasion?—None whatever.

18,637. There was an election before, that would be 1857, Denison, Glover, and Walker?—Yes.

28,638. Did you take an active part in that election?—I did.

28,639. For whom?—For Mr. Glover.

28,640. Did any money pass through your hands or from your hands on that occasion?—It did.

28,641. On whose behalf?—On behalf of Mr. Glover.

28,642. Where did you get the money?—It was my own money.

28,643. You advanced the money?—For legitimate expenses, travelling expenses for voters I did.

28,644. To pay voters?—No.

28,645. What else?—To pay travelling expenses.

28,646. For what?—For the voters.

28,647. It was money to be paid to voters, how much?—I really cannot say the amount.

28,648. About?—The parties have come to me several times requesting money to pay the expenses of voters, they came continuously.

28,649. Who were the parties?—Tilson was an active party, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Robert Oxley; I cannot name all.

28,650. You have said this, they came to you continuously to ask for money to pay voters?—Yes.

28,651. Did you find money on more than one occasion?—Yes, I did.

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28,652. When they came?—Occasionally.

28,653. About how much did you advance?—I cannot say.

28,654. Give me a notion; was it as much as 30*l.* or 40*l.*?—I should think I did advance as much as that.

28,655. Did you get an account of the monies?—None whatever. I also advanced it to my friend, Mr. Wreghitt.

28,656. Oh, was Mr. Wreghitt in being at this time?—Yes, he was a friend of mine then as he is now.

28,657. And was he a friend of Glover's?—Yes.

28,658. Was Wreghitt a chairman of the committee?—He was a chairman of the Working Men's Association.

28,659. Was the association in being then?—Not in the first instance when Mr. Glover came.

28,660. Was it formed a short time after he came? Yes.

28,661. It was in being in March '57, I should think. We may take it you advanced 30*l.* or 40*l.*, or it might be more?—Perhaps it might.

28,662. We will take it in round numbers to be 50*l.* I suppose you never got an account of how that money was spent?—No, none whatever. I may tell you it was to pay voter's expenses.

28,663. Did you ask for any account from him?—No, sir.

28,664. I suppose you paid him in sovereigns?—I suppose I might.

28,665. Where did you get them from?—Out of my own pocket. I suppose I should do so. From my bankers if I had them not in my pocket, but I am not aware that I sent a cheque to my bankers.

28,666. You would not have so many sovereigns at one time in your pocket?—I don't know, I might.

28,667. Do you mean to say you did not send and get a note changed into sovereigns?—No, I did not. I do not believe I got any of the money from the bank here.

28,668. Did you send any cheque to the bank here?—I believe not; I have no particular recollection of it.

28,669. Do you think the cheques were sent to London to be aired and then came back again?—With reference to Glover are you asking about it?

28,670. No, I am asking you when was it the cheques went to London from you and then back again?—It was after the petition against him, when he was disqualified.

28,671. Now, you never asked for any account at all from anybody of the money you expended in that way; do I understand you to say that?—Do you mean after the petition, or previous to the election.

28,672. No, in '57 he was elected and you had distributed 50*l.* in sovereigns to these men, did you ever ask from anyone for an account of how the money was expended?—No.

28,673. Did you yourself send in any account to anybody in order to get yourself repaid that amount?—No, I did not.

28,674. Did you ever apply to anybody for the repayment of it?—No, I did not.

28,675. You thought you were justified in advancing this amount out of your own pocket, is that so?—Yes.

28,676. In the way you described?—Yes.

28,677. Had you known Glover before?—Yes.

28,678. How long?—I had known him the previous election, in '52.

28,679. Now the petition came on you know?—Yes.

28,680. Were you examined as a witness?—Yes, I was.

28,681. In '57?—In '57.

28,682. Did you state you had advanced this money?—I had not advanced it, the cheque in London if you allude to that.

28,683. Now, be cautious, we are on tender ground now. Did you say you had advanced this money to different persons?—I was not asked the question.

28,684. Then you did not?—No.

28,685. What were you examined about?—As to whether I knew he was disqualified, that he had not sufficient qualification.

28,686. Oh, that was so; you were examined about his disqualification. Now describe the process of this cheque going to London after the inquiry?—After the inquiry it was almost immediately issued. Glover was disqualified for want of property qualification, and he came down. He was very popular in the town and the fear was his popularity would be the means of many people voting for him, and that their votes would be wasted, therefore it was decided he should not be proposed for the purpose of Conservative votes being wasted. I may say I thought he was ill-used in the way he had been treated and I sympathized with him. I told him the Conservatives were afraid of his popularity and thought he would injure the Conservative cause, and he then retired, and knowing his circumstances I advanced him that money.

28,687. How did you advance it?—I gave him a cheque on a London bank.

28,688. You got it on your own cheque?—Yes.

28,689. Did you bank in London? Had you any assets in London?—It was a rarity; I had sometimes.

28,690. The circumstances were these, were they not: you went to a bank here and told them the circumstances and asked them to advance you the money and the cheque was paid in London?—Yes.

28,691. Why did not you tell me that?—I am perfectly prepared to tell you everything.

28,692. Yes, I feel that is so, you are perfectly right in that. That is how you did it, for the purpose of concealing the transaction it was. How much was it?—200*l.*

28,693. Of course that was for the benefit of the party and you were paid it. Who paid it you at the time?—I got it a long time after from Mr. Cronhelme.

28,694. Oh, take down that name, that is a new name; how do you spell it?—"Cronhelme."

28,695. You know you are not telling us anything we do not know; he lives near Halifax?—He does, he is the manager of Sir Henry Edwards' works at Halifax.

28,696. How soon after was it?—Nearly two years after.

28,697. Well, but why did not you include your 50*l.* that you had advanced before?—Well, no party had anything whatever to do with that, it was entirely myself. Perhaps you will allow me to explain the circumstances receiving it.

28,698. Certainly?—It came about in this way. Sir Henry Edwards wrote to me afterwards and said he considered he had benefited by the absence of Mr. Glover, and he importuned me many times for me to have the money. I refused; but he stated he was benefited by the absence of Glover and he importuned me so many times that at last I consented to take it.

28,699. I suppose it was known to the party whom you were benefiting that you advanced 200*l.* to Glover to send him away?—I do not know it was known to anyone except Wreghitt.

28,700. Oh, we know what Wreghitt's knowledge is. You told Wreghitt?—Yes.

28,701. Before you paid the money you told Wreghitt?—Yes, I believe he was present at the time it was advanced.

28,702. Was it he who suggested it should be sent up?—No, I do not think there was any suggestion whatever from Wreghitt.

28,703. How many days before nomination day was that?—It was on the nomination day.

28,704. Then this unfortunate man Glover was watched up to the nominaion day and then he retired?—He was unfortunately in the hands of a lot who were evidently desirous of making what they could of him.

28,705. Now, we have done with him and we come to '59, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and I believe Glover appeared, did not he?—He did.

28,706. What part did you take in that?—I should vote for Edwards and Walker.

28,707. Did you take an active part in it?—Yes, I suppose I should probably assist in canvassing; I took some active part.

28,708. I do not mean that, but did any money pass through your hands?—No, none.

28,709. I will accept it, I am perfectly prepared to accept it if you say so?—None, whatever.

28,710. No money passed through your hands, nor from your hands?—No.

28,711. You did not advance any money on account?—None whatever.

28,712. I will accede to that, I will rely upon you. Now, 1860, when it was a single handed contest between Walker and Gridley?—I should vote for Walker.

28,713. Did you take part in that election?—Yes, I should think I did; I do not recollect any particulars but I should imagine I did.

28,714. We know now there was money spent illegally then, did any money pass through your hands?—No.

28,175. You positively assure me?—Yes, none whatever passed through my hands on that occasion.

28,716. Or from you?—No.

28,717. Did you know of any money being spent illegally in that election?—No.

28,718. You did not?—No.

28,719. I mean you did not send any of your workmen or anything of the kind?—No.

28,720. You did not send them to where they could get money?—No, I did not.

28,721. Now '65; we have evidence in '65, but I would rather have it from you. You took an active part in '65?—Not very active.

28,722. But you took a part?—Yes.

28,723. How much money passed from you on that occasion?—For electioneering purposes none whatever.

28,724. Never mind about electioneering purposes; how much money passed through your hands on and about that election time. You know we have it in evidence?—Yes, I was not aware till it came out in evidence that money did pass through my hands. I had no recollection of it, but it appears from the evidence there was money passed through my hands.

28,725. You do not deny what the witnesses have said?—No, it appears they have a better recollection of it than I have.

28,726. Two or three witnesses said you went to a field, you do not deny it?—I had not the least idea of the amount till the witnesses stated it.

28,727. But you do not deny it?—No.

28,728. Where did you get that money?—It was my own money.

28,729. You did not apply to any person to supply it?—No.

28,730. Did you pay it in sovereigns?—I have not any recollection whatever with regard to either the amount of the money or how it was paid.

28,731. You took a considerable interest in that election?—I did.

28,732. You paid it after the election. When did you hear there was such profuse expenditure going on?—I do not think I ever heard until the inquiry, when Baron Martin came down, that there was such profuse expenditure.

28,733. But '65 was still more profuse than that?—I am not aware there was such profuse expenditure, at least so far as I am individually concerned, I was not aware.

28,734. Were you a member of the committee?—I was a member of the Working Men's Association; I do not know there was a committee.

28,735. What used you to contribute to the Working Men's Association?—A pound a year.

28,736. And Wreghitt was chairman all through?—I think only occasionally, not always.

28,737. He was permanent chairman of the Working Men's Association?—No, I believe Vickers was chairman for some time.

28,738. Oh yes, but his reign was a short one?—Yes, and very properly so.

28,739. Now is there anything else you know that you think it would be desirable we as Commissioners should know?—Yes, if you will allow me I will explain the circumstances of the evidence that was given yesterday with regard to the 3*l.*

28,740. Certainly?—In the neighbourhood where I live the electors are very much dispersed and scattered about, and at that time it was usual to bring the electors to the hustings in carriages. I thought it would facilitate getting them to the hustings by having them altogether, so as not to have to collect them and gather them. To facilitate matters in bringing them up I told the man, the publican.

28,741. What was the publican's name?—Botham. I told him that I would treat all the voters with breakfast in the morning in order to have them altogether for the purpose of facilitating their getting to the poll. When I came to Beverley it was reported to me that it was an illegal act, and I returned to Woodmansey, and told the man as it was an illegal act I would not do so. He told me he had been at some expense and trouble in providing the breakfast, and I said what is the amount? He would not state the amount, and I gave him 3*l.*, with which he was perfectly satisfied, in order to compensate him for the cost of the breakfast that had been provided.

28,742. You did one illegal act in order not to do another?—It was not an illegal act I did.

28,743. Did not they breakfast together?—No, they did not.

28,744. But surely they breakfasted together?—They breakfasted in a private house.

28,745. They breakfasted together in a private house?—Yes.

28,746. Did you pay for the breakfast?—No, no one, a person gave it privately.

28,747. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The man said yesterday he sent all the materials for the breakfast to the other house, it was all provided for at the other house.

28,748. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Yes, and he got 7*l.* 10*s.* for it?—Well, I very much doubt it.

28,749. His statement was this: the breakfast was ordered to be had in his own house; and then it was decided not to have it in his own house, and he then sent the materials he had provided to a private house, and he received 7*l.* 10*s.* for it, and 3*l.* from you?—I can only say I doubt that.

28,750. But you do not intend to contradict it, you cannot do that?—Yes I do.

28,751. But how do you know whether he received 7*l.* 10*s.*, or not, how can you know that?—As far as regards the 7*l.* 10*s.* I know nothing about that.

28,752. Of course you cannot know it?—But I know he did not provide the breakfast.

28,753. You say that; I tell you he is here now, he will be examined?—I know very well he would not do it, I know the man too well for that.

28,754. Now do not attempt to damage his character?—I know he would not do it.

28,755. Do not take this opportunity of saying that?—I would not say that unless I was sure of it; I have no desire to damage the man, I am sure.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

28,756. What is your reason for saying that he did not give this breakfast in the private house?—The first step was that the breakfast was ordered at Mrs. Clarkson's, and she had done all the preparation for

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the breakfast in her own house, and I feel convinced from what I know of Mrs. Clarkson that she would not receive the materials from anyone.

28,757. Did you superintend the preparation of the breakfast yourself?—No, not at all.

Mr. W. Bainton.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

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28,758. At the time when Glover went back from here on the nomination day was he nominated?—No, he was not.

28,759. He went back immediately before the nomination?—He did.

28,760. You said you were active at the election of 1860. Did you take any voters up to the poll for Walker?—I really cannot recollect. I have not any particular recollection of it, very probably I should.

28,761. You think you took some voters up to the poll?—I really do not recollect.

28,762. You say probably you did?—Yes.

28,763. Do you know whether any of those voters afterwards got money?—I do not.

28,764. Do you know whether any went to get money?—I do not.

28,765. In 1863 did you take voters up to the poll, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Really I have not any particular recollection.

28,766. You said you were active then?—Yes, I was.

28,767. How were you active?—I probably solicited some persons, I really do not remember.

28,768. And probably you took men to vote?—Very probably I did.

28,769. Now, have you become aware since that any of those men got money?—No, I have not.

28,770. How many did you take up?—Really I do not know.

28,771. Did you take a dozen?—I should think not.

28,772. Less than a dozen?—Well, if I took any I should think it would be less than a dozen, but I really have no recollection of the number or whether I took any to the poll.

28,773. And you have not heard since that any of those men got money?—As far as hearing I would not say, but I have not any particular recollection of their getting money.

28,774. You have heard of some of those men whom you took up to vote afterwards getting money for their votes?—No, not those that I took up to vote, certainly not.

28,775. You have not heard of any of those men you took up getting money?—No.

28,776. Do you remember the names of any of the men you took up?—No, I do not.

28,777. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know whether there was any subscription in the town for Glover's expenses the second time he stood here, the first time you speak of?—I am not quite certain whether there was, but I almost think there was, if there was I should be a subscriber to it. I do not know, but I almost fancy there was a subscription.

28,778. Do you know of your own knowledge who the subscribers were?—No, I do not. There is another little matter I should wish to state.

28,779. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We shall be glad to hear you?—That is with regard to municipal elections. I reside in the parliamentary borough, and I have no direct interest in municipal elections, but I think in '57 Mr. Almack had expended a considerable sum of money, and he asked me to give him something towards the sum that he had expended, and I then gave him 5*l.*, that was after the municipal election.

28,780. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you take any part in the last municipal election?—No, I did not.

28,781. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) At the time you have talked about they told you it was to pay the expenses of voters?—With regard to the municipal, do you mean?

28,782. No, when you advanced money to Tilson, Oxley and Baker, and these men?—They told me it was to pay the travelling expenses.

28,783. Of out-voters?—Yes.

28,784. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who is Tilson, do you know?—He is living in the town; I really do not know what he is.

The witness withdrew.

W. Tilson.

William Tilson sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

28,785. What are you?—William Tilson of Beverley, law stationer.

28,786. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

28,787. How long have you been a freeman?—About 19 years.

28,788. You have heard what Mr. Bainton said about Glover's election?—I have.

28,789. In '57?—Yes.

28,790. And you then received some money from Bainton?—Yes, I received 10*l.* from Bainton.

28,791. What did you do with it?—I paid voters with it, their expenses in sums from 2*s.* 6*d.* to 5*s.* each, voters out of the country. I paid about 15*l.* that day, I received 5*l.* from Mr. Glover, I believe the last 5*l.* note he had in the world.

28,792. You received 5*l.* from Glover and 10*l.* from the last witness?—Yes, 10*l.* from Bainton; he gave me two 5*l.* notes, I said we could not get on without paying their expenses.

28,793. Mr. Bainton gave you two 5*l.* notes?—Yes.

28,794. And you tell us you paid all that money away for voters expenses?—Yes, I did and I returned a faithful account to Mr. Wilson who was the election auditor.

28,795. Then I do not care about that, you say you returned an account of all you paid for the election expenses?—Yes.

28,796. And is that your answer upon your oath to us that you paid all that money away?—Yes, I gave Mr. Wilson an account of all the sums I paid, I paid it in small sums ranging from 2*s.* 6*d.* to 5*s.*

28,797. Then on that subject I will not ask you anything. You have been a freeman for 19 years?—Yes.

28,798. I suppose on that election you voted for Glover?—Yes.

28,799. Then the next election was Edwards and Walker?—I voted for Edwards.

28,800. Did you take an active part in that election?—Yes.

28,801. Did you receive any money?—None whatever.

28,802. Have you ever received money at any election except this one?—No.

28,803. I will ask you have you ever received any money for your own vote?—Not a farthing, except when I received 1*l.* for being a poll clerk.

28,804. That is not what I mean, you understand my question?—Certainly, I never received anything.

28,805. Did you ever receive money after an election for the purpose of paying election expenses?—Yes.

28,806. After the election?—Yes, I received a draft from London after the election, I think it was a draft for 90*l.*

28,807. Relating to this election?—The March '57 election.

28,808. What were those expenses?—The total expenses were 240*l.* I think I received from 50*l.* to 60*l.* from Glover while he was in Beverley, and I received a draft from him for 90*l.* in June or July following.

28,809. I suppose, from the nature of that payment, you rendered an account?—Yes, for everything to the election auditor.

28,810. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you his agent?—I was agent for Mr. Glover.

28,811. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then we need not inquire into that?—I may just mention that Mr. Glover did not send me sufficient, I wanted some 120*l.* from him and I believe Mr. Kemp gave me 15*l.* himself. I do not know whether I received money from other individuals in order to make up the balance.

28,812. Just mention again the sum that remained unpaid that was owing from Mr. Glover?—I believe some 30*l.*

28,812. No more than that, just think?—No, I received from Mr. Glover from about 50*l.* to 60*l.* whilst he was here in Beverley, whilst he was in the town, and 10*l.* from Mr. Bainton.

28,813. What I want to know is the balance unpaid to which this sum of 15*l.* which you received from Kemp was applied?—I think the balance would be about 120*l.*

28,814. What portion of that was paid recently?—Of the 120*l.*?—Yes.

28,815. Yes?—Well in the month of June I think I received from Mr. Glover a draft for 90*l.*, I am not certain. And Mr. Kemp did not want it to go forth to the world that Glover had not paid the whole of this money, and he gave me that.

28,816. And then the balance was made up and Kemp paid you 15*l.*?—Yes.

28,817. Then the balance would be 120*l.* before this 90*l.* was received?—I think it would be that to the best of my recollection; it might be more or it might be less, every farthing that I expended I returned a faithful account of; that I can swear.

The witness withdrew.

Mrs. Mary Botham called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

Mrs. M. Botham

28,819. Do you recollect the election in 1865?—Yes.

28,820. Did you supply beer on that occasion?—No, I do not believe we did.

28,821. You supplied a breakfast?—It was to have been at our house, but it was disallowed.

28,822. Got at another house?—Yes.

28,823. What did you get for the breakfast?—7*l.*

28,824. Who paid you?—Mr. Straker.

28,825. And you got some more money from Mr. Bainton?—Mr. Bainton gave my husband 3*l.*

28,826. Did Mr. Straker pay you first the 7*l.*?—No, Mr. Bainton paid me the 3*l.* before the election.

28,827. And then the others paid you 7*l.* for the breakfast?—That was after the breakfast a good while.

28,828. Five or six months?—I should think it would be.

28,829. Had you any breakfast at the last election in 1868?—No.

28,830. Or any beer?—No, there was nothing at all.

28,831. At any former election had you?—Yes, we had at Mr. Glover's election for beer a good deal.

28,832. About how much?—I am sure I cannot tell.

28,833. 10*l.* or 12*l.* was there?—Yes, there would be that.

28,834. And more?—Very likely more; Mr. Restor, he paid out of his own pocket at Mr. Glover's election.

28,835. Was there money spent at your house after Glover's election?—Nothing but at Glover's election. I do not believe there was ever any.

28,836. Down to 1865?—Yes, it would be before 1865.

28,837. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What did you do with the materials for the breakfast?—Everything that was provided went to Mrs. Clarkson.

28,838. That you know?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Thorney called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

Mr. Thorne

28,839. What are you?—An attorney practising at Hull.

28,840. What office do you fill there?—Coroner and superintendent registrar.

28,841. How long have you been coroner for Hull?—Since 1853, 16 years.

28,842. You took some part in the election at Beverley of 1857?—I did a little.

22,843. When Denison, Wells, and Glover, were up?—Yes.

28,844. You come here with reference to the evidence of Mr. Padget, who says that at that election he paid you a certain sum of money?—I paid him, I think he said.

28,845. Yes, paid him a sum of money, 1*l.* he says?—Yes.

28,846. What have you to say to that?—It is not true. I have to say that I was employed to canvass the Hull voters previous to the election.

28,847. Who employed you?—I cannot exactly say, but it was either Mr. Clark or through Mr. Boyes.

28,848. Were you employed gratuitously?—I apprehend not. I was paid as an attorney for my services.

28,849. Who paid you?—Messrs. Leeman and Clark.

28,850. And you considered your retainer to come from them?—Certainly.

28,851. They were the conducting agents?—They were the conducting agents on behalf of Wells and Denison.

28,852. They employed you to canvass the Hull voters and did you?—I canvassed some of them, I cannot charge my memory with every man I canvassed, but I have no doubt I canvassed Padget.

28,853. Did you give him any money?—After the election I was requested by Mr. Clark to see about paying the Hull voters their expenses, and on the 2d of June I paid Padget I believe in my own office 10*s.*

28,854. On what account?—For his expenses in attending the election.

28,855. Padget says he was paid 1*l.* His evidence is this, as it appears in the newspaper. He says, At Denison's election I voted Denison and Wells, and received 1*l.* from Mr. Thorney for my expenses?—I paid him 10*s.* but where I paid him I cannot say. I have a memorandum in my diary so that I know I paid him 10*s.*

28,856. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Padget says he got 1*l.*?—I paid him 10*s.*, and 10*s.* only.

28,857. That would have been in consideration of the travelling expenses?—Yes, but I submit that it was rather an open question whether he should be paid for his loss of time.

28,858. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Never mind about that, we cannot have that.

28,859. Did you pay anyone else?—Yes, Samuel Robinson I paid 10*s.*

28,860. He was a Beverley voter resident at Hull, is that so?—Yes, resident at Hull.

28,861. And you paid him 10*s.*?—Yes.

28,862. Did you pay anybody else?—No voters.

28,863. No voters, but did you pay any other men?

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Mr. Thorney.

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—I paid George Holmes Bell 2*l.* 5*s.* for acting as agent at the election.

28,864. He was not a voter ?—He was not a voter, he is my clerk.

28,865. Anything else ?—I paid a man named Hobson the same sum for acting in a similar capacity.

28,866. Have you any more payments for voters ?—Not at that election.

28,867. Now the other election ?—At the subsequent election, the August election, Edwards and Wells, I paid what I have no doubt was a bill for a breakfast at the "Zoological Hotel."

28,868. Were you retained by Messrs. Leeman and Clark in the same capacity ?—Yes, in the same capacity.

28,869. At the August election you paid for breakfast at the "Zoological Hotel" ?—Yes, I have no doubt it was for that. I have no doubt.

28,870. Who did you pay ?—I paid Mr. Wilde.

28,871. How much was it ?—3*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*

28,872. That was breakfast to voters ?—Yes; I have no doubt that was for it.

28,873. Any other election ?—No, I was not concerned in any other elections.

28,874. You have not been employed ?—Not at all, nor have I taken any part. I paid some men who were not voters in respect of the 1859 election. Do you wish any account of them. It was for assisting as agents.

28,875. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How much did you pay them ?—I paid besides the sum I have already mentioned a man named Oliver, 1*l.* 13*s.*; Gardiner, 2*l.* 2*s.*; Adams, 2*s.*; and Browning, 5*s.* I was requested by Mr. Clark to send four active men to get voters up to the poll. I communicated with Mr. Wilde, and he engaged these men, and subsequently I paid them.

28,876. Had you promised any of the men you canvassed that their expenses should be paid ?—I cannot tell, it was a question invariably asked. I only remember canvassing two men named Wallis, these are the only men I ever saw.

28,877. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) They all asked ?—I have no doubt they did, it is so common a thing for out-voters to it. I have acted as agent for the registration, and it is a question invariably asked.

28,878. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They asked for it ?—I cannot remember that, but they always considered they ought to have their expenses.

28,879. Do you know how many out-voters did vote ?—I do not know.

28,880. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you no idea how many there were ?—No; about 12 or 14 Hul voters, but I do not know that I should be required to canvass all. There were some I should not think of canvassing.

28,881. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The breakfast 3*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.* I suppose was given to the men ?—I have no doubt it was, I knew nothing of it being given till afterwards.

28,882. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There were a good many guests there on that occasion ?—I have no doubt, but I knew nothing of it till after the occasion.

The witness withdrew.

R. Puckering.

ROBERT PUCKERING called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

28,883. How long have you been a voter in this borough ?—13 or 14 years at least; Gordon's election I think I was on the list in that.

28,884. I will not inquire about that, but the next election would be 1857; Denison, Wells, and Glover. —Yes.

28,885. Do you recollect voting at that election ?—Yes.

28,886. For whom ?—Denison and Glover.

28,887. Where you on Glover's committee ?—No.

28,888. Were you on Denison's committee ?—No.

28,889. Did any money reach you ?—No.

28,890. Pass through your hands ?—No.

28,891. Before or after, or at or in respect of the election ?—In respect of the election I spent a little money of my own.

28,892. In what respect ?—I spent it in the "Green Dragon" in drinking Mr. Glover's health.

28,893. You mean you gave an entertainment there ?—A few glasses of grog round, you know.

28,894. You attribute to me knowledge that I do not possess. How much did you expend ?—Perhaps 40*s.*? it might be 45*s.*; I cannot say.

28,895. Then you expended over 2*l.* in treating, that is your meaning ?—You may call it treating.

28,896. Did you give the landlord orders to supply it; you did not spend two or three pounds yourself in drinking Mr. Glover's health. Did you give the landlord orders to supply drink ?—No.

28,897. How do you account for that ?—The servant came in the kitchen and she brought it in, and I paid for it on the spot.

28,898. Is that all the money you expended in that election of 1857 ?—It is.

28,899. There was also another election, if you recollect, in that year, in August ?—Yes, there was.

28,900. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards.

28,901. What money did you expend that year ?—Not anything.

28,902. Not anything at all ?—Not anything at all.

28,903. Did any money pass from you or to you in respect of that election ?—No.

28,904. Nor at ?—No.

28,905. Did you pay any money after the election ?—No.

28,906. In 1859 did you take an active part in that election ?—I think I should.

28,907. 1859 was Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Yes.

28,908. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Walker.

28,909. That was a sharp contest; did money pass through your hands then ?—No.

28,910. Were you not at all engaged in distributing money then ?—No.

28,911. Did you spend any of your own ?—I dare say I should.

28,912. I do not mean an ordinary glass, but did you pay any sum like 2*l.* or 2*l.* 10*s.* ?—No, I cannot say that I did, I was going about first into one house and then in another.

28,913. I do not mean casual expenditure of that kind, I mean in one house ?—No, I should not.

26,914. Did you bring men up to the poll ?—I think not.

28,915. Just recollect yourself ?—I think I am right in what I have stated.

28,916. You think you did not in 1859 ?—I think not.

28,917. Did you in 1860 ?—Take men up to the poll ?

28,918. Yes ?—No.

28,919. Did you expend any money in 1860 ?—I did.

28,920. For whom did you vote —Walker.

28,921. Whose money was it ?—My own.

28,922. About how much ?—I gave it to two men. It would be 25*l.* or 26*l.* I expended.

28,923. You expended ?—Yes.

28,924. What men did you give it to ?—I gave it to Mr. Padget, the painter, and Martin Green would get some of it.

28,925. How much did you give to Padget ?—I could not say.

28,926. How much to Green ?—I could not say.

28,927. How much between them ?—I think Padget would have the major part of it.

38,928. What is the largest sum they had ? I will accept any sum you say ?—You might say 27*l.*

28,929. Padget the painter ?—Yes.

28,930. Is he he living ?—No, he is dead.

28,931. Is Mr. Green?—I believe he is living.

28,932. What is he?—I do not know.

28,933. How came you to give it to these two men?—I had two men bothering me in the afternoon, and I went into the "Dog and Duck," and I met Padget in the passage, and I asked him if these men were voters, I did not know the men myself, and he took them aside and he said it was all right, and I says, What do they want, and my impression is, he says, 2*l.* 10*s.* apiece, and I said, Well, I will have nothing to do with them.

28,934. Go on?—He says, Well, lend me the money, and I let him have it; that was the first commencement.

28,935. This respectable man borrowed the money from you. Is that how it occurred all through?—That is how it occurred.

28,936. You said at the "Dog and Duck"?—I never was further than the passage.

28,937. Padget came to you, and he borrows 2*l.* 10*s.*?—5*l.*

28,938. Well, he repeated the process, and went on borrowing?—Yes.

28,939. Till he borrowed 15*l.*?—You might say that.

28,940. I suppose you got an I.O.U. from Padget for this money or promissory note?—No.

28,941. I think not too?—No.

28,942. Did you get an account of any kind?—No.

28,943. Did the same thing occur with regard to Green?—I fancy Green got mixed up with Padget, I had nothing to do with Green.

28,944. When was that paid back to you?—I did not get it till 15 or 16 months after.

28,945. I should say so. To whom did you apply?—I applied to no one.

28,946. Who paid you?—Mr. McCoy, I think.

28,947. It came through Mr. Bainton's office?—I should think it would.

28,948. There is no treating to deduct out of that 27*l.*?—I think there was some little treating connected with it, that would bring it to some little more, but that is what I call the direct expenditure.

28,949. Which do you call the indirect, the treating?—Standing glasses round, and all that.

28,950. Did you send in a bill for this little amount?—I got Padget's account, and he got Green's, and I made a memorandum of it.

28,951. And then as to the treating?—I should think that would be included there.

28,954. Then you sent it up to Mr. Bainton's office?—No, I think not, I fancy Padget got it.

28,955. That is all the same, you understood that he was to take it to Mr. Bainton's office?—I do not know, I asked him no questions.

28,956. Some 15 months after the election you got it?—It would be thereabouts, I thought it was a very long while, I had given it up.

28,957. Never give up anything. Does that exhaust 1860?—Yes.

28,958. I think not?—I think so.

28,959. Do you know the gentleman who was convicted of poaching?—I read his evidence. I had some person call at my place to tell me that he had introduced my name.

28,960. Do you recollect the man about a gun?—No, it is newer to you than it was to me.

28,961. I daresay it is, now we will renew our acquaintance with the story of the gun. Do you remember giving him 2*l.*?—I do not know such a man as Joseph Greenhough.

28,962. I daresay you gave him the 2*l.*?—No, I did not.

28,963. He might have been one of the men who came in there?—He might.

28,964. There would be no reason for him to invent the story?—I only remember giving money to one man, he called himself Wardell; he said he came from Barton-on-Humber, and he wanted his expenses, and I gave him 10*s.*, and I think he ultimately got another 10*s.* from me.

28,963. Now we will have that. In 1865 there was a very sharp contest?—Yes.

28,964. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes; I remember it well.

28,965. So do a good many more. Tell me for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

28,966. Did you take an active part in that election?—I did.

28,967. Did money pass through your hands in that election?—Not any.

28,968. Not any?—Not at all.

28,969. Did you take the voters up?—No, I do not remember taking a man to poll.

28,970. Under whose directions were you, Kemplay's?—No.

28,971. Did you give them any directions? What part did you take in the election?—I was about all the day.

28,972. No doubt you were. What part did you take? Under whose immediate directions were you?—Not any one. I did not know until the evidence was given in this court, that there was any money spent at Edwards and Sykes election.

28,973. You took a very active part?—I did, and I went to two or three places to see if I could find any, and I did not; they done it very cleverly. I did not find it out.

28,974. Can you give us any information about it?—No, I cannot.

28,975. Were you applied to to interest yourself about it?—No.

28,976. What are you?—I am a coachbuilder.

28,977. Did you canvass any of the men in your employ?—No.

28,979. I am very glad to hear you say that. Can you tell us anything about the election in 1868?—Not anything beyond voting.

28,980. Did you take any part in the municipal elections at all?—Not an active part.

28,981. Did any money pass through your hands?—A little.

28,982. In 1868?—In 1868.

28,983. Had any money ever passed through your hands, or from your hands before, with regard to council choosing?—I think not. I had taken men up to vote.

28,984. You have not paid them?—No.

28,985. How much money passed through your hands in 1868?—I think I had 45*s.* to give to three men.

28,986. Who gave you that?—I think Bentley gave it to me in Dickinson's shop.

28,987. Bentley the foreman?—Yes; he asked me to pay them, and said, "I want 5*s.* out of this."

28,988. You paid the men?—I gave them the whole 50*s.*

28,989. Is that all you did on that occasion?—Beyond another 2*l.*

28,990. Where did you get that?—After I was returning from voting at the municipal election.

28,991. Do you know the men whom you paid?—No, I do not.

28,992. About the 2*l.*?—When I got opposite my shop Kemplay was going in and I stopped him. He said, "You have some men voters, have not you?" I said, "Well, there are two I know are going to vote with us." He says, "Well, I have 15*s.* apiece for them." I said, "Well, they are decent sort of chaps, give me a sovereign apiece," and I took the sovereign apiece, and I gave it to one of them to give to the other.

28,993. He was only going to give you 15*s.* and you bargained for your men and got 1*l.* apiece for them. Do you know what were their names?—Dutton is one and Bates is the other.

28,994. I suppose they voted at the parliamentary?—Dutton I know would vote for Edwards and Kennard. I do not know how the other voted.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

C. Puckering.

17 Sept. 1869.

28,995-6. Are they freemen or occupiers?—Both occupiers.

The Secretary having referred to a poll-book, said they both voted for Edwards and Kennard.

28,997. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You had no need to canvass them?—I know that.

28,998. Anything else?—No, that is the extent.

28,999. Do you know anything else that it is desirable we should know?—I do not know anything more.

29,000. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) At the election of 1860, you said you advanced 25*l.* or 26*l.*; how was it you happened to have so large a sum in your pocket?—It so happened.

29,001. Did you not know when you took that money out in the morning that there would be some sort of application to you for it?—I did not.

29,002. It was a sheer accident your taking that sum of money?—It was a sheer accident.

29,003. And a sheer accident that you went to the "Dog and Duck" with it?—It was just on the moment.

The witness withdrew.

T. Spenceley.

THOMAS SPENCELEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

29,004. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

29,005. How long have you been a freeman?—10 years.

29,006. What was the first election you voted at?—Gridley's.

29,007. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

29,008. Who from?—Thomas Duffill.

29,009. Which Duffill is that, Duffill of Highgate?—Yes.

29,010. Where did he pay you?—In Walker Gate.

29,011. In the street?—Yes.

29,012. Were any men with you?—No.

29,013. You were alone when he paid you?—Yes.

29,014. Is that all the money you got at that election?—Yes.

29,015. In 1865 (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane), what did you get?—I got 2*l.* at the Mechanics'.

29,016. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You voted for Keane?—Yes.

29,017. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At council choosing did you get anything?—No, I had not a vote.

29,018. That is all the money you ever got at elections?—I got 2*l.* for Edwards as well as Keane.

29,019. 2*l.* for Edwards too?—Yes.

29,020. Whom did you get that from?—Henry Arnott, the cabinet maker.

29,021. I suppose you did not pay anyone?—No.

29,022. No money passed through your hands to pay anybody else?—No.

29,023. Are those three sums all that you ever received for parliamentary elections?—Yes.

29,024. How did you vote at the last election?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

P. Lyon.

PATRICK LYON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

29,025. What are you?—A bricklayer's labourer.

29,026. Are you a voter?—Yes.

29,027. How long have you been a voter?—Two elections.

29,028. Are you a freeman?—No.

29,029. You are a voter as a householder?—Yes.

29,030. Did you vote at the election of 1865, (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane,) when they were up?—I did vote for Edwards and Sykes.

29,031. What did you get for your vote?—2*l.* 10*s.*

29,032. From whom?—From Charles Arnott, the cabinet maker.

29,033. Is that all you got?—Yes; I got 3*l.* more from Mr. Wreghitt; it was after the election; it may be a year and a half after the election.

29,034. What did Mr. Wreghitt say it was for when he gave it to you?—He said he would let me have that money in consequence of my being badly off at the time. It was not for the election account.

29,035. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Can you fix the date when he paid you the 3*l.*?—I could not; I am not a scholar.

29,036. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where did he give it to you?—In his own shop.

29,037. Did you go to him for it?—Yes.

29,038. You went to him to ask him?—Yes.

29,039. You went to ask him for 3*l.*?—Yes.

29,040. Was he the first to offer it to you, or you to go to him?—I applied for it when I was out of work.

29,041. Why did you?—Because I had nothing to live on.

29,042. Does everybody out of work go to Mr. Wreghitt for 3*l.*?—I do not know for that. A man cannot live on air.

29,043. Is it the custom of everybody out of work to go to Mr. Wreghitt for money?—That is a mystery to me; I cannot say.

29,044. Have you ever been to him for any other money?—No.

29,045. Only that time?—That is all.

29,046. What made you select Mr. Wreghitt of all the people in Beverley to go to?—Because I expected that he would be good enough to assist me when I was in need.

29,047. Why should he of all people assist you? why did you not go to somebody else? why did you go to him?—Well, I don't know what I went to him for, but in the expectation of getting something, because I had nothing to assist me.

29,048. But why did you go to him and not to somebody else? why did you not go to the overseer of the poor? he was not the overseer?—No, he was not.

29,049. People in distress generally go to the overseer?—I did not.

29,050. Why did you go to him; you must tell us?—I did not like to go to the house for shame's sake.

29,051. Why did you go to Mr. Wreghitt?—I have told you my reason.

29,052. Tell me why you went to him?—I have told you, because I did not like to go to the house for shame's sake.

29,053. That is a reason for not going to the overseer, but I want to know why you went to Mr. Wreghitt?—Because I wanted help.

29,054. You know perfectly well what I mean, you know what I am asking you. Tell me why you went to Mr. Wreghitt; why did you choose him?—I did not choose him particularly.

29,055. Yes you did; you went to that house and to and no other. Did you go to anybody else for 3*l.*?—No.

29,056. Why did you go to him and not to anybody else?—The reason why I went to him was that I thought he would be good enough to help me.

29,057. Why should you think that he would be more good to you than anybody else?—I could not tell you that.

29,058. Who told you to go to him?—A man of the name of William Dove.

29,059. At last?—And a man of the name of Clark. He said, if I went to him he would assist me.

29,060. What Clark is that?—Robert Clark.

29,061. What is Robert Clark?—He is working at the Old Foundry.

29,062. Do you work at the Old Foundry?—No.

29,063. Did you ever?—No, I am a working bricklayer.

29,064. Have you ever worked at the Old Foundry ?—I did a long time since.

29,065. Did you work there at the time that you got this 3*l.* from Mr. Wreghitt ?—No, I have never worked there for 18 years.

29,066. Does William Dove work at the Old Foundry ?—I do not know where he works. He is a joiner.

29,067. These men told you that Mr. Wreghitt would give you the money ?—They said he would let me have it when I was in need.

29,068. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No, I never got nothing from either side that time. Do you mean the municipal election ?

29,069. Yes ?—I got some money that time, 7*s.* 6*d.*

29,070. Who gave it you ?—A man of the name of Harrison gave me 5*s.*, and another man of the name of Monkman, gave me 2*s.* 6*d.*

29,071. What Harrison is that ?—He is a rag and bone merchant.

29,072. What is his christian name ?—Thomas.

29,073. Which Monkman is it that gave you 2*s.* 6*d.*?—He is a clerk who works with Mr. Silvester.

29,074. For whom did you vote at the last election, in 1868 ?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

29,075. Why did you vote for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Because I liked to vote for Maxwell.

29,076. And you liked to vote for Trollope ?—I was not in anyways partial to him, but Sir Henry did not come and ask for my vote, or else I would have given him half a vote.

29,077. But Mr. Monkman gave you something ?—For the municipal election, not for the parliamentary.

29,078. Which side did you vote for at the municipal election, for orange or crimson ?—For crimson.

29,079. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you ever pay Mr. Wreghitt back the 3*l.* ?—No.

29,080. He never asked you for it ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

PETER DUNCAN called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

P. Duncan.

29,081. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

29,082. How long have you been a freeman ?—45 years.

29,083. Are you a stocker ?—No.

29,084. Have you often voted at parliamentary elections ?—Yes.

29,085. Let me bring you to the election of 1857 ; do you recollect that election, when Denison, Wells, and Glover put up ?—Yes.

29,086. For whom did you vote ?—For Denison and Wells.

29,087. What did you get ?—3*l.*

29,088. Do you recollect Towneley's famous election in 1841 ?—Yes.

29,089. What did you get then ?—I got 12*l.*

29,090. Do you recollect who paid you the 3*l.* for Denison and Wells ?—William Wilson.

29,091. I am afraid he is dead, is he ?—He is dead.

29,092. We will now come to the next election, in 1857, Edwards and Wells ; for whom did you vote then ?—Wells.

29,093. How much did you get ?—Nothing.

29,094. I mean how much did you get afterwards ?—Nothing at all.

29,095. How much were you promised ?—Nothing.

29,096. Who canvassed you ?—I do not know who canvassed me.

29,097. Who took you up to the poll ?—I think there was no money stirring that time.

29,098. A little ?—Then I should get 1*l.* from Duffill.

29,099. Do you recollect whether you had seen Mr. Boyes at that election or not ?—I cannot remember seeing him.

29,100. You will recollect 1859 better, when Walters, Edwards, and Walker put up ?—I polled for Walters and Walker.

29,101. How much did you get for Walters ?—I think I got 2*l.*

29,102. From where ?—In the market place.

29,103. You remained in the market place ?—Yes.

29,104. And some man came and gave you 2*l.* ?—Yes.

29,105. Before or after the election ?—After I voted.

29,106. You went and stood there ?—Yes.

29,107. There were a great many of you there ?—Yes.

29,108. Did you see the man going round amongst the men who were standing there, and hand them the 2*l.* ?—Yes.

29,109. Do you know who paid you ?—It was William Wilson I believe who paid me.

29,110. How much did you get for voting for Walker ?—Nothing.

29,111. How much afterwards ?—Nothing at all afterwards.

29,112. Were you promised anything ?—No.

29,113. Now we come to 1860, Walker and Gridley ?—I polled for Gridley.

29,114. How much did you get ?—2*l.*

29,115. Where ?—At the "Pack Horse."

29,116. For whom did you vote at the Edwards, Sykes, and Keane election ?—I polled for Edwards and Sykes.

29,117. How much did you get ?—2*l.*

29,118. Where ?—At the "Cross Keys."

29,119. From whom ?—From Arnott.

29,120. You are a freeman ?—Yes.

29,121. At the last parliamentary election in 1868, for whom did you vote ?—For Edwards and Kennard.

29,122. How much did you get ?—Nothing.

29,123. What did you expect ?—There was nothing given.

29,124. There was nothing going ?—No.

29,125. When did you ascertain that ?—Before I polled I heard that there was nothing going.

29,126. You inquired of course ?—Yes.

29,127. Had you voted at the council choosing ?—No.

29,128. How is that ; you are a freeman ?—I had not a vote.

29,129. Have you ever voted at the council choosing ?—Yes.

29,130. Often ?—Yes.

29,131. Have you always had money ?—Yes, 2*s.* 6*d.* and 3*s.*

29,132. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at the last pasture master choosing ?—Yes.

29,133. Did you get anything for that ?—Yes, I think I got 2*s.* 6*d.* or 3*s.*

29,134. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That was last March ?—Yes.

29,135. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I mean March 1868 ?—I do not remember that,

29,136. Did you vote then ?—Yes, but I do not remember what I got then.

29,137. Did you get something ?—Yes, I got something.

29,138. A couple of shillings ?—Yes, I should say so, or 2s. 6*d.*

29,139. From whom ?—I do not know ; it was from one of the pasture masters.

The witness withdrew.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

17 Sept. 1868.

JOSEPH SCARR called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Scarr.

29,140. What are you?—A master shipbuilder.

29,141. Are you a householder?—Yes.

29,142. A 10*l.* householder?—I am a freeman.

29,143. How long have you been a freeman?—Five years.

29,144. Did you vote in 1865?—Yes.

29,145. How did you vote?—For Edwards and Sykes.

29,146. Did you get anything?—Yes, 2*l.*

29,147. Who paid you?—Thirsk.

29,148. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I had not a vote.

29,149. How did you vote at the last election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

29,150. Did you get anything?—No, I had no chance.

The witness withdrew.

J. T. Scarr.

JAMES THOMAS SCARR called and sworn.

29,151. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

29,152. How long have you been a freeman?—Nine years.

29,153. What was the first time that you voted at a borough election?—1865.

29,154. You did not vote at the election of 1860? No, I had not a vote.

29,155. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Sykes.

29,156. Did you get anything for your vote?—I got 2*l.*

29,157. From whom?—From Mr. Thirsk.

29,158. Was the last witness your brother?—Yes.

29,159. You went together I suppose?—No, we voted together.

29,160. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—I had not a vote.

29,161. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

29,162. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you away from Beverley, or how was it you had not a vote?—I lived in Hull.

The witness withdrew.

G. Burnham.

GEORGE BURNHAM called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

29,163. Are you a freeman of the borough?—Yes, by servitude.

29,164. How long have you been a freeman?—40 years.

29,165. Did you vote for Towneley?—Yes.

29,166. How much did you get?—I got 12*l.* to the best of my knowledge.

29,167. Did you vote in 1857, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—Yes, I voted for Denison and Glover.

29,168. How much did you get?—Nothing.

29,169. Is that so?—Yes.

29,170. Later in the same year, in August, when Edwards and Wells were up (Mr. Glover having been turned out) did you vote again?—I polled single, Glover.

29,171. When Edwards and Wells came I mean?—I believe I did not poll at that election. There was one election that I did not poll at.

29,172. I think you voted for Edwards?—Yes, I polled for Edwards.

29,173. The first time he came?—Yes.

29,174. How much did you get?—Nothing; I never took no money since Towneley's election but once. I got 3*l.*

29,175. From whom?—From Sykes and Edwards; that was the election before this.

29,176. You mean to say that you were not paid for the 1859 election, nor for the 1860?—No.

29,177. Did any of your friends that you know of get money?—No; I know of nobody. I was not an electioneering man. I did not interfere with any party.

29,178. Who paid you the 3*l.* for Sykes and Edwards?—William Skinn.

29,179. Did you not support Mr. Keane at all?—No.

29,180. I do not mean by your vote, but did you not support him by your countenance?—Were you not on his committee?—I was not when Mr. Keane came, and I did not know he was coming.

29,181. Were you not on his committee?—I was on his committee, but when I saw that there were seven or eight there to transact the business, by that means I found that we were of no use at all and I declined. That was six or seven weeks before he came. By that means I did not know that Mr. Keane was coming.

29,182. I really cannot understand your explanation. Were you not on the committee up to the time of the poll?—No, I was not.

29,183. You were in the Mechanics' Hall, were you not?—No.

29,184. Did you not hear Mr. Keane speak?—No.

29,185. You did not take an active part on his behalf?—No.

29,186. Who canvassed you on behalf of Mr. Keane?—I am sure I could not say.

29,187. Did Mr. Keane himself?—I do not recollect.

29,188. Had you promised Mr. Keane?—No, I never do promise beforehand.

29,189. You keep yourself open till the last moment?—I do not promise.

29,190. Did you ask Mr. Skinn how much was going, how much he would give you?—We were very intimate, me and Skinn, and by that means Skinn asked me if I had polled, and I said "No." He said "If you will poll for us I will give you 2*l.*" I smiled at him, and he said "I will give you 3*l.*"

29,191. You held back for 2*l.* and he said, "I will give you 3*l.*"—Yes.

29,192. Did you poll at the last election?—Yes.

29,193. For whom?—I polled for Maxwell and Trollope.

29,194. Nothing was going then?—No.

29,195. Did your friend Mr. Skinn canvass you?—I did not say nothing to him.

29,196. Did he speak to you about your vote?—No.

29,197. Or you to him?—No.

29,198. You were a great friend of his?—I have been canvassed, but I do not promise anybody. It so happened that I took the money that time. I do not interfere with municipal or any other elections.

29,199. Unless there is money going. Did Mr. Skinn ofier you 1*l.* or something of that kind?—No.

29,200. Are you sure?—I did not intend to vote that side at all. They said Mr. Keane was for the ballot. By that means I said I should not poll.

29,201. I am speaking of the last election of 1868; were you not canvassed to vote on the Tory side at the last election?—Yes, I was canvassed, but I did not promise.

29,202. By whom?—By Sir Henry Edwards, I think.

29,203. Have you voted at the municipal election at all?—Yes.

29,204. Did you get any money for it?—No, I never got a penny.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN GROVES called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

29,205. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

29,206. How long have you been a freeman?—I have been a freeman 43 years.

29,207. Did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election?—Yes, I voted for Glover, single.

29,208. Did you get anything?—No.

29,209. Nothing?—No.

29,210. In August the same year, Edwards and Wells put up?—I never got anything.

29,211, For whom did you vote?—I voted for Major Edwards.

29,212. You got nothing?—No, I have got nothing since Towneley's election, till the election before the last.

29,213. You know that there was money going at all those elections?—I do not know; I never got any; I did not look for any.

29,214. You got something for Edwards and Sykes's election?—Yes, and I was very glad.

29,215. What did you get?—I got *2l.*

29,216. Who paid you?—Arnott.

29,217. Did you get anything at the last council choosing?—Yes.

29,218. What did you get?—I got 15*s.*

29,219. Who paid you?—Thirsk.

29,220. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for the Conservatives.

29,221. Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Groves, jun.

JOHN GROVES, junr., called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

29,222. You are the son of the last witness?—Yes.

29,223. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

29,224. How long have you been a freeman?—I took up my freedom about 1856.

29,225. You have voted at the elections since then?—Yes.

29,226. What are you by occupation?—A tailor.

29,227. Do you work with your father or by yourself?—I work under Mr. Arnott.

29,228. Did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election in 1857?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Glover.

29,229. Did you get anything for you vote?—No.

29,230. Did you vote at the Edwards and Wells' election the same year?—I voted for Sir Henry Edwards.

29,231. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

29,232. Are you quite sure?—No.

29,233. Did you speak to Mr. Arnott about your vote?—No.

29,234. You had no conversation?—No.

29,235. Did you vote in 1859—Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walters and Glover.

29,236. Did you get anything for Walters?—Yes, *2l.*

29,237. Who gave it to you?—Robert Taylor, I think.

29,238. Not anything for Glover?—No.

29,239. In 1860 (Walker and Gridley) for whom did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Walker.

29,240. Did you get anything?—No.

29,241. You got nothing that time?—Nothing at all.

29,242. No drink, or anything of that kind?—No, nothing.

29,243. In 1865 (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane) for whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Keane.

29,244. What did you get on behalf of Edwards?—I got *3l.* from Mr. Skinn.

29,245. And what for Mr. Keane?—*2l.*

29,246. From whom?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

29,247. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

29,248. Did you get anything for your vote then?—I got 10*s.*

29,249. Who gave you that?—A man named Joseph Smelt.

29,250. Did you vote orange or crimson?—I voted for two Conservatives and one Liberal.

29,251. Which way did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

29,252. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you promised anything at the last election?—No, not a penny.

29,253. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was it George Smelt or Joseph Smelt who gave you the 10*s.*?—Joseph Smelt.

29,254. What is he?—A shoemaker.

The witness withdrew.

R. Walker.

ROBERT WALKER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

29,255. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

29,256. How have you been a freeman?—Bred and born.

29,257. A freeman from your birth?—Yes.

29,258. When did you first vote?—At the Lawley and Wells election in 1852.

29,259. I will not ask about that. Did you vote at the election of 1857 when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up?—The first time Mr. Glover came I supported him, like a man. I gave him a whole vote; I did not split at all.

29,260. Did you get anything?—No.

29,261. You were not promised anything?—I was not short of money in those days. I am very sorry to say I am now, or I should not have to go harvesting.

29,262. You were not promised any money?—I was not. I promised the party that I meant to stick to.

29,263. Did you vote at the second election of 1857, when Major Edwards first came?—Yes.

29,264. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Major Edwards himself.

29,265. Did you receive any money?—Not a farthing. I never had a penny piece from the Conservative party in Beverley ever since I have been here.

29,266. Were you out harvesting then?—No, I have only been out harvesting of late years; the last three or four years.

29,267. The next election was in 1859; do you recollect that?—Yes.

29,268. Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes, I promised Mr. Walker, and I gave him a plumper. It was at the "Windmill," at William Smith's, in Back Street. I promised him when he canvassed that I would give him a plumper.

29,269. What were you to receive?—Not a farthing. All I wanted to receive was a little drop of beer to "lush" ourselves.

29,270. How much did you get?—Never a farthing from no party. I can say that with a clear conscience betwixt you and I.

29,271. In 1860, when Walker and Gridley were up, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Walker and I gave him a plumper. I never received nothing at all from that side.

29,272. You were badly treated; there was money going?—I cannot help it. I am thankful to say I had little money of my own then.

29,273. You did not get anything?—Not a farthing from no person. I can say that with a clear conscience betwixt you and I.

29,274. In 1865 for whom did you vote?—(*Referring to the paper*) I will tell you.

29,275. Let me see that piece of paper. (*The paper was handed to the learned Commissioner.*)—If you will ask me any questions I will give you an answer. I am a short-headed chap myself.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

R. Walker.

17 Sept. 1869.

29,276. Who wrote this for you?—My "missus," a housekeeper that I have had for 17 years.

29,277. You voted in 1865 for whom, for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes, they are the persons I voted for.

29,278. What did you get?—Nothing at all. I never received a farthing piece.

29,279. You voted for Edwards and Sykes?—No, I voted for Edwards and Keane. I received a sovereign at the Mechanics' Hall, at what they called "the hole in the wall," where a man had to put his hand in.

29,280. Did you receive anything on the other side? I received a sovereign on the nomination day, and I received nothing afterwards from one side or the other. Of course as soon as I got it I went away and spent it; that is the truth.

29,281. There is very little doubt of it. Is that all you received?—I received 2*l.* at Walter's election, and 1*l.* at Keane's election. That is all I have received at borough elections since I have resided in Beverley. I am a native of Beverley, bred and born.

29,282. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

29,283. Did you ever receive anything at a municipal election?—Yes.

29,284. Council choosing?—Yes, I received 10*s.*

29,285. When was that?—A little after 9 o'clock in the morning, about half-past 9. Mr. Robert Thirsk was the man that paid me.

29,286. The last time?—At the last municipal election, 1869. I did not wait for the loaves and fishes. I went and voted the first thing in the morning. I was very dry, so I thought I would get a sip of beer, and induce some people to get some as well as myself.

29,287. Did you vote at any election where you did not get beer money?—I will tell you straight. I always had a little money, thank God, barring nobody else. I could always stand my own treat. Of late I should look a little sharper after it.

29,288. Did you ever vote for the pasture masters?—Yes; and once I received 7*s.* 6*d.*, and one time 2*s.* 6*d.*, or something like that. That is all I have received.

29,289. Did you vote the last time?—Yes; there have been two or three times lately when they have had no contest; they polled themselves in.

29,290. How much did you receive the last time?—Not a farthing piece. I never received no beer neither, let alone money. I was very sorry for it. I wish I had the chance to receive it. I should be very glad to be accommodated myself as well as other people.

The witness withdrew.

F. Barnett.

FRANCIS BARNETT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

29,291. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

29,292. How long have you been a freeman?—About 35 years.

29,293. In 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover; did you vote?—Yes.

29,294. For whom?—For Denison and Wells.

29,295. Did you get anything?—Yes, I got 2*l.*

29,296. Who paid you the 2*l*?—I believe it was in the committee room. I cannot say who it was just now. It was in the orange committee room.

29,297. Where was that?—In the Toll Gavel, I believe.

29,298. What was the name of the shop?—It was the Reform Association room, I believe.

29,299. You received 2*l.*?—Yes.

29,300. You cannot recollect who paid?—No, I cannot, I am sure.

29,301. In August the same year there was another election between Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

29,302. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Wells.

29,303. What did you get?—Nothing.

29,304. Are you quite sure?—Yes, I am. I do not think Mr. Wells was giving a farthing at that election, nor none of his committee.

29,305. At Walters' election what did you get?—I believe 2*l.* was given then.

29,306. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Walters.

29,307. We will not inquire further about that. For whom did you vote in the election between Walker and Gridley?—I should vote for Gridley.

29,308. What did you get then?—I got 2*l.*

29,309. In 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, what did you get?—I do not think I got anything at Keane's election.

29,310. Who did you vote for?—I should vote for Mr. Keane. Do you mean the last two elections?

29,311. Four years ago.—I voted once for Edwards and Sykes.

29,312. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

29,313. Who paid you?—Charles Arnott, cabinet maker.

29,314. Who did you vote for at the last election in 1868?—I did not vote at all unless for the county.

29,315. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why did you not vote?—Well, I do not know. I was not tied to vote for any person. I told both candidates when they were canvassing that I should not vote for any party, so they did not trouble me about it after.

The witness withdrew.

J. Marshall.

JAMES MARSHALL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

29,316. Are you a voter?—Yes.

29,317. Are you a freeman?—No.

29,318. How long have you been a voter?—Only last year.

29,319. What are you by occupation?—A miller.

29,320. A master miller or a workman?—A working miller.

29,321. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

29,322. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

29,323. What did you get?—I got half a sovereign after I had voted.

29,324. From whom?—From Francis Burrell.

29,325. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard. I should say that I got another half sovereign afterwards for the municipal election. He said he would give me half a sovereign. I got it twice. A few days afterwards he gave me another half sovereign.

29,326. Who gave you the other half sovereign?—Mr. Burrell, the same man.

29,327. A few days after the election?—A few days after the municipal election.

29,328. How many days?—I do not know exactly.

29,329. Was it the same week?—I do not know.

29,330. Are you sure it was the same week?—It was a few days after. I cannot tell whether it was the same week or not.

29,331. Do you know why he gave you another 10*s.*?—He promised to give me another 10*s.* if there was more going.

29,332. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did he go to your house with the second 10*s.*?—Yes, he came to my house.

29,333. He told you that the parliamentary election was coming on, did he?—He did not say anything about it.

29,334. He came to your house and said, "There is 10*s.* more"?—He did not say anything more.

29,335. Did he not say that the election was coming on?—No.

29,336. And that he hoped you would support them?—No; I had promised Mr. Edwards and Kennard before.

29,337. Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Kennard had called upon you?—Yes.

29,338. And after he called upon you he came and gave you 10*s.*?—No, I think it was before.

29,339. You say you had promised Edwards and Kennard before he came with the second 10*s.*; is that so?—I cannot tell exactly.

29,340. Are you sure that Edwards and Kennard had called upon you?—They called, but I do not know whether it was before or after; I think it would be after.

29,341. Then you could not have promised them. You said that at the time he paid you the second 10*s.* you had promised to vote for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes, I had promised them.

29,342. Perhaps you do not understand me. Burrell came to your house a second time and paid you 10*s.*?—Yes.

29,343. Before that time had you promised Edwards and Kennard to vote for them?—I believe it was before.

29,344. How long ago?—I cannot tell exactly.

29,345. A day or two?—I cannot tell.

29,346. Perhaps it was the same day?—No.

22,347. A day or two before?—Yes.

29,348. Did you tell Burrell that Edwards and Kennard had been with you?—No.

29,349. Did he not ask you?—He did not say anything at all about it.

29,350. Did he come in and merely put the money down?—He was going past and he came in and put down the 10*s.* according to promise.

29,351. What did he say?—Away he went; he did not say any more.

29,352. He did not say anything at all?—I cannot remember what he did say.

29,353. Just recollect. Did he not say anything?—I cannot recollect.

29,354. Why cannot you recollect what he said?—He had promised another 10*s.* and he brought it in and laid it down.

29,355. Did he say, "This is the 10*s.* that I promised you"?—I do not know.

29,356. You received the first 10*s.* before you voted?—No, just after.

29,357. We know that Burrell had plenty of money. Then you received 10*s.* afterwards?—Yes.

29,358. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did he tell you that he would give you as much as anyone else got?—No, he said he would give me more if there was more given.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS OXLEY recalled; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. Oxley.

29,359. We have heard a good deal of the man with the hairy cap; do you know who he was?—No, I could not say.

29,360. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you not know who Edley is?—No, I do not.

29,361. You have heard the evidence about the man with the hairy cap; do you know who it was?—No, I do not.

29,362. That you swear?—Indeed, I do.

29,363. Remember you are on your oath?—Decidedly. If I knew I would tell you in a moment.

The witness withdrew.

JOSEPH LEE called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Lee.

29,364. What are you?—A dealer in earthenware and china.

29,365. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

29,366. How long have you been a freeman?—About 30 years. If you will allow me, I was away when I took my freedom for about 20 years.

29,367. Did you vote in 1857?—What election was that?

29,368. Denison, Wells, and Glover?—No, it was in Walkers', the first time.

29,369. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, was that the first election when you came back?—Yes.

29,370. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

29,371. What did you receive?—Nothing.

29,372. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.

29,373. Or from you?—No.

29,374. Did you advance any money?—No.

29,375. What was the next time you voted?—Walker and Gridley.

29,376. For whom did you vote?—Walker.

29,377. Did you receive any money?—10*l.*

29,378. For yourself?—Yes.

29,379. From whom?—From Mr. Kemplay.

29,380. He gave you 10*l.*?—Yes.

29,381. Did you distribute any of it?—No.

29,382. It was for your own vote?—Yes; I was at Darlington at the time, and I came from Darlington here.

29,383. Did you go back to Darlington?—Yes.

29,384. And your railway expenses, I suppose, would be about 3*l.*?—I could not say.

29,385. Did you vote in 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

29,386. For whom?—Sykes and Edwards.

29,387. What did you get?—2*l.*

29,388. From whom?—Well, you will perhaps bear in mind that Train, the toll collector, when he gave his evidence here the other week, said that Moore got the money for three voters. I was one of those three.

29,389. You voted for the last council choosing?—Yes, I did vote.

29,390. For whom did you vote?—The Conservatives.

29,391. How much?—1*l.*

29,392. From whom?—David Nutchey.

29,393, Then I need hardly ask you for whom you voted for the parliamentary?—For the Conservatives, Edwards and Kennard.

29,394. Did you get anything?—No.

29,395. But you got 1*l.* for the council choosing,—before you voted or after?—After.

29,396. Who canvassed you for the parliamentary?—Sir Henry Edwards.

29,397. Was Nutchey with him?—No, I think not. It was in the market. We was standing in the market with our goods.

29,398. You got 10*l.*, 2*l.*, and 1*l.*?—Yes.

29,399. On the part of Walker you got 10*l.*?—Yes, Walker.

29,400. Kemplay paid you?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM SPENCE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

W. Spence.

29,401. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

29,402. How long have you been a freeman?—Perhaps 50 years.

29,403. For whom did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—I suppose for Denison and Glover.

29,404. Did you get anything?—Not a penny.

29,405. Nothing?—Nothing.

29,406. Did you ever get anything for your vote?—Yes, I have.

29,407. When was that?—I got 10*s.* for Walter's election. I voted half for him.

29,408. Do you remember Major Edwards's first election?—Yes.

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29,409. Did you get anything then ?—No, I didn't; I voted for Wells.

29,410. You did not get anything ?—Not a penny.

29,411. Walker and Gridley ?—I voted for Walker and got 2*l.*

29,412. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane (1865) ?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

29,413. What did you get ?—2*l.*

29,414. Who paid you ?—William Train.

29,415. Now whom did you vote for the last election ?—I polled for Edwards and Kennard.

29,416. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—Yes.

29,417. What did you get ?—I got 15*s.*

29,418. Who paid you ?—David Nutchey after I had voted.

29,419. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Who gave you that 10*s.* when you voted for Walters ?—Daniel Boyes, in the "Toll Gavel," in an empty room.

29,420. But you voted for somebody else, did not you ?—I voted for Edwards.

29,421. Did you get anything for your vote for Edwards ?—Not a penny.

The witness withdrew.

J. Tigar.

JOHN TIGAR called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

29,422. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

29,423. How many years ?—About 40.

29,424. You hold some public office in the town ?—Yes, collector for the beck dues.

29,425. What is the amount of the dues ?—We may say, on a rough average, they will average 60*l.* a month; that will be about 720*l.* a year. They vary from 650*l.* to 850*l.*

29,426. What do you receive out of that ?—7½ per cent.

29,427. And who appoints you ?—The town council.

29,428. When were you appointed ?—It will be 1852 or 1853—1853 probably.

29,429. Now sometimes you have taken an active party in elections here ?—Yes, particularly.

29,430. Most of them ?—No, the last time I took any part in the election would be Hastings and Gordon: the last election I polled, but simply polled. I was up probably half an hour.

29,431. How do you mean that was the last election ?—From Hasting's election till Maxwell's I never recorded a vote nor was in the town during the election days or the nomination days. I can shorten your inquiries probably, for I can give you an account of the statement of the entire of Lawley's election expenses. That is George Hasting's election (*handing a paper to the learned Commissioners*). I have the vouchers here also if it is necessary to examine them.

29,432. In what way were you concerned for Lawley and for Hastings ?—Well, Hastings had no regular organized agents, but I should do such agency business as there was to be done. That is the entire of his expenses during the time he was in the town, except his private hotel bill.

29,433. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We are not inquiring about Hastings ?—I have also the vouchers corresponding to these accounts if they are required. I say that was the last election, consequently whatever I have done it would be previous to that time.

29,434. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There are things that are proved here that you have done ?—Nothing with regard to myself since that election. A person made a statement yesterday stating that I paid money, I think at Denison's election. That was a mistake; he should have said Lawley and Wells. Since that election I have taken no part whatever, always excepting Hastings' election; but since Hastings' election I have taken no part whatever. They would always be previous to Hastings' election.

29,435. (*Mr. Barstow.*) A man who was here yesterday, Samuel Wilson, told us you paid money away in a shop in the market place ?—That was a mistake; I did at Lawley and Well's election.

29,436. He said Denison's ?—That was a mistake. I remained at the Beck office so as to keep clear entirely of it; I did not record a vote neither at that election.

29,437. What sum of money did you pay away in Lawley and Well's election ?—I have nothing now to fix it upon my mind, but it would be betwixt 1,000*l.* and 2,000*l.* I should think nearly the whole of the money spent at that election would go through my hands, directly or indirectly.

29,438. You must be more definite than between 1000*l.* and 2000*l.* ?—You know I have nothing to guide my opinion upon in that respect, and I merely go by the number which I suppose would be paid, We paid 30*s.* a voter; sat publicly in a public room. paid all that asked for it.

29,439. That would not get through anything like 2,000*l.* ?—No, it would cost under 2,000*l.* I fancy myself—I have nothing to fix the exact sum—that it would not be more than 1,500*l.*

29,440. We want to know about what sum passed through your hands for the purposes of the election ?—I should say the sum total of the election would be somewhere about 1,500*l.*

29,441. Stay, I am only asking what passed through your hands ?—I would say in round figures about 1,000*l.*, but I am merely speaking from memory.

29,442. For whom were you acting at that election ?—On behalf of Lawley and Wells.

29,443. In 1852 ?—1852, I think.

29,444. You paid away 1,500*l.* ?—I say that as a limit, but it was something under that. I could not say the exact sum, because I have nothing to fix the exact sum on my mind.

29,445. We will say nearly 1,500*l.* ?—I would say nearly 1,500*l.* It was above 1,000*l.* I believe.

29,446. From whom did you get it ?—Leeman and Clark would be the agents at that election. I should get the money from them.

29,447. Did you get it from them ?—Yes, certainly.

29,448. When did you get this money; do you remember that ?—At different times. First of all we commenced with the intention of not spending any money; and then a little excitement got up, and one thing led to another, and I could not say in the tumult of the election and paying so many people who were the particular individuals I should receive it from.

29,449. Can you give us any notion of how many men you bribed on that occasion ?—Well, I should say from one half to two-thirds that would vote that way, but I have no names or anything, because after the election the accounts were audited, and I gave up the whole of the papers, for certain circumstances took place during the election that I was determined when that election was closed I would have nothing more to do with elections. We paid in fact all that asked for it. There was no mystery and no disguise about it. We sat in a public room, and paid all that came for it.

29,450. If the thing was a matter of public notoriety and you paid all that asked, I think we may safely say two-thirds of those that voted were paid. What sums did you pay them ?—30*s.* for the half voter, and 3*l.* all that voted for both. Then there was some few people that was travelling would get travelling expenses, and some few messengers might get probably a trifle more, but that was what we might call the general thing.

29,451. There would be bills for refreshments and the like ?—I think there would be, but we had nothing what they call open houses, or anything of that kind. If parties were allowed refreshments we gave them an order upon a house for a given sum, so that they could not go to any extent they might please.

29,452. Was this before you were connected with the beck dues ?—Yes, that election would be 1852.

29,453. And you told us in 1852 or 1853 you were appointed collector of the beck dues?—I think it would be 1853.

29,454. At this time which political party had the majority in the council?—By my election I should say the Liberals.

29,455. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) So should I?—I only got by the casting vote of the mayor at the time, so therefore they would be pretty well divided.

29,456. (*Mr. H. Barstow.*) To whom did you account for the money you spent?—I should account, I think, to Mr. Clark. There was Leeman and Clark. They were solicitors. Mr. Clark was the junior member, and I should think he would do all the business.

29,457. But Mr. Clark we cannot call?—I can only speak the truth; he was the business man of the election.

29,458. You fenced the question rather. You said "I *should* account." Did you account to Mr. Clark?—I have not the slightest doubt that I did, but I am speaking of transactions that took place 17 or 18 years ago. Mr. Clark was the business man at the election, and therefore I say at once he was the man that would audit the accounts.

29,459. And you explained to Mr. Clark the mode in which you paid the money?—I should give him a full account of it. The accounts were audited as close as any commercial accounts could be after the election, and the names of the individuals who had been paid.

29,460. Meaning thereby the names of the voters you had bribed?—Yes.

29,461. You say that you took part for Mr. Hastings?—Yes.

29,462. Were you aware of any corrupt expenditure on his behalf?—No, there was none. You have a statement there of his accounts, and I have the vouchers in my pocket. That was the entire of his expenditure.

29,463. That is what I wish to ask you. To the best of your belief that is the whole of his expenses?—I can prove it in another way.

29,464. I do not know that you could prove it?—I have a letter from Mr. Hastings, in which he enumerates the various sums I was to pay. I received not a farthing piece from him while he was here.

29,465. I only ask you, to the best of your belief was that a pure election?—Yes.

29,466. To the best of your belief was it a pure election on Mr. Gordon's part?—I know nothing about that.

29,467. You were acting for Hastings?—Mr. Hastings only arrived here on the morning of the nomination, and there was no occasion to spend money.

29,468. The next occasion was 1857?—Since that time I have never taken any part in an election. I have never asked a man to give a vote or to withhold one.

29,469. That you say on your oath?—Until the last time, when I voted for Maxwell and Trollope, I abstained from coming into the town. Any observations made contrary to that are made under a mistake. Lawley and Wells' election I was deeply engaged in, but not since.

29,470. I take that, that you never took any part either directly or indirectly?—Neither directly or indirectly.

29,471. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You gave Lowther a sum of 25*l.* at that election of 1852 to distribute, did not you?—If he says it I have no doubt it is true.

29,472. Do you remember any other large sum that you gave?—No. I was going to observe if an individual had any influence with another individual who did not like to come to the committee room to receive it he would receive a pound to take to him. Some would have two, or three, or four, others one; but whoever they was, if they brought me the names of the individuals, I would give them the money for those individuals.

29,473. But you do not cast a doubt on Lowther's evidence?—Not the slightest; I daresay I paid the money to him.

29,474. Do you remember anybody else who got a large sum from you besides Lowther?—No, I do not think anyone would get a large sum of money from me.

29,475. Perhaps a sum of 10*l.*, or something like that, to distribute?—A person might know three or four names.

29,476. Can you remember anybody?—I can recall several persons, but they are people who died so many years ago. Of those parties who really took an active part most are passed away, and one does not like to bring up the names of dead men to hurt the feelings of the living. All the leading men at Towneley's election are gone away from both sides, and the dead men come the readiest to one's memory. In fact I used to take an active part in the registration, and if a man was dead or gone away I used to keep an account of it; and that would strike it more upon the mind.

29,477. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You pledge your oath that you never had any money pass through your hands or from your hands to any voter in respect of any election from 1857?—No—I reserve Hastings' election—from 1857 to the present time I never took any part.

29,478. But did any money pass through your hands or from your hands to any voter in respect of any election?—Since 1857?

29,479. Yes?—No, none whatever; I am not trying to fence the question. I tell you in no shape or way whatever have I taken the slightest part. I have neither asked a man to give a vote or withhold a vote. It is no use; we are too deeply implicated to try at any fencing.

29,480. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Oh, you are speaking very plainly?—The man yesterday I have no doubt thought he was speaking the truth, but he made a mistake as to time.

29,481. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is the collector of beck dues appointed for life?—No, he is removable.

29,482. But I suppose in practice that is not done?—No, unless they have a motive in doing it. There is one thing I might observe. As you are passing among little men, why should not you get among bigger men? There has been no less than four Tory baronets from the town, and the seat of the town has been made a stepping stone to that honour. It would be well perhaps to inquire among those big men, and not entirely amongst the little ones.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN BLYTH called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Blyth.

29,483. What are you by occupation?—A master tailor.

29,484. You are a voter for the borough?—Yes,

29,485. How long have you had a vote?—Twenty years; I took out my freedom in 1849.

29,486. And you have voted at several elections since?—Yes, several since that period.

29,487. Now, with regard to those elections, is there any election at which you have received money for your vote?—None whatever.

29,488. Neither before nor after the election?—I never received a farthing of election money in my life under any circumstances whatever.

29,489. Have you ever taken an active part in either of the elections?—No.

29,490. Not in any?—No, I have given a quiet vote, and kept free from party politics in election matters altogether.

29,491. You never received any money to dispense to others?—Certainly not.

29,492. There has been some evidence of your receiving money I think in 1865?—It cannot be substantiated. I am very glad to have this opportunity of refuting it.

29,493. That is the reason you are brought here?—

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I am very much obliged to you. I never have under any circumstances had a bribe given to me.

29,494. Mr. Train says you received a sum of money at the election of 1865, when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up. Did you vote at the election ?—Yes.

29,495. For whom did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Sykes. I do not know why any money should be offered to me. I cannot see upon what principle it would be done. Whoever has given that evidence must be under some mistake which I hope he will be able to put right.

29,496. You say you did not receive any money on behalf of either of those candidates ?—I never received any.

29,497. With reference to your vote ?—Never at any time.

29,498. Not on that occasion ?—Not on that particular occasion ; oh no.

29,499. Did you see Train at that time ?—No, I do not know that I should have any conversation with Train.

29,500. Did you see him during the election ?—Possibly, along with the majority of my fellow townsmen, but not to have any conversation on the subject of electioneering matters.

29,501. You did not speak to him ?—I dare say not.

29,502. Did he come to you ?—No, certainly not.

29,503. Is there any other person of your name in the town ?—Yes, I have two brothers.

29,504. Is John the christian name of either ?—No, the christian names are William in the one case, and Stephen in the other. I have an uncle also whose name is William Blythe.

29,505. Is there any other John ?—No.

29,506. Then Train's evidence is a mistake with regard to you ?—A mistake, I say so emphatically.

29,507. Are your brothers voters both of them ?—Yes.

29,508. And your uncle ?—He is a voter also. Might I be permitted to ask what sum of money is stated to have been given to me.

29,509. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) 2*l.*

29,510. (*The witness.*) Pooh! it is not very likely. You may press me gentlemen as close as you please.

29,511. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) No, you are brought here to have an opportunity of clearing yourself.

29,512. (*The witness.*) I am much obliged for the privilege.

29,513. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It is no privilege, it is a right.

29,514. (*The witness.*) I hope my accuser will be brought before you again, because I am sure it is false.

The witness withdrew.

G. Atkinson.

GEORGE ATKINSON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

29,515. What are you ?—A labourer.

29,516. Are you a freeman ?—No, not a freeman.

29,517. An occupier ?—Yes.

29,518. How long have you had a vote ?—I never voted but at this last election.

29,519. How did you vote ?—I voted for Edwards and Maxwell.

29,520. With whom were you at work before you voted ?—With Marmaduke Whitton.

29,521. Were you examined before Baron Martin ?—Yes.

29,522. How many days before the election did you commence to work for Whitton ?—Four and a half days.

29,523. Did you apply to him for work ?—Yes.

29,524. Was that all before the election ?—Yes.

29,525. Did you work for him after the election ?—No.

29,526. What were you working at ?—Cutting drain.

29,527. Was the work finished ?—No.

29,528. Did he say anything to you when he gave you the job, or while you were at the job about voting ?—No ; he had done before that.

29,529. Before he gave you the job ?—Yes.

29,530. What did he say ?—He asked if I would vote for Edwards and Kennard.

29,531. Was that before he gave you the job ?—Yes.

29,532. What did you say ?—I told him I could not promise him. He teased me a good bit, and at last I told him he need not to see any fear, but I should help him.

29,533. Then did you get the job ?—Yes. A few days after that I went and asked him for a job, and he set me on.

29,534. What were you getting a day ?—3*s.*

29,535. And you were four and a half days at work ?—Yes.

29,536. Were you paid for the day you voted ?—No.

29,537. What time did you go back. How many days after you voted did you go back ?—I went back to work after Saturday night, but work was stopped till after the election was all over.

29,538. Then you commenced on the Wednesday morning to work again ?—Monday morning, I believe.

29,539. Then did you go to the place ?—I went to work.

29,540. Where ?—In Tiger Lane.

29,541. And whom did you see ?—There was men there just at work, and asked me if I had seen Mr. Whitton. I said, "No," and they said I was not to start till I saw him.

29,542. What time in the morning did you get there ?—Six o'clock.

29,543. Did you see Mr. Whitton then ?—I went to his house.

29,544. Tell us what occurred ?—I asked him the reason I was not to start. He said he was not going to have so many hands on. I said, Well, he had set two fresh men on that had never been there before. It seemed rather curious.

29,545. Did you say that to him ?—Yes.

29,546. Had he set two fresh men on ?—Yes.

29,547. What did he say to that ?—Said he had no more for me to do, but I believe either the day after or the day after that I met him in the street and asked him to lend me half-a-crown. He said, No, he would not, nor would never have nothing for me no more. I asked him the reason ; because, he said, I was a false fellow ; I had promised to vote for Kennard and Edwards, and I had not, and he would never do nothing for me no more.

29,548. Why should you ask him for half-a-crown ?—Because I wanted some money. I had none.

29,549. Did he owe you any money at that time ?—No ; I asked him to lend me some.

29,553. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you in regular employment ?—No.

29,551. What do you generally work at ?—Anything I can get to do that I can do.

29,552. That is not exactly an answer to the question. What sort of work do you generally work at ?—I generally work among farmers.

29,553. A farm labourer ?—Yes.

29,554. Have you been harvesting ?—Yes.

29,555. Where have you been working ?—I have been working this harvest at Walkington for Mr. Horsley.

29,556. How long ?—A month.

29,557. Have you left the job now ?—I left this morning.

29,558. Is the job over ?—Yes ; my time is up that I was engaged for.

29,559. You have been summoned here now for some days ?—Yes.

29,560. And you ought to have attended here ?—I understood that when I was wanted they would call on me.

29,561. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you ever worked for Mr. Whitton before ?—I cannot say if I ever did

work for him a day or two. I never did much for him.

29,562. Have you ever worked for him since?—No.

29,563. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say you never worked for Mr. Whitton after the election?—No.

29,564. Will you swear that you went to work?—Yes, I did.

29,565. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who paid you your wages on the Saturday night?—Mr. Whitton.

29,566. At that time did he say anything about discharging you?—No; all he said was, there would be no more, the elections were all over.

29,567. Who told you you were not to start at work till Mr. Whitton came?—The man out working on the work.

29,568. Do you know his name?—I think I do.

29,569. What was his name?—I cannot remember just now.

29,570. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were all the men away from work during the election day?—Yes.

29,571. What sort of a job was it?—It was cutting a drain up a street.

29,572. Rather a big job; a good many men on?—No, only six or seven.

29,573. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When did Mr. Whitton put the other two men on?—I do not know when he engaged them, but they were at work when I went. They had just started.

29,574. What day do you mean?—On Monday, I think it was.

29,575. When you went to your work on Monday do you swear you saw two new hands on?—Yes.

29,576. Do you know who they were?—No, I do not know their names.

29,577. Who was Whitton's foreman for this job?—I forget his name; he is a man who lives here in the town.

29,578. (*Mr H. Cox.*) Was he the man who came up here and gave evidence the other day?—I do not know.

The witness withdrew.

John Atkinson sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Atkinson.

29,579. How long have you been a freeman?—I am 70 years of age and have been a freeman about 50 years.

29,580. Do you remember the election of 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes, I recollect it very well.

29,581. Did you vote?—Yes.

29,582. Did you get anything at that election?—No.

29,583. Nothing?—No.

29,584. Not at that election?—I do not remember getting anything at that election.

29,585. How did you vote in 1857 at that election?—I am sure I have forgotten, my memory is very bad now, I do not think I can remember it so long back.

29,586. Well it is a long time back, but cannot you remember?—No; I have a very bad memory.

29,587. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It is a very common complaint here?—Well, I would tell you if I could.

29,588. I dare say you would, do you remember the next election, Glover, Edwards, and Wells?—Yes; I voted for Edwards.

29,589. Did you get anything?—I believe I did.

29,590. What did you get?—I believe I got 2*l.*

29,591. Who gave it you?—I do not remember.

29,592. The next election was 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Edwards.

29,593. What did you get?—I do not think I got anything.

29,594. Are you quite sure about that?—I believe I got nothing.

29,595. The next election was 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker.

29,596. You would get nothing then?—Yes, I did.

29,597. What did you get?—I got about 2*l.*

29,598. The next election was 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane and got 2*l.*

29,599. You got 2*l.* from Keane?—Yes, I did.

29,600. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you say you voted for Keane?—Yes.

29,601. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election, 1868?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

29,602. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Not a halfpenny.

29,603. No, but did you vote?—Yes; and got nothing the last two council choosings.

29,604. Did you vote crimson or orange?—Orange both times and never got a halfpenny.

29,605. You voted for Edwards and Keane in '65?—Yes.

29.606. Who did you get the 2*l.* from?—From Keane.

29,607. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How much did you get from Edwards?—Not a halfpenny.

The witness withdrew.

John Green sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Green.

29,608. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

29,609. What is your occupation?—I am a watchmaker.

29,610. On your own account?—No, I work for a master, Mr. Haseltine.

29,611. How long have you been a freeman?—About 20 or 21 years.

29,612. Do you recollect the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells, in '57?—Yes; I think I do.

29,613. Did you vote then?—I cannot say.

29,614. You remember the election when Major Edwards was here the first time?—Yes.

29,615. You can tell me whether you voted then?—I think I did not.

29,616. You were here?—I think I was not on the list at that time.

29,617. You said you had been a freeman 21 years?—Yes; but I was away from the town.

29,618. 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, you were on the list then?—Yes.

29,619. Did you vote?—Yes, I voted for Edwards and Walker.

29,620. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

29,621. Have you got money for your vote at any election?—No, I have not.

29,622. Not at any election?—No, not at any election.

29,623. Have you ever have had any money given to you to give to others?—Yes.

29,624. Tell me as near as you can what the amount was?—I cannot tell.

29,625. Tell me all you know, that is the easiest way?—I cannot tell you how many years it is; I had 7*l.* given me.

29,626. Who gave it you?—Mr. Fox.

29,627. How many years ago is that, about?—I am sure I cannot tell.

29,628. Is it as many as ten years ago?—It is more than that.

29,629. Is it since you have been a freeman?—Yes, I think it was one of Glover's elections.

29,630. One of Glover's elections was in 1852, Lawley, Wells, and Glover, was it that?—No.

29,631. If it was one of Glover's, one of those two, it was either Lawley, Wells, and Glover in 1852, or Denison, Glover, and Wells in '57; was it the election where afterwards Glover got disqualified?—I should not wonder but what it was.

29,632. I will take it that it was?—I will not be positive.

29,633. What did Fox give you the money for?—To bribe voters with, I suppose.

29,634. What Mr. Fox was that?—A watchmaker, the gentleman I was apprenticed with.

29,635. That must have been some time after you were out of your apprenticeship?—I should think three or four years, but I cannot be positive.

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P. Green.

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29,636. Well, we shall easily get the date from that?—But I was out of my time in '47.

29,637. That is unfortunate; where is Mr. Fox now?—I do not know, I believe, he is dead.

29,638. To whom did you give the money?—I think to three parties.

29,639. Who were they?—One man called George Constant, but he is dead.

29,640. Who else?—Joseph Cliff, and I do not know the other.

29,641. How much did you give to Joseph Cliff?—I think in all 3*l.*, but I will not be certain.

29,642. Did you give 3*l.* to the others?—No, I think it was 30*s.* to the first.

29,643. Where is Cliff?—I do not know whether he is living or not.

29,644. What was he?—A joiner.

29,645. Was that 7*l.* the only sum you received at that election?—Yes, I believe it was.

29,646. You believe so?—Well, I am certain of it.

29,647. How was it you came to be employed that way at that election?—Nothing else but working with the gentleman who gave me the money.

29,648. Have you taken an active part in these elections?—Yes, I generally did.

29,649. Then I must ask you about them; Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover, did you take any part in that?—Yes, I was check clerk.

29,650. You were employed for the Conservatives?—Yes, on the Conservative side.

29,651. What did you get for your employment?—2*l.* I think, and I was employed from 8 or 9 in the morning till 4 in the morning.

29,652. Is that all you had to do with that election?—Yes, and Walker and Gridley, next year I had nothing to do with.

29,653. How was that?—I do not know.

29,654. Now '65. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Nothing, I was not in the town at the time.

29,655. In '68 you were?—Yes.

22,656. Did you vote at the last council choosing in '68?—No, because I was not a householder.

29,657. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Can you tell me whether it was the first election that Glover came, or the second that you got the 7*l.* Surely you ought to be able to tell me that?—I cannot.

29,658. You got it to pay on behalf of Glover?—Yes.

29,659. Was it the first time he came?—I cannot say, I think it was the only time I voted for Glover.

29,660. Was it the first time he came here?—I should think it would be.

The witness withdrew.

E. Thornton.

EDWARD THORNTON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

29,661. Are you a voter for the borough?—Yes.

29,662. How long have you been a voter?—This is my first time for the parliamentary.

29,663. The last time was your first for the parliamentary?—Yes.

29,664. How long have you been a voter for council choosing?—About 15 years.

29,665. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary?—Sir Henry Edwards, and Captain Kennard.

29,666. Did you vote at the council choosing before?—Yes.

29,667. For whom?—For the crimson party.

29,668. Did you get any money for voting for the council choosing?—Yes.

29,669. How much?—15*s.*

29,670. From whom?—Mr. Nutchey.

29,671. David Nutchey?—Yes.

29,672. Did you get it before you voted, or after you voted?—After I voted.

29,673. Who took you up to vote?—A man of the name of Henry Usher, and another man, there were two that axed me to go.

29,674. What are you, a labourer, or what?—I am a drummer here of the permanent staff of the militia.

29,675. I am afraid you were not here in Towneley's time?—No.

29,676. Have you voted at the council choosing before?—Yes, since I have been a householder in Beverley 15 years.

29,677. Have you got money of them before?—Yes.

29,678. Not so much as 15*s.*, I believe?—No, I never got so much as that.

29,679. How much before?—Sometimes 2*s.* 6*d.* and sometimes 5*s.* or 7*s.* 6*d.*

29,680. I suppose Nutchey did not tell you what he gave you the 15*s.* for, why it was so much?—No, I did not know how much I was to get until I voted.

29,681. Who came round to canvass you for Edwards and Kennard?—Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard, they saw me as I was coming down from the barracks across the street, and called me over, and they asked me whether I would give them my vote, and I said I would.

29,682. Were you in uniform?—No.

29,683. Was anyone with them?—Lots of gentlemen, Mr. Bainton and other gentlemen I did not take notice of.

The witness withdrew.

W. Wilkins.

WILLIAM WILKINS called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

29,684. How many parliamentary elections have you voted at?—One.

29,685. Who did you vote for?—The Conservatives.

29,686. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

29,687. What did you get?—1*l.*

29,688. Who paid you?—Nathaniel Kemplay.

The witness withdrew.

J. Powell.

JOHN POWELL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

29,689. What are you?—I am one of Her Majesty's pensioners.

29,690. What, you have been in the army?—Yes, 25 years.

29,691. Are you a freeman of the borough?—Yes.

29,692. You were a voter for the parliamentary the first time last time?—Yes.

29,693. Which way did you vote?—For Kennard and Edwards.

29,694. Did you vote for council choosing?—Yes.

29,695. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

29,696. How much?—15*s.*

29,697. Who gave it you?—Thomas Harris.

29,698. Did he ever come afterwards to ask you about your vote for the borough?—No.

29,699. He never spoke to you about it?—No.

29,700. He never said anything to you about it?—No, he had no occasion to.

29,701. Have you ever voted before at council choosing?—Yes.

29,702. What did you get then?—I have chiefly been canvassed sir, and I have always promised.

29,703. That is not an answer, what did you get?—At one time I received 2*s.* 6*d.*

29,704. Was that the most you ever received?—No, I believe not, but I am not quite certain; I think that I got 5*s.* at some time or another.

29,705. Was that the most you ever received?—That was the most I ever received.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

Saturday, 18th September 1869.

Sir JAMES WALKER, Bart., sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

29,705. Have you taken an active part in the politics of this borough?—In a certain way I have when my son was a candidate.

29,706. Your son was a candidate on two occasions?—On two occasions.

29,707. He was a candidate in '59?—Yes, and '60.

29,708. Have you upon other occasions taken any interest previous to that?—I think not.

29,709. Any part, any active part?—Oh, no active part whatever. I scarcely think I have taken any interest whatever previously.

29,710. I mean by any interest, any active part?—No.

29,711. Have you contributed money in any way, or did any money pass through your hands up to the time your son was a candidate?—I believe not.

29,712. Just call it to your memory?—I am almost certain of it; I am certain I did not contribute in any way.

29,713. Or did any money pass from you or through your hands?—Not previous to my son being a candidate.

29,714-5. Your son was a candidate with Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

29,716. Walters?—Yes.

29,717. And Walker; those were the candidates in '59?—Yes.

29,718. And Walters and Sir Henry Edwards were returned?—Yes, they were.

29,719. Are you aware that on the part of Walters considerable sums of money had been expended; I think it was notorious?—I suppose it was from the general character of the town; I am not much in Beverley.

29,720. But at that time you took rather an active part?—My son was a candidate.

29,721. And you were here, of course?—Yes.

29,722. Now were your son and Sir Henry Edwards candidates in coalition?—Yes, they were.

29,723. Had you arranged beforehand what were the terms of coalition, you on the part of your son?—Yes.

29,724. Tell me the terms of the coalition?—That the expenses were to be divided between the two candidates; all the expenses were to be divided between the two candidates.

29,725. Equally?—Yes, equally between the two candidates.

29,726. Then I suppose you appointed a joint agent; you appointed Mr. Bainton?—I don't think I had much to do with that; with the appointment.

29,727. Then your son?—I should say it was done by the Conservative party in Beverley.

29,728. Oh no, I cannot accept that on the part of candidates?—Oh, then I must say that I did appoint him.

29,729. Did you advance the monies that were advanced beforehand; you yourself?—Which election?

29,730. '59?—I don't recollect advancing any money.

29,731. Was it by a cheque to your son then?—I believe not.

29,732. Was there a petition on that occasion?—There was.

29,733. Against Walters?—Against Walters.

29,734. And against Sir Henry?—Yes.

29,735. The result of the petition was that Walters was unseated, and Sir Henry Edwards was declared duly elected?—Yes.

29,736. That was the result of the petition. Had you any communication with him, or with anyone on his behalf, with reference to the petition?—Yes, I had.

29,737. With himself?—No.

29,738. With whom?—Mr. Rose sent me a letter which he had received.

29,739. Who is Mr. Rose?—A solicitor in London.

29,740. Of Baxter, Rose, & Norton's?—Yes.

29,741. What had he to do?—He would have the charge of the petition.

29,742. He sent you a communication?—He sent me a letter which he had received from Cronhelme making a demand upon me to pay the expenses which Sir Henry Edwards had incurred regarding retaining his seat against the petition, alleging——

29,743. Making a demand?—Yes.

29,744. For the expense Sir Henry was put to in defending his seat. Was there a petition against your son?—No, he was not elected; this was '59.

29,745. But what claim had Sir Henry against you?—I considered that there was no claim whatever, and I asked several of my relations and friends——

29,746. I do not want that?—Well, I refused to pay it.

29,747. Were there any grounds for it; have you the communication?—I have.

29,748. Who was the man, the person who communicated it?—I believe he is the manager of Sir Henry's manufactory in Halifax.

29,749. Have you ever seen him here?—No.

29,750. Now what was it; was the amount mentioned?—I have the letter; I believe it was 400*l.* or 500*l.*

29,751 Have you it?—I have not it in my pocket, but it is in Beverley.

29,752. You will let me see it?—Yes.

29,753. See if there is anything private in it, if there is I would rather have an abstract from you, if there is anything not in reference to the election?—I do not recollect there is.

29,754. Then, if you please, you will look it over again and see whether there is anything private; if there is you can transcribe the letter to us. If there be nothing private, nothing but what is relating to the election we should be glad to see the letter?—Oh! it is all relating to the election.

29,755. Then you will let us see it. Had you made any arrangement that you were to defend Sir Henry's seat?—None whatever.

29,756. Were any grounds stated in it?—Yes, I think so.

29,757. Then we will see the grounds?—I ought at the same time say that I offered to Sir Henry Edwards to pay half the expense of a bill that he had incurred in the action against Boyes, and Sir Henry would not allow me to pay it.

29,758. Oh, we have nothing to do with the action that was brought; he brought an action against somebody?—He would not allow me to join in the expense.

29,759. We have nothing to do with that. I see the bill here which is, I think, the original bill of expenses, is 569*l.* 7*s.* Your son is James Robert Walker?—Yes, he is.

29,760. And it is 569*l.* 7*s.* Then in addition to that I find a bill of 217*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*, "Account rendered "to members, December 18th." have you that account?—Which?

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Sir J. Walker, Bart.

18 Sept. 1869.

29,761. I find in the original bill it is 569*l.* 7*s.*; that was presented before the petition was tried, and after the petition was tried there was a further bill for 217*l.* 7*s.*?—No, I do not think I have any account of that, but it would be in the letter.

29,762. No no, I have left that subject now till I see the letter. I am upon the expenses of the election?—I have the account; they are memoranda rather than accounts. (*The witness handed the account to the Commissioner.*)

29,763. Are these in your own handwriting?—Yes, they are.

21,764. Did you contribute 30*l.* to the municipal election?—I did if it is down there; yes, I did, but at that time I understood my son was to be a candidate at the next election.

29,765. Yes; a parliamentary candidate?—Yes.

29,766. Was that arranged between you and Sir Henry?—All the expenses.

29,767. No; but that you were to contribute so much to the municipal election?—To all the expenses in the town that were to keep up the Conservative interest.

29,768. Was it arranged between you and Sir Henry Edwards that you were to contribute to the municipal election?—I do not know that the municipal election was particularly mentioned; I do not think it was.

29,769. I see "Mr. Almack 10*l.*," what was that about?—I did not recollect it until I saw the evidence of Mr. Almack in the paper, that he had got into difficulty about money he had paid, and that there had been a subscription raised for him, and that would be towards it no doubt.

29,770. I see "Pasture masters 20*l.*" ?—Yes.

29,771. Had you anything to do with the pasture masters?—It was sent. I do not know how the money was applied, but I presume it was for the election of pasture masters.

29,772. You mean to bribe with?—I did not know how it was applied.

29,773. You know now?—I know now; I did not know in what way it was to be applied, but it was to keep up the interest of the party.

29,774. I see the half of the expenses were 385*l.* It is quite right. "Working Men's Association 10*l.*" Then what is "The petition"?—That was in defence of my son; that was against the petition that was presented against my son.

29,775. No, that is going to '60, that was in '60?—No it is not, it is here.

29,776. When did you make that memorandum?—It was made at the time.

29,777. You will explain it, it under the head of '59, August '59?—Oh! it was the petition that was presented against Walters.

29,778. Oh, you petitioned?—Yes.

29,779. But would it be 1,377*l.*?—Yes, that is right.

29,780. I see the municipal election again; "Oct. " 12th, 30*l.*; Nov. 21st. 20*l.*"?—Yes; you will observe there are many private items as well.

29,781. Yes, I will not ask anything about those; what is the 37*l.* 16*s.* for?—My son came to hunt at Beverley.

29,782. Very well, that will do; that is quite enough. January '60, election 1,100*l.*?—Yes, that would be the sum that it cost me.

29,783. The second election?—Yes.

29,784. I have not got to that yet (*some accounts were handed to the witness*); confine your attention to those items. Mr. Bainton says they were submitted to you in detail before you paid them; do you remember that?—I cannot recollect at this period of time, I cannot recollect at all.

29,785. That shows that 217*l.* was to pay after the petition?—I have no recollection of anything. I have no other accounts than what is down in the book; if it was not for those accounts the whole thing would have passed away from my mind.

29,786. But show me where this appears; here you have paid "April 100*l.*," "July 100*l.*" "Sept. 185*l.*," paid by cheque; can you show me that?—I have my bank books.

29,787. Show me the 185*l.*; that will be sufficient for my purpose?—What is the date?

29,788. September '59, 185*l.*?—Those are all paid.

29,789. At any rate, it was after the petition, this is the account rendered; in April, 100*l.*; in July, 100*l.*; and in September 185*l.*?—Well, I cannot recollect, but here is my bank book. (*The learned Commissioners consulted together.*)

29,790. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It corresponds with the gross amount.

29,791. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You see now, does that call it to your recollection, the fact that after the petition was over and after all the legitimate expenses were supposed to be paid, you were called upon to pay a sum of 185*l.* 9*s.*?—It appears so.

29,792. Did you make any inquiries as to what that was for?—I do not think I did.

29,793. Would it not strike you as very strange that after they were bound to return all the expenses at the election and the petition was over, you should be called to pay 185*l.*; what did it strike you that that was for?—The whole thing was such that I did not enter much into it; I do remember the 185*l.*

29,794. Did not it strike you as being illegal, that it had been expended for illegal expenses?—(*No answer.*)

29,795. Very well?—It is long since. I did not take it into consideration at the time whether the petition was settled or not; I was asked for the money and I paid it.

29,796. Very well; you were not bound to consider it because you were only paying for your son. I am obliged to ask you, did you show that to your son before you paid it?—No, I think not; he is here; he will tell you; I do not remember anything about it.

29,797. Then we will pass off from that to the election of 1860. Now, Walters was declared unduly elected by means of bribery, bear that in mind; there is a new election coming on in 1860, caused by the Committee of the House of Commons having found Walters guilty of bribery. Will you tell me who were your agents, your son's agents then?—The agents were Mr. England and Mr. Bainton.

29,798. And they were declared, I suppose by your son, the agents elected to return an account to the returning officer?—I think I may say we had very little to do with it, they must be accepted as our agents, but we had nothing to do in the appointment of them.

29,799. Who appointed them?—I really do not know who appointed them; I must answer as I did before, they were appointed by the Conservative party.

29,800. Some people I suppose into whose hands your son put himself, that is the explanation?—I suppose so; yes.

29,801. Now there was a petition on that occasion?—Yes.

29,802. I will tell you how that was, 439*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* were returned as the legitimate expenses on that occasion, as the expenses that were brought before the House of Commons, and there was addition to that 337*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* paid in September. Now let me see your bank book. (*It was handed to the Commissioner.*) I see "January '60, election" here, is that 1,100*l.*?—Yes.

29,803. How was that paid?—I can only recollect there would be Mr. Bainton's bills, these bills they were paid, and I only know of one sum that is part of that sum of 1,100*l.*

29,804. What was that?—I gave my son—I must admit it—I gave one of my sons a sum of 200*l.*, and that formed a part of the sum of 1,100*l.*

29,805. Which son did you give the 200*l.* to?—Frederick James Walker, who was at the election of the age of 25 years.

29,806. What instructions did you give him with the 200*l.*?—He was to pay any expenses that might be incurred,

29,807. You knew you had an agent who was your proper agent for that purpose, I ask you did you not intend that your son should employ that in purchasing votes or tantamount to that?—I cannot say in what way he was to employ it, there were no instructions given. It was to be used for the purpose of securing his brother's return.

29,808. That is quite enough; securing it apart from the agent who was conducting the election?—Yes.

29,809. Did you direct him what he was to do there?—No.

29,810. Did you go down to the "Beverley Arms" and see a man named Kemplay, or I think it was at the "Cross Keys," did you see Kemplay there and hand it to him?—No; I had nothing to do with it.

29,811. What directions did you give your son?—I gave no directions to my son.

29,812. Have you any other explanation as to that?—No; Mr. Cooke had 100*l.* out of that sum of 1,100*l.*

29,813. Who is Mr. Cooke?—A lawyer from London.

29,814. Cooke had 100*l.*; what brought him down?—I thought it desirable.

29,815. Who is he, what is his name?—He is a barrister in London.

29,816. Do you know his christian name?—No.

29,817. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is it William Henry Cook?—I do not know, he is a member of the University Club.

29,818. Is he the Queen's counsel?—I do not know.

29,819. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What had he to do with it?—He came down to advise.

29,820. Was he here?—He was in Beverley, yes.

29,821. At Beverley?—Yes.

29,822. How long did he remain here?—I do not recollect how long he remained here.

29,823. Was he up at your house, most probably he would be?—I think one afternoon he came to my house; I have seen him once or twice since in the University Club.

29,824. Can you explain that. What did he get 100*l.* for?—For his trouble in coming down. I asked him to come. I considered it desirable to have him, because I did not consider the agents were appointed by me.

29,825. I have no right to put it, but I will do so. Was it at his suggestion that you gave your son 200*l.*?—Not that I know of.

29,826. Was it at his suggestion that you were to give your son 200*l.*, and send him to the "Cross Keys;" did he suggest that?—Not to me he did not.

29,827. That is another 100*l.* Then in 1860 I see the pasture masters again, "Jany. 25*l.*" Now look at that item "Wreghitt" (*showing item to witness*)?—What is put down there is correct.

29,828. Wreghitt?—I made him a present for the trouble which he had when my son was made member for Beverley.

29,829. You made Wreghitt a present?—Yes.

29,830. Of 50*l.*?—Yes.

29,831. You made Wreghitt a present for what?—For protecting my interests, for attending to my interests and doing what he did; he had to do with the borough.

29,832. What had Wreghitt to do?—There were persons who wrote to my son letters making different applications, and Wreghitt attended to them.

29,833. Did you intend that he should have money yearly for voters in the borough?—I do not know who made the applications, but poor persons wrote to me and asked for money for the loss of cows and other things.

29,834. Yes, we know the kind of application?—And I gave money to Wreghitt, and he attended to them instead of me paying them.

29,835. Have you continued to give money for these benevolent purposes since your son ceased to be a member?—No, I have not.

29,836. Then we know the purpose it was for?—It was to keep up the interest of the Conservative party in the borough.

29,837. Keeping up interest by means of money is what the legislature calls bribery. How long did your son remain a member?—He remained a member till 1865, till the dissolution of that Parliament.

29,838. I see again "Wreghitt's application, 30*l.*"; "Oct. 50*l.*"; "Municipal election, pastures, 50*l.*" Do you know, really I am astonished there should be that item; look at that, "pastures 50*l.*" To whom did you give the money for the pastures?—I have no doubt it was given to Wreghitt.

29,839. Given to Wreghitt for the purpose, if there was a contest pending, of bribing freemen to elect men who had to distribute large sums in charity. Have you any other explanation to give?—No, I have not.

29,840. Look here; "municipal election 50*l.*; in "Oct., ditto 34*l.*"?—Yes; that is so.

29,841. What could you think now of all this: "Pastures 50*l.*; Wreghitt present 50*l.*; municipal "election 50*l.*; ditto 34*l.*" Have you any possible explanation to give except that these monies were advanced for bribery?—I must say that the system of corruption and bribery in Beverley had been going on for time out of mind, and to that extent that it was impossible to arrest or counteract it.

29,842. I am glad to hear you say that?—And I took the earliest opportunity, as you will see, of withdrawing my son from the representation of the place as soon as the Parliament was dissolved, and long before the Parliament was dissolved I had made up my mind that he should never stand again for the representation of Beverley.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

29,843. Do you recollect with whom you first agreed to pay these sums of money to Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes, I suppose it would be with him.

29,844. Was it Wreghitt who came to you and desired you to pay these sums of money?—It is 10 years since, it is almost impossible to recollect, but the understanding was that I was to pay half the expense of the election and of the other expenses of the borough.

29,845. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Of keeping up these kind of things?—Yes.

29,846. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you understand beside these sums that you paid to Wreghitt there was an equal sum paid by some other person?—I should think there would be.

29,847. You understood there was?—Yes, that there was to be. I do not know the money was paid, but I understood I was to pay half of all the expenses.

29,848. Was it the then sitting member for the borough who desired you or requested you to pay these sums to Wreghitt, do you recollect?—No.

29,849. It was not?—No.

29,850. You had no interview with Sir Henry Edwards about these matters?—No.

29,851. Were those sums exclusive of any private subscriptions of your own towards the charities of the borough?—There were some that I considered were left to me that I continued to pay.

29,852. I mean you, I suppose, as being a resident here have been in the habit of subscribing to local charities?—Yes, my family had and Mrs. Walker before me, and I always kept up those subscriptions.

29,853. Those of course were exclusive?—Yes.

29,854. Those payments to Wreghitt I presume you took no account of at all?—No, no account.

29,855. Did he apply to you in addition to this sum, which I see was generally 50*l.* a year, which you paid to him, for other monies; did he apply for money for the municipal elections?—I should say so.

29,856. I suppose he would come to your house and say a contest was coming on?—It would not be at

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my house because I was very little in Beverley, but I would hear from him such contests were coming on.

29,857. And he applied to you by letter for money for that purpose?—I suppose he did.

29,858. And in like manner with the pasture masters?—Yes, you must allow me to say that there are many items in that account that had nothing to do with elections; those sums are put down because they would not have been incurred unless my son had been a member for Beverley.

29,859. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is quite true.

29,860. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is what I meant, these items, which I won't specify, would not have been contributed by you unless your son had been a member for the borough.

The *witness* pointed out to the Commissioners the sums which he continued to pay.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien requested the witness to be kind enough to tick those items which had no reference to the election.

Mr. Barstow informed the witness that be wanted to get at the gross amount of what the witness considered his son being in Parliament had cost him,

The *witness* stated that the amount was in the account he had handed to the Commissioners.

29,861. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Referring to this sum of 200*l.* which you paid Frederick James Walker for the purposes of the election, do you remember in the first place what day you paid it?—I cannot remember.

29,862. Was it on the polling day?—I cannot remember at all, he is here.

29,863. Oh he is here?—Yes, he is in court.

29,864. You do not remember perhaps in what sums it was, do you remember in what kind of money you gave it him?—It was an order from me to my bankers in Hull to deliver up to him a parcel which was ticketed with my name upon it, and which they had in keeping for me.

29,865. By whose direction had they that parcel ready for you?—It was a parcel which I put some time previously into their hands for safe keeping.

29,866. You knew then of course what the contents of the parcel were?—Not the amount.

29,867. You did not know the amount?—Not quite, I had heard.

29,868. Was it in notes or gold?—In gold.

29,869. You do not know, however, when that was paid?—No.

29,870. Now with reference to the 100*l.* paid to Mr. Cooke, when was that paid, do you recollect; was it paid him when he was in Beverley?—Oh no, I should think not.

29,871. You think not; you really think it was not paid him in Beverley. (*The witness referred to his bank book.*) Perhaps it will be more convenient for you to look it over after and tell us when it was?—I should think there would be no name on the cheque.

29,872. It was paid by cheque?—I think so.

29,873. You see the object of the question; what I want to know is was it money paid on the election day?—To Cooke?

29,874. Yes, to Cooke?—Oh! no.

29,875. You think it was not?—Oh! certainly not.

29,876. Are you sure that the payment was by cheque?—I cannot exactly say; I do not see it here; there are many cheques here.

29,877. Was it paid subsequent to the election?—Oh! it must have been.

29,878. (*Mr. Frederick James Walker.*) I think I shall be able to answer the question.

29,879. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Very well, when you are called.

29,880. Was it of your own notion that you desired your bankers to prepare that sum in gold for the purpose of the election?—I did nothing of the kind.

29,881. Do you know who it was who induced you to prepare that money?—It was not provided or sent to the bank for the purpose of the election by me. The history of that is there was a sum of money left in the house by the late Mrs. Walker, my mother. She had given it to me, and I left it in the house, and subsequently considering it was the safer place to put it, it was sent to the bank at Hull. I forget the time it was sent. I never opened the parcel, but she told me she had given me 200*l.*, and it was in such a place in the house, and there I found it, and I took it to the bank.

29,882. Had her giving the money any reference to the election?—Oh! no, she was dead long before the election took place.

29,883. This remained an unopened parcel in the bank until the time of the election?—Quite so; I do not believe I opened it either when I did take it from the bank.

29,884. You knowing this money, this convenient sum, was in the bank at Hull, on or about the election day you wrote an order that it should be given up to your son?—I did.

29,885. That was not at the suggestion of any other person than yourself?—No; I had forgotten the whole of the transaction until my son told me about it. It had entirely passed away from my mind. He told me about it, and then I was able to recall it in the way I have described to you; I had forgotten the whole of it.

29,886. Which son was that?—Frederick James Walker.

29,887. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you banked in Hull; do you bank in Hull?—I do.

29,888. It was at your own banker's in Hull?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

29,889. Is that Mr. Cooke, the county court judge?—I do not know anything about him; I do not know.

29,890. What I want to ask you is with reference to these sums that you paid, more particularly relating to the election; relating to political matters. Did you consult your son the member?—I think he had nothing at all to do with the proceedings.

29,891. But he was cognizant and knew of them?—I did not tell him what I paid.

29,892. You did not tell him the amounts, but he was aware you were making such payments?—I cannot tell that; I do not think that he knew a great deal about the matter.

29,893. I certainly should like to call to your memory whether with regard to any one of these payments that you made for pasture masters and so on your son was aware of them?—I think he was not. I was not communicative to him about the proceedings of the elections. He is here and will answer for himself.

29,894. At all events, did you ever speak to him on the subject; did you ever tell him you were making these payments, or any of them?—I certainly never told him the amount I paid.

29,895. But did you ever tell him you were making such payments?—I think that it is very possible I did, but it is so long ago that I cannot remember.

29,896. The only other matter I have to ask about is a very small one, and possibly you will not be able to answer me. You stated the expenditure was to be equal, and I observe in reference to the election of '59 the payments were not quite equal. Do you know how it was; look at those figures (*the account was handed to the witness*)?—I do not; I cannot explain it.

29,897. It is hardly worth mentioning, but Sir Henry Edwards seems to have made a larger payment than you did. You do not know the reason of that?—No, I do not.

Mr. Barstow observed it was 15*l.* and a few shillings.

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29,898. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you ever ascertain for yourself the amount of money that was in that bag?—No, I did not.

29,899. Because Kemplay said he got 300*l.*?—I saw that in the evidence in the paper, but I think it was two.

29,900. You do not know?—I believe I never opened the bag when it was given to me; and I believe, as far as my recollection goes, the sum specified was 200*l.*

29,901. Sir James, were you examined on either of these petitions?—No, I was not.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien, having examined the accounts handed in by Sir James Walker, stated that he found a little over 5,200*l.* had been paid by Sir James Walker from the time his son became a candidate till the June of '65, after subtracting those sums not immediately connected with the elections.

Mr. H. Cox stated that the costs of the petition against Mr. Walters had been about 1,300*l.*, and the cost of the other petition was 944*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*

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Account of Monies expended with reference to Municipal Elections, Pastures, &c. at Beverley.

	£	s.	d.
1858.			
Municipal election	30	0	0
5*l.*, 10*l.*	15	0	0
1859.			
Pasture masters	20	0	0
Oct. 12. Municipal election	30	0	0
Feb. 10	50	0	0
Ditto on application	20	0	0
June 19. By application	20	0	0
July 12. Wreghitt's application	20	0	0
Oct. Municipal election	50	0	0
1861.			
Jan. 3. Working Men's Association	10	0	0
Pastures	50	0	0
Feb. Wreghitt, present	50	0	0
Oct. Municipal election	50	0	0
Ditto	34	0	0
Wreghitt's application	26	0	0
Wreghitt, present	50	0	0

	£	s.	d.
1861.			
Feb. 24. Pastures	30	0	0
April 22. Registration	184	7	0½
1862.			
Wreghitt, application	30	0	0
Oct. Municipal election	50	0	0
1863.			
Feb. 27. Pastures	50	0	0
Ditto, additional	15	0	0
Wreghitt, present	50	0	0
July 29. Wreghitt, application	25	0	0
1864.			
Feb. 20. Wreghitt, present	50	0	0
Ditto, application	20	0	0
July 11. Wreghitt, application	20	0	0
Nov. Municipal election	50	0	0
1865.			
June 19. Wreghitt, present	25	0	0

James Robert Walker, Esq., called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. R. Walker, Esq.

29,902. Are you the late member of Beverley?—I am.

29,903. You represented it from 1860 to 1865?—Yes.

29,904. You were a candidate in the first instance with Sir Henry Edwards, then Major Edwards?—Yes.

29,905. We have heard that you were in close coalition?—Yes, that was so.

29,906. And the expenses were shared between you?—Yes.

29,907. I think we have gone into the matter quite sufficiently, but with reference to your first election, in 1859, are you aware of any expenditure of money made in your behalf other than that which appears in the election auditors' accounts?—No, I am not.

29,908. I am sure you will tell me; you think upon that occasion there was no corrupt expenditure in your behalf?—Not that I knew of. I have seen in evidence here that some people said they got money, but it was not done with my knowledge; in fact, I always considered it was pure on our side.

29,909. As far as you knew there was no corrupt expenditure in your behalf in the election of 1859?—No.

29,910. Well, I will take it. Were you at the time of the petition aware of any corrupt expenditure on your behalf?—No, I was not.

29,911. Are you aware whether any sum of money has been paid by yourself or anyone else on your behalf with reference to any corrupt expenditure in the election of 1859?—No, nor am I now aware of it.

29,912. In the following year there was a petition. You were again a candidate in 1860, the ensuing year?—Yes.

29,913. Were you aware at that time that any corrupt expenditure in your behalf was resorted to in that election of 1860?—No, I was not.

29,914. Not at the time aware?—No.

29,915. That I have no doubt we shall get from other sources. Now were you yourself in the habit of paying money for the purposes we have heard of in the borough for promoting the Conservative party?—No, I never paid any money myself at all.

29,916. Then what we have just heard from Sir James Walker, you did not know all this had been paid in your behalf during the time you have been representative for the borough of Beverley?—No; I never paid anything.

29,917. Then we may take it that you yourself have no personal knowledge of any corrupt expenditure on your behalf during the whole time that you have been representative for Beverley?—I suspected that money was paid for pasture masters and so on, I would not deny that; but I never paid any myself, and I did not inquire.

29,918. I only meant, as matter of fact, we have nothing more to carry into account as money spent in corruption in Beverley during the time that you represented it, except that which has already been stated?—No, nothing.

29,919. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) About the parcel of 200*l.*?—I really knew nothing at all about it. I really knew nothing about it until I saw it in the evidence before this Court.

29,920. You were not aware of your brother having it?—No, I was not. I retired in 1865.

29,921–2. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Could you tell me when was it your father made up his mind you should retire?—I cannot exactly say, but I should think it would be about a year, or perhaps more——

(*Sir James Walker.*) It rested entirely with me.

29,923–4. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did you make up your account?

(*Sir James Walker.*) After he became a candidate.

29,925–6. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) After 1860?

(*Sir James Walker.*) Yes.

The witness withdrew.

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29,927. You have heard the evidence about the taking a parcel of notes. Do you remember taking that across to the "Cross Keys"?—Yes, I do.

29,928. Where did you obtain it?—I obtained it at the bank at Hull.

29,929. You went to the bank at Hull?—I attended there.

29,930. You brought it from Hull?—Yes, I brought it from Hull.

29,931. And what did you do with it?—I kept it in my possession until I handed it over to the man who said he received it.

29,932. That was Kemplay, was it not?—Yes.

29,933. You gave it to Kemplay at the "Cross Keys"?—Yes.

23,934. What age were you then?—I believe 25; he said I was 12 years old. I suppose he wished to pay me a compliment.

29,935. How had you arranged that you were to meet at the "Cross Keys"? How had you become aware that there was a man to meet you?—I was told to go there.

29,936. By whom?—I am not quite certain about who the person was; I cannot speak positively.

29,937. Did you get any information on the subject from Mr. Bainton?—I might, but I am not positive.

29,938. I should like you to think?—It is nine years ago since the circumstance took place.

29,939. Yes; but still this is a remarkable occurrence in a man's life, and it is very important that you should consider?—I will tell you who I think is the most likely person, I will not swear that he gave me the orders to do so, but Mr. Cooke I think it was.

23,940. Which Mr. Cooke is that?—I think he is a barrister in London.

29,941. Do you know his Christian name or initials?—W. T., or T. W. I cannot speak for certain.

29,942. When did he tell you?—The morning of the polling day.

29,943. He told you what?—He told me to take this money there, I believe it was his direction.

29,944. And I understand you had some communication with Mr. Bainton on the subject of this money; was not that so?—None whatever.

29,945. I understood you to say you might possibly have heard from Mr. Bainton?—No.

29,946. I do not wish to put words in your mouth; had you any communication with either Mr. Bainton or Mr. England or their managing clerk on this subject?—None whatever.

29,947. The directions you received were from Mr. Cooke?—I believe they were.

29,948. Can you remember anyone else in communication with you on the subject?—You are asking me about a thing that occurred nine years ago.

29,949. Well, it is?—Until I saw my name in the paper I really had forgotten entirely the whole transaction about it. It is nine years ago, and one's memory may be rather excused if one cannot speak positively on the subject. I am speaking as far as I know the truth, and that is all I can say.

29,950. And you handed it to Mr. Kemplay?—Yes, I did.

29,951. Do you know what he did with it?—No.

29,952. Did you give him any instructions?—No; I suppose he would have his instructions from someone else what he was to do with it.

29,953. From whom do you suppose he had instructions?—That I cannot say.

29,954. Did you ever afterwards communicate with Mr. Bainton and tell him that you had done this?—No, never.

29,955. Or Mr. England?—No.

29,956. Or Mr. McCoy?—No.

29,957. Or Mr. Cooke?—Certainly not.

29,958. You did not tell Mr. Cooke that you had executed the message? You did not tell any person?—Not a soul.

29,959. Not from that time to this?—Not until very recently.

29,960. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did you get the parcel?—I got it at the bank at Hull.

29,961. When is my question?—I cannot remember the day of the week; a few days before the election.

29,962. Did you count the money?—Yes, I did.

29,963. What did it consist of?—To the best of my recollection it would be as near 200*l.* as possible.

29,964. What did it consist of, gold?—All sovereigns.

29,965. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Then if Kemplay said it was 300*l.* you are clear that he made a mistake?—I feel certain on the subject. He said I was 12 years of age then, I think he made a mistake in that.

29,966. His statement is that I did not count the money, but I should say there would be 300*l.* Did you ever give Kemplay any more money?—No.

29,967. Kemplay says that he went there by instructions that he received at Mr. Bainton's office. Were you aware that he had instructions; were you aware of that?—No.

29,968. You were not aware of that?—I was not aware of that.

29,969. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you know Mr. Kemplay at all?—No.

29,970. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you ever see him?—Not that I know of.

29,971. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How did you know to whom you gave it?—I was told I should find a person there ready to receive this money, and I handed it over to him.

29,972. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Mr. Cooke was the only person that told you that?—I can only give the same answer I did before, I am not positive. I might be mistaken about it.

29,973. One other question, did you receive any other money to pay with regard to that election?—No, not a farthing.

29,974. Did you receive any other money to pay with reference to any other election?—I do not think I was in Beverley.

29,975. You did not receive any money the second election, the 1860 election?—No, I did not receive any; I do not think I was in Beverley.

29,976. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien to Mr. James Robert Walker.*) Do you remember the gentleman in the election of 1860; I mean the visitor Mr. Cooke?—He was in the town at the time.

29,977. Do you know him?—Yes.

29,978. That is the same Mr. Cooke, is it, who appeared on the petition?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

C. S. Todd, Esq.

CHARLES SPILMAN TODD, Esq., called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

29,979. Are you a solicitor practising in Hull?—Yes.

29,980. Were you conducting agent on behalf of Mr. Walters?—I was the agent for election expenses, appointed under the 26th of Victoria.

29,981. What was the amount?—I produce the account from which the original account was made, a fair copy of which was lodged with the election auditor. That amounts to 198*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* (*The account was handed in and is as follows:*)

"To John Willis, Esq., the election auditor or auditor
" of election expenses in and for the borough of
" Beverley."

"I, Charles Spilman Todd, of the borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, gentlemen, having been appointed by Ralph Walters, Esq., of 3, Sussex Gardens, Hyde Park, London, his agent for election expenses in and about the election of two members to serve in parliament for the borough of Beverley aforesaid, held on the 28th and 29th days of April 1859, do hereby

admit the several bills, charges, and claims hereunder specified to the amount set opposite the same.

"Dated the 28th day of July 1859."

Bill, Claim, or Charge,		Amount claimed.			Admitted.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Election auditor's fee -		10	0	0	10	0	0
Returning officer's charges -		37	18	4	37	18	4
Printers :—							
Mr. Empson -	£17 16 3						
Mr. Ward -	31 16 7						
		49	12	10	49	12	10
Advertising:—							
Eastern Counties Herald -	1 6 0						
York Herald -	0 12 0						
Lincolnshire Advertiser -	0 12 0						
Cabs :—							
Mr. Jack -	21 3 0						
Thrusk - -	9 0 0						
		30	3	0	30	3	0
Booth agents - - -		8	8	0	8	8	0
Check clerks - - -		4	4	0	4	4	0
Paid booth agents and clerks for expenses, refreshments, &c. -		2	13	6	2	13	6
Paid sundry clerks - - -		16	11	0	16	11	0
Sundry telegrams, postage stamps, and incidentals - - -		9	4	8	9	4	8
Paid for register, street lists, and sundries - - - -		27	5	6	27	5	6
		£198	10	10	£198	10	10

29,982 You had to certify to the correctness of these ?—I did.

29,983. You had then ?—Yes.

29,984. Was there anybody else conducting the election on behalf of Mr. Walters except yourself ?—No.

29,985. There was a petition against Mr. Walters ?—Yes.

29,986. And he was unseated ?—He was. I was not concerned in that.

29,987. Did you call upon him for any other expenses ?—No.

29,988. Did you ever send in to him any other bill ?—I never sent a bill at all; never made a charge. Mr. Walters, I may state, had been an attorney, and was an old acquaintance and correspondent of mine.

29,989. Did you pay any bills in his behalf ?—None but these.

29,990. I mean in addition to those ?—No; none.

29,991. Were you called upon to pay ?—No.

29,992. Were you aware of any expenditure on his part beyond this ?—Only on the 12th of February 1863 he sent me a cheque for 26*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* for any trouble that I might have had in the election, and for attending to the registration matters. That is all the account I had with Mr. Walters.

29,993. No money passed through your hands ?—No, I had a balance which I handed over.

29,994. Nor out of your hands ?—No.

29,995. You are aware from what you hear of the great expenditure that was incurred, and I ask you, at that time were you aware of that expenditure ?—No, I was not in Beverley on the election day.

29,996. Had you been made aware of it before ?—No.

29,997. Were you in correspondence at all with Mr. Boyes in that election ?—No.

29,998. You were not ?—No.

29,999. I understand you to say that you were in no way cognizant of any illegal practice on the part of Mr. Walters ?—Certainly not.

30,000. In any way ?—No, not in any way.

30,001. Were you engaged in behalf of Mr. Keane in 1865 ?—Yes.

30,002. Did you take an active part in his behalf ?—To the extent of arranging for his agents, clerks, committee rooms, cabs, printing, and the like.

30,003. Were you his agent ?—For election expenses.

30,004. Under appointment ?—Yes.

30,005. Have you the appointment ?—I have. That is the account, and that is the appointment. (*The papers were handed in and the account is as follows :*)

Beverley Election 1865.

A detailed statement of the expenses incurred by or on behalf of David Deady Keane, one of Her Majesty's Counsel, at the said election.

	£	s.	d.
Rent of rooms and places of meeting -	14	0	0
Hotel bill, &c. - - - -	27	4	0
Agents, check clerks, &c. - -	37	10	0
Advertising, printing, bill sticking, and stationery - - - -	103	16	8
Cab-hire, &c. - - - -	77	4	8
Postage and general expenses - -	24	0	0
Agency - - - - -	52	10	0
Returning officer's accounts - -	45	17	2
	£382	2	6

C. S. Todd,
Agent for the said D. D. Keane, Esq., Hull.
12th September 1865.

30,006. You have read of the statements made to us; I ask you now as I did before, had you any cognizance of any illegal corrupt expenditure of money on the part of Mr. Keane, or of anyone in his behalf ?—I had no cognizance of the fact whatever.

30,007. Were you in Beverley at the time ?—Part of the time.

30,008. Were you in Beverley on the nomination day ?—Yes.

30,009. Were you at the Mechanics' Hall ?—No.

30,010. Were you in Beverley on the polling day —I was.

30,011. Were you at the Mechanics' Hall ?—No.

30,012. The first election 198*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* for Mr. Walters, and the second 382*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for Mr. Keane ?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

30,013. Have you any experience in electioneering matters in Hull or elsewhere ?—I have been engaged on one or two occasions.

30,014. Have you been in the town during the election ?—In the town of Hull.

30,015. Did you see what was going on ?—Yes.

30,016. I suppose you could tell pretty well whether the election was being conducted on principles of purity or otherwise ?—No, I could not.

30,017. Cannot you tell from the aspect of the town ?—No.

30,018. Cannot you tell by the voters hanging about the street ?—There are 17,000 in Hull, always a large number. I never saw them hanging about the streets there.

30,019. I think there have been two or three petitions ?—One.

30,020. Not more ?—In my time there has been only one. I do not know what more there may have been.

30,021. Were you in Beverley on the polling day ?—Yes.

30,022. The whole of it ?—Yes.

30,023. Did you notice anything peculiar, voters hanging about ?—I may say I was not in the streets of Beverley. I was in a room adjoining the one occupied by Mr. Keane.

30,024. Not in the streets at all ?—No, I was taking the poll returns as they came in.

30,025. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When did you first hear of corrupt practices at the election of 1865 ?—I first heard of it at 9 o'clock in the morning on the polling day.

30,026. I do not think you understood my question ?—You asked when I first heard of any corrupt

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practices at the election of 1865. It was at 9 o'clock in the morning of the polling day.

30,027. Then I must have misunderstood your evidence. I thought you said you were not cognizant of any corrupt practices?—I heard of them. I was not aware of them of my own personal knowledge. I first heard about 9 o'clock in the morning, when I found to my surprise how the election was going. A statement was then made to me which I heard, and I closed the door upon the party making the statement.

The witness withdrew.

J. W. Trushell.

James W. Trushell called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commisioner Barstow.

30,028. How long have you been a freeman?—Since I was 21.

30,029. How many years?—Six years.

30,030. You voted in 1865?—Yes.

30,031. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Keane.

30,032. What did you get for your vote?—2*l.* at the Mechanics', 1*l.* at the "Cross Keys."

30,033. 2*l.* for Mr. Keane, and 1*l.* at the "Cross Keys"?—Yes.

30,034. How did you vote at the last election?—Edwards and Maxwell.

30,035. Did you get anything?—No.

30,036. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I cannot vote.

The witness withdrew.

W. Cook.

William Cook called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

30,037. What are you by occupation?—A bolt and nut maker for the Waggon Company.

30,038. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

30,039. How long have you been a freeman?—I voted at Gridley and Walker's election first.

30,040. That by implication is an answer. You have been a freeman some five or six years, I suppose?—A little more, I think. In 1860 I voted first.

30,041. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Gridley.

30,042. Did you get anything for your vote?—2*l.*

30,043. Who gave it to you?—The man at the "Pack Horse," the stout man with the hairy cap.

30,044. We have not heard before that he was a stout man. Do you know his name?—No.

30,045. The election of 1865, did you vote then?—Yes.

30,046. For whom?—Mr. Edwards and Mr. Sykes.

30,047. What did you get for your vote?—2*l.*

30,048. For the two?—Yes.

30,049. From whom?—From Charles Arnott, cabinet maker.

30,050. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

30,051. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes, 17*s.* 6*d.*

30,052. Who gave you that?—George Robinson.

30,053. Where did he give you that?—At Town's Hall.

30,054. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where the election was?—Just outside.

30,055 (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I suppose you went up with a lot more men from the waggon works, did not you?—No.

30,056. Went up by yourself?—I was by myself when he paid me. There was a deal voting at the time I went.

30,057. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election, in 1868?—For the Conservatives.

30,058. Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

30,059. Who canvassed you for your vote at the last election?—All the parties.

30,060. Were you canvassed at the waggon works? No, I never was asked.

30,061. Not there?—No, they passed through the shop, but they did not ask anyone, not in my presence.

30,062. Did your foreman ask you for your vote?—No.

30,063. Or anybody connected with the waggon works? Did anybody who was above you in the waggon works ask you for your vote?—Not that I am aware of. I do not remember anyone.

The witness withdrew.

W. Julian

William Julian called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

30,064. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

30,065. How long have you been a freeman?—I should think about 40 years.

30,066. You are a freeman by birth, I suppose. Did you vote at the celebrated Towneley election?—Yes.

30,067. How much did you get?—12*l.* and tickets.

30,068. Did you vote in 1857?—I should think I should, but I cannot say how.

30,069. The first election in 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I should be for Mr. Wells.

30,070. How much?—Nothing that I know of.

30,071. Nothing that you know of?—I believe not anything.

30,072. You won't pledge your oath that you did not receive anything?—I almost durst do it.

30,073. I think you received 2*l.*, did not you?—No.

30,074. Do you recollect the first election of Edwards and Wells, when Edwards came after Glover was disqualified?—Yes, I recollect it of course.

30,075. Did you vote at that election?—Yes, I should vote.

30,076. For whom?—I cannot say.

30,077. We can tell you. Whom did you vote for?—What year would that be in?

30,078. 1857, when first he came?—No, I should not vote for Mr. Edwards.

30,079. You voted for Wells, did not you?—I believe so.

30,080. How much?—Nothing that I know of.

30,081. How could you forget if you got money?—I did not get it.

30,082. You say you did not, is that so?—Yes.

30,083. We may discover it otherwise, and then I think you will be in a difficulty. Now just recollect whether you got any money or not at that time?—I did not.

30,084. You recollect Edwards and Walker's election?—Yes.

30,085. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

30,086. How much?—I do not remember anything.

30,087. Come, come, be perfectly clear?—I have had but very little at any time; not anything at that election.

30,088. How much have you had?—I said before I had the 12*l.* at Mr. Towneley's.

30,089. We know that?—2*l.* at Mr. Walters', and 2*l.* this last election. That is all I can remember.

30,090. 2*l.* at Walters's you said?—No.

30,091. You said so?—2*l.* at the last. It was after the election some time when I got the last 2*l.* in 1865; Mr. Edwards and Sykes.

30,092. How long after the election?—I cannot say; four or five months, I should think, no doubt.

30,093. I was wrong in saying "at the election;" I suppose the monies you received were generally after the election?—The last, in 1865, was after the election.

30,094. You say it was three or four months after ?—I should think it would be.

30,095. Who paid you ?—Mr. Akrill the gunmaker, in my own house.

30,096. He came to your own house ?—Yes.

30,097. Mr. Akrill told us that. You read that in the papers, did not you ?—Yes.

30,098. Therefore you remember it ?—I remember it well.

30,099. Walker and Gridley I did not ask you about ;—I have no recollection about that.

30,100. Come ?—I have not.

30,101. For whom did you vote ?—I cannot say.

30,102. We are not at all indebted to you about the last election, because we knew it of Mr. Akrill. Now, refresh your memory a little ?—I cannot call to mind anything but what I have said.

30,103. For whom did you vote at Walker and Gridley's election ?—I cannot say.

30,104. Did you vote at all ?—Yes, I should think I should.

30,105. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

30,106. What did you get ?—Nothing.

30,107. For whom did you vote ?—For the Liberals.

30,108. What are you ?—A bricklayer.

30,109. Where do you work ; have you constant employment ?—No, first one and then the other.

30,110. (*Referring to the poll book.*) You voted for Walker at Walker and Gridley's election ?—Very good.

30,111. There was money going ?—I got none. I did not always vote for money.

30,112. Did you get any money after the election ?—No.

30,113–4. In the election of 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, you voted for Walters ?—I had 2*l.* for Mr. Walters.

30,115–6. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In 1857 (Edwards and Wells), for whom did you vote ?—For Mr. Edwards and Mr. Maxwell.

The Secretary (*referring to the poll-book*). He voted for Wells.

Yes.

30,117. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How much did you get ?—Nothing.

30,118. You voted for Edwards and Maxwell the last time ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

Robert Taylor called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

30,119. Are you a freeman ?—I am.

30,120. How long have you been a freeman ?—Upwards of 37 years, I should say.

30,121. Did you vote for Towneley ?—I did.

30,122. What did you get ?—Nothing ; not a farthing.

30,123. In 1857, the candidates were Denison, Wells, and Glover ?—I was not an elector then ; I did not reside in Beverley.

30,124. When did you come to reside in Beverley ?—Previous to Mr. Walters's election. I was away about 10 years.

30,125. The first of the elections into which we are inquiring, and of which you can tell us, is Walters's election ?—Yes.

30,126. What did you get then for yourself ?—I got nothing.

30,127. I know you know something more about it. I will come to that directly. In the following election (Walker and Gridley) did you get anything ?—I should vote for Gridley ; not a farthing.

30,128. At any election have you ever received any bribe for yourself ?—Neither local nor parliamentary.

30,129. You never received any ?—No.

30,130. I believe you have been more in the way of giving than receiving ?—Well, I should say so.

30,131. You were not in the town at any of those elections previous to Walters's ?—No.

30,132. At Walters's election we know you were very busy indeed ; what sum of money passed through your hands for the purpose of the election ?—Before I go into that, have I the right to claim the same protection as Mr. Boyes had ? I was prosecuted at that election along with Boyes.

30,133. You were acquitted ?—The case was dismissed.

30,134. You cannot be put in peril twice. You are quite clear. You cannot be put in peril twice, even if we gave you no certificate. You are clear upon that point. Now you will tell what sum of money passed through your hands ?—Well, I positively could not tell you that.

30,135. We are not asking you to 5*l.* ?—Well, I should say about 600*l.* I cannot exactly say.

30,136. Is that really, upon your oath, as nearly as you can remember the sum that you had ?—I have no knowledge of the exact sum.

30,137. Are we to take it that that is as near as you can give ?—That is as near as I can give.

30,138. Who gave you that money ?—Mr. Daniel Boyes.

30,139. Where did he give it to you ?—In a shop in the Toll Gavel.

30,140. Had that been a shop of one Poole, a confectioner ?—Yes.

30,141. It was next to the Reform Association Rooms ?—Yes.

30,142. Did Boyes ever tell you where he got it ?—He did not.

30,143. Do you now know where he got it ?—I do not know.

30,144. He has never told you ?—Never.

30,145. And upon your oath you do not know where he got it ?—Upon my oath I do not.

30,146. At what time in the day did Boyes give you this money ?—Well, it was paid at twice.

30,147. When was the first sum that you received ?—That would be in the afternoon, after the nomination.

30,148. The first sum that you received was in the afternoon, after the nomination ?—Yes.

30,149. What did you do with that ; did you pay away any of that on the nomination day ?—Yes, I paid it on the nomination day, the afternoon of the nomination day.

30,150. How much was it that you received ?—I do not know ; I never counted it ; I have no knowledge at all of the amount of money.

30,151. What was it that he gave you ; in what coin was it ?—In sovereigns and half sovereigns.

30,152. Was it in bags ?—It was in a bag.

30,153. On the evening of the nomination day you got one bag of sovereigns ?—I did.

30,154. Did you pay that all away that day ?—I did.

30,155. Where did you pay that away ; in the Toll Gavel ?—In the Toll Gavel, in a room behind the shop.

30,156. Well, how many men did you pay on the evening of the nomination day ?—Well, I should say that I paid 300*l.*, less or more ; I cannot say the exact number ; I have no means of ascertaining.

30,157. 300*l.* on the nomination day ?—Yes, they would be same men over again.

30,158. I suppose there was a doorkeeper to the room ?—I should say there would be, but I did not see him. Where I was I could see no doorkeeper.

30,159. How did the voters come to you to be paid ?—They merely came through the room. I gave them the money ; I put the money into their hands, and they went through the back door into the other street.

30,160. Did you not hear some one call out something ?—Call out what ?

30,161. Call out something before you paid the voter ?—I do not recollect that I did.

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30,162. We all know about it; it is no use wasting time?—I know about it as well.

30,163. Was not Daniel Boyes in the room next to you?—I should say he would be. I could not see Daniel Boyes where I was.

30,164. But you know well that he was there?—I have no doubt of it.

30,165. Did the voters pass through the room in which Daniel Boyes was?—Oh, certainly.

30,166. As they passed through the door, did you hear some voice proceeding from the room where Boyes was?—I did hear some one in that room talking about one, two, three, and so on. I thought it alluded to the booth where they were to vote. No. 1, 2, and so on.

30,167. Had what you paid no reference to what you heard the person in the room call out?—I had my instructions as to what I was to pay. I was to pay them a pound a man; there is no dispute about that.

30,168. If a voter came through, and you heard "two" called out, you would not have given 2*l.*, would you?—I do not know that I should; I had no instructions.

30,169. Will you swear that you did not give 2*l.* if you heard "two" called out in the room?—If the man told me he had not been the day before I should have given him 2*l.* If he came on the second day and said he had not had a pound the day before, I should give him 2*l.*

30,170. In short, Boyes called out what you were to pay the men?—I do not know that he did.

30,171. Do you not remember that he did?—I know that I heard him talking about one, two, three, and so on. I expected that they were booths.

30,172. How did you know what you had to pay?—I was to pay them 1*l.* each. If a man had not got 1*l.* on the first day I was to give him 2*l.* on the second day.

30,173. How did you know that the man had not 1*l.* on the first day?—He would tell me.

30,174. And you took his word?—Yes.

30,175. That is a simplicity I did not expect to hear. You paid the same persons over again on the polling day that you paid on the nomination day?—Yes.

30,176. Do I understand that if a man had not received his 1*l.* on the nomination day he was paid on the polling day?—He was; I have no doubt about it.

30,177. Then I believe that you received a second sum on the polling day?—On the polling day I almost think I got it in two; yes.

30,178. From whom did you get it?—I got it all from Mr. Boyes.

30,179. What time in the polling day did you get the first?—It would be after the poll was opened, I should think, perhaps about 9 o'clock. I could not say exactly to a quarter af an hour.

30,180. Then when that was exhausted I suppose you got another sum?—Yes.

30,181. And you paid it all away?—No, I did not.

30,182. What had you remaining?—I positively do not know the amount I had left. When I went out of the room Mr. Boyes was in the front shop standing at the door, and I gave him the money. I said, "Take that money; I'll have nothing to do with it." I gave him the money in the place before I went away.

30,183. You returned what was not spent to Boyes?—That I positively did, upon my oath.

30,184. Did you give him any further account than that?—Not any. There was nothing passed afterwards. I gave him the money before I left the room.

30,185. What men were there assisting you?—No one assisting me.

30,186. No one assisting you?—Not anyone.

30,187. You do not know of any men bringing voters?—I do not know anything about it.

30,188. You saw no one except the voter who came to you?—Only the men who came to me.

30,189. What time did you leave the room on the election day?—I should think it would be about 2 o'clock, as near as I can remember.

30,190. You finished paying at 2 o'clock?—Yes.

30,191 Is that the only time in which you have been so employed?—I was never at any other time in my life.

30,192. We know that you were prosecuted?—Yes.

30,193. That is so?—Yes.

30,194. And you were acquitted?—The case was dismissed.

30,195. I believe in truth the witnesses came drunk into court?—They appeared so.

30,196. Thay appeared to me so. I happened to be there. Did you pay the expenses of that trial yourself?—I never paid anything.

30,197. Do you know who did pay?—I do not know who paid it.

30,198. Upon your oath?—Upon my oath I do not know.

30,199. All you know is you did not?—No, I did not.

30,200. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Had you any book when you were giving this money away?—Neither book, ink, pen, or paper.

30,201. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who applied to you to go through the form of paying this money?—Mr. Boyes.

30,202. Were you a voter?—Yes.

30,203. Did you vote at that election?—I voted a plumper for Walters.

30,204. What were you to have?—I had no agreement for a farthing; nothing.

30,205. It was not for sheer love of bribery?—It was done unthinkingly, I did not think about the consequences at the time.

30,206. You were to have something?—I never had any agreement about any money matters. I never took any money in my life for anything. I always voted and did everything without money. If they all had done so you would not have been here to-day.

30,207. What I want to know is, why should you stay there incurring a risk?—I did it for the good of the party, not for my own good.

30,208. You cannot give us an account of what monies you spent?—If I could I would have done so, but I positively cannot, because I never counted the money, and do not know what the amount was.

30,209. Was there anybody else paying money on behalf of Walters?—I am not aware that there was. I do not know of anyone. I should say not.

30,210. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you say you never received any remuneration, directly or indirectly, for those services?—Yes.

30,211. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Not after the election?—No.

30,212. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you concerned in the last municipal election?—I was concerned in this way, I was filling up the voting papers.

30,213. Did you pay any money?—No; I never paid a farthing for any local election in my life to anyone.

30,214. What are you?—I am a commission agent.

30,215. I do not know what a commission agent is?—I am a commercial traveller travelling on commission. If I sell nothing I have no pay.

30,216. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In what trade?—In the grocery, provision, tobacco, and candle trade. I do business for three houses in Hull.

R. Smelt.

ROBERT SMELT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

30,217. You are a freeman?—Yes.

30,218. How long have you been a freeman?—I voted first for Mr. Towneley.

30,219. Did you get anything for your vote?—I got 12*l.* out at Walker Gate.

30,220. Now go on to later elections. Do you re-

member the election of 1857, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—Yes.

30,221. Did you vote then?—Yes.

30,222. What did you get?—2*l.*

30,223. For Mr. Glover?—For Mr. Glover.

30,224. The next election, Edwards and Wells, 1857, did you get 2*l.* then?—Yes.

30,225. For whom?—Mr. Edwards.

30,226. The next election, 1859, 2*l.* then?—Yes.

30,227. For whom?—Mr. Edwards.

30,228. Did you not vote for Mr. Walker?—Yes, I believe I did.

30,229. Edwards and Walker?—Yes.

30,230. The next election, 1860, 2*l.*?—Yes.

30,231. For Walker?—Yes.

30,232. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, 2*l.*?—Yes.

30,233. Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

30,234. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—No.

30,235. Were you here in the place?—Yes, but I had not a vote.

30,236. Did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

30,237. Which way?—Edwards and Kennard.

30,238. Now, you have been employed sometimes at some of these elections?—No, never.

30,239. Do you mean to say you never have been employed as a messenger to carry messages, run errands, and things of that kind?—I think once.

30,240. When was that?—I believe it was at Mr. Glover's election.

30,241. In 1857?—Yes.

30,242. What did you get for that?—I believe I got 8*s.*

30,243. Where you never employed in any capacity at any of these other elections?—No.

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The witness withdrew.

William Etherington Dixon called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

W. E. Dixon.

30,244. What are you by occupation?—Nurseryman and seed merchant.

30,245. I think you are not a freeman?—I am not a freeman.

30,246. How long have you had a vote?—I believe two or three years. I came to Beverley in 1864.

30,247. Did you vote at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—No, I did not.

30,248. You voted at the last election?—I did.

30,249. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

30,250. Did you vote at the borough election?—At the municipal election I did.

30,251. Did you get anything for your vote?—Never.

30,252. I believe, I may say, you were active at that election, were not you, the municipal election?—I was not active at all at the municipal election. I merely gave my vote. I was not in the town after half-past nine in the morning.

30,253. Did not you assist any of the candidates?—Not any of them in any shape or way.

30,254. Not with money? no money passed through your hands?—No money whatever.

30,255. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you on the register in 1865?—I believe not in 1865. I came only in 1864 here to Beverley. I came in October 1864, I think.

30,256. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think it only right to tell you there is a mistake about you.

(*The Witness.*) I was subpœnaed before Baron Martin. I had to stop the whole of that time, and I have been here again now.

Adjourned to Monday, 20th, at 11 o'clock.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

Monday, 20th September 1869.

Frederick William Cronhelme sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

F. W. Cronhelme.

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30,257. Have you been in any way connected with Sir Henry Edwards as member of this borough?—I have been intimately connected with Sir Henry Edwards as his managing clerk during the whole of his mercantile life.

30,258. You heard my question. I only want to know as member of this borough. I do not want anything else; I should be sorry to hear anything was said with reference to anything between you and him as to mercantile matters. Have you been connected with him in matters relating to this borough?—I have been connected with him, and have always kept his private accounts since he has been member for Beverley.

30,259. You have kept his accounts?—I have.

30,260. I want you to understand it is only as member of the borough we have anything to do with the accounts?—I understand you.

30,261. Have you been here at any election?—I was here at Sir Henry Edwards' first election in 1857. There were two elections; it was the second in '57. Sir Henry was returned in opposition to Mr. Wells.

30,262. Was that the first time you were ever in Beverley?—The first and last since '57; I have never been in Beverley since.

30,263. Did you see Mr. Wreghitt when you came down here at that time?—I did.

30,264. Did you see Mr. Bainton when you were here at that time?—I saw Wm. Bainton of the Beverley Parks, I believe.

30,265. That is the gentleman I mean. Did you remain during the election?—I did.

30,266. How long were you here before the election?—I do not exactly recollect; I think it would be two or three days before the nomination day, but I took no particular note of it.

30,267. We do not expect you would. Was Major Edwards here before you, or did you come with him?—He came first.

30,268. Was it in consequence of a communication you came here?—No, it was previously arranged.

30,269. Then it was arranged with him?—It was.

30,270. You were a stranger in the borough, you knew nobody in it; tell me for what purpose you came down?—I came down to assist in the election. If the Commissioners wish to come to the point of the bribery of which I was guilty at that time, had I not better go at once to that and tell you the origin?

30,271. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) My brother Commissioners think with me you had better answer the questions we may put to you first, and then you may make any statement you think fit

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F. W. Cronhelme.

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30,272. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That has been the course we have pursued, to have the questions and answers first, and then for the witness to make what statements he likes.

30,273. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You gave me two or three of the names of the men you saw; did you see Mr. Barkworth?—Mr. Harold Barkworth, I did.

30,274. Did you see Mr. Arden?—I might have seen him in the committee room.

30,275. When, I ask, did you see him; I mean to see him to have any conversation with him or communication?—I had no communication.

30,276. Did you see, in the sense I have used, Mr. Lowther?—I did not know him personally, he may have been there.

30,277. You say when you first came here you saw Mr. Wreghitt, Mr. Bainton, and Mr. Barkworth, were there others?—There were several other gentlemen that I met on the committee.

30,278. You know Mr. Williams who came down here as conducting agent?—Mr. Williams the attorney would come down on the part of Baxter, Rose, and Norton.

30,279. They sent him down on behalf of Sir Henry?—I saw him frequently.

30,280. Now tell me how much money you, were advised to bring with you?—I think I must now give you the explanation I mentioned.

30,281. If you will, tell me how much money you were advised to bring with you?—2,000*l.* was put at my disposal. I did not bring it with me.

30,282. That is what I mean, you answer my question on that?—Yes; the sum of 500*l.* was placed at my disposal.

30,283. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In addition to the 2000*l.*?—No.

30,284. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where was the 2,000*l.* placed; on whom could you draw?—I brought 500*l.* of it with me, and the other I got in bank notes, part from our Halifax banking account, and partly from our London bank, then the Consolidated London Bank. But when I was in London I could go there and get a thousand pounds in bank notes the same as at Halifax, without acquainting them with the object for which I wanted the money.

30,285. You were given directions by Sir Henry Edwards to expend money up to 2,000*l.*?—No, not by Sir Henry, he was ignorant of it.

30,286. By whom then was the discretion vested in you to spend 2,000*l.* at the election?—By Sir Henry's brother, Captain Edwards.

30,287. Where is Captain Edwards now?—He perished at Abergeley.

30,288. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am very sorry for it. I would not have asked the question had I understood it.

30,389. Was Captain Edwards a member of the firm?—He was; he was equal partner with Sir Henry, then Major Edwards.

30,290. The firm, then, consisted of the two brothers in 1857?—Yes, the firm consisted of the two brothers; the elder brothers had died and they came into possession of it.

30,291. At that time the firm consisted of two brothers?—Yes.

30,292. Who was the book-keeper of the firm?—We had several, the firm was so extensive that we have ten or a dozen cashiers and book-keepers. I was the manager, and kept the private ledger where the capital and shares were recorded.

30,293. In any book that you kept was any entry made of the 2,000*l.* which was destined by Captain Edwards?—Yes, it was recorded in the locked private ledger, where all the other ledgers are concentrated and brought to a focus at the end of the year, so that the profit and loss is found and brought to each partner's share.

30,294. And that would be posted up in December 1857?—December 31st, 1857.

30,295. December 31st, 1857, that year would be posted up?—Yes.

30,296. You brought 500*l.* in gold and bank notes into Beverley with you?—I cannot be quite positive it was all in gold.

30,297. I said in gold or notes. Tell me what you did with it. Were you introduced to a gentleman of the name of Williams?—I was introduced to Mr. Williams; Mr. Williams dined with us every day as our solicitor, but Mr. Williams was entirely ignorant of this.

30,298. That is what I want to know. Were you introduced to him as a gentleman who might probably be the means of aiding him in the conducting of the election?—Yes, I was.

30,299. Who introduced you to him as the person who could aid him in carrying the election on?—Mr. Williams, do you mean?

30,300. Yes, who introduced you to Mr. Williams?—Mr. Williams was intimate with Mr. Wreghitt, Mr. Barkworth, and Mr. James Hall, and a number of leading gentlemen who were Sir Henry's friends.

30,301. Did you lodge the 500*l.*, whether in sovereigns or in notes, in any of the Beverley banks?—No, I did not. I kept it in my pocket as occasion might need.

30,302. Will you tell me to whom you communicated the fact that you had that money, it would be of no use in your pocket. It was money intrusted to you for the election contest, and you communicated to somebody that you had it. Now, to whom did you communicate you had that 500*l.*?—The party to whom I delivered the money.

30,303. That is not my question. You must give us the names?—I would rather, Mr. Commissioner, if I might make the application, not mention the name of the gentleman, because he is a truly honourable man.

30,304. It is very unpleasant to us to have to press it, because we have no option in the matter; we should not be performing the duty imposed upon us if we did not get the name of the gentleman to whom you communicated the fact; you cannot help it, and we cannot help it?—It will be with the greatest reluctance I shall mention it, as he is a great friend of mine, and a truly respectable man, who in no way has benefited by the money.

30,305. Who did you mention it to?—I consulted Mr. Champney.

30,306. Mr. Champney is a solicitor of this town?—Yes; he was a friend and supporter of Sir Henry, but I think not an election agent at that time.

30,307. How long had you been in town before you saw Mr. Champney and consulted him?—I cannot say exactly. I think I consulted him the day previous to the nomination. Will you allow me to state the mode of communication between him and me.

30,308. I do not care about it, but if you like to state it you may?—Thank you, sir, for the permission; I think it will make it more clear to you. I called Mr. Champney out of the committee room into a private room that we had, and said to him, "Now, Mr. "Champney I must put a very plain question to you; "I am a stranger in Beverley, and I am ignorant of "the inhabitants, and of their mode of proceeding in "the elections, and everything. Now, will you tell me "candidly as a friend, and as a friend of Sir Henry "Edwards, whether you think it possible for Major "Edwards to carry this election without bribery?" and he said, "I am afraid not. I think not." "Well," I said, "if that be the case I am prepared with the "money power to any extent," and I communicated to him that I had brought a considerable sum with me.

30,309. You stated the sum you had with you, and also the sum you were prepared to spend?—No, I did not mention the full extent. I used the word unlimited, that I had unlimited means at my disposal; when I said unlimited I meant of course in reason, and that I should not exceed that. When Mr. Champney gave me that answer, that he was afraid that it could not be carried without bribery, then I said will you put me in communication with the gentleman who really has the management of the bribery.

30,310. Of that department?—The briber general. Mr. Champney said he would put me in communication with a most respectable man, in whom he had every confidence, and I could have every confidence also; and he said, "I will send him to you." He left the room and sent me a person whom I never saw before or after, but I observed in reading the evidence the evidence of a man who received 300*l.* from a mysterious stranger. I was that mysterious stranger. I merely said to him, "Mr. Champney has sent you?" to which he said, "Yes," and I held it in a bag and I put the money into his hand. I think it was only 300*l.*, the sum he mentioned; I think he is correct in that, but I said to him, "If this be not enough, come again," but I never saw him again.

30,311–12. This announcement comes upon us, upon myself, I may say, with great pain and surprise, because it shows to us a determination had been come to so early in this inquiry to which many persons of apparent respectability in this borough were parties to keep back from us the most important information and facts, and therefore to invite us to put upon those facts the most unfavourable construction. I feel pained also at the bad compliment paid to our supposed power of investigation, in their thinking they could succeed in that?—Let me assure you, Mr. Commissioner ——

30,313. It is not applied to you in the slightest degree, in any way whatever?—I have every respect to this Court, and every desire to answer questions.

30,314. You have not misconducted yourself in any way whatever?—But is not the time come that I ought to exonerate Sir Henry Edwards?

30,315. Oh, but that does not rest at all with you; I mean you have your duty to perform and we have ours. Now, I ask you, you handed 300*l.* to this person; how much of the 500*l.* did you spend?—I gave no more to that individual.

30,316. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was his name?

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Kemplay.

30,317. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was that Kemplay you gave the 300*l.* to?—I did not know his name, nor did he know me.

30,318. You say you gave him no more?—No more.

30,319. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How much altogether, Mr. Cronhelme, did you draw?—The whole 2,000*l.* eventually. Now may I tell you ——

30,320. Wait, you must have every opportunity of doing justice to yourself and your employer; but first, how much did you expend while here?—I took no money back with me, but my memory does not serve me to say to whom I gave the other 200*l.*

30,321. But out of the 500*l.*, how much did you give Mr. Wreghitt, do you remember?—Nothing to Mr. Wreghitt; in justice to him I must say that he was entirely ignorant of it.

30,322. We shall see. For anything you know, he may be, but we shall see that. You took none back of the 500*l.*?—I took none back.

30,323. Did you draw any other money?—I drew the remaining 1,500*l.*

30,324. During the time of the election how much money did you draw; you say eventually the 1,500*l.*?—Yes, to make up the 2,000*l.*

30,325. How much did you draw of that before you left Beverley; I do not want it to a shilling?—No; I am endeavouring to recollect, but my memory does not serve me. I think it was remitted afterwards; but I know the whole 2,000*l.* was spent.

30,326. We know where 200*l.* was gone?—300*l.*

30,327. No, but we know where another 200*l.* was gone; it went to William Bainton; you repaid 200*l.* to him some time after, to pay Mr. Glover's bill?—Yes, I have read the evidence of my friend Mr. Bainton. He is correct as to the amount, but I think his memory fails him as to the date. I think it was paid him much sooner, if I recollect aright it was paid to him in the spring of the following year, '58.

30,328. I think that would be most likely, for there was a petition threatened, and when the cloud blew over there would be no more fear of a storm, and it would then be paid?—I must say I think there is no more honourable man than Mr. Bainton.

30,329. Well, we are quite willing to take everything of the kind ——. —His memory might fail him as to the date.

30,330. No doubt it is nothing but a lapse of memory. Can you at all tell me where the other 1,500*l.* went; perhaps you have a memorandum in your books?—No, I have brought you these books to show you Sir Henry Edwards' legitimate expenses at every election.

30,331. Oh no, we are inquiring about corrupt practices?—I think I can assist you by telling you how Captain Edwards and I arranged ——

30,332. There is 700*l.* accounted for out of 2,000*l.*?—I remitted Mr. Bainton the money, the 200*l.*, in the beginning of '58.

30,333. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was the first 500*l.* spent before the election day; you gave 300*l.* to Kemplay; what became of the other 200*l.*?—I must have given the other 200*l.* to some person who was employed in the same way; I do not know Kemplay by name.

30,334. You gave it to some other man in the same capacity?—Yes.

30,335. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was it Kemplay you gave the second supply to, or a different person?—A different person, and I believe it was on the same evening before the nomination.

30,336. Of course that does not include your private expenses. That makes 700*l.* out of 2,000*l.*?—No, only 500*l.* Oh yes, you include Mr. Bainton's.

30,337. Can you give me any notion of how you expended the other 1,300*l.*? Can you tell me what became of the 1,300*l.*, or did you expend it?—It was remitted to Beverley; my impression is it was remitted to Mr. Champney, and my memory serves me so far as this, that Mr. Champney returned me 150*l.* after all was over. I had sent him more money than he wanted, and he returned me 150*l.*

30,338. Have you any accounts or any memorandum in your books that will show you that the money was remitted, and in what way it was remitted, to Mr. Champney?—No; every document referring to it and every letter that refers to it has been destroyed at the commencement of this inquiry. I was very anxious that old friends should not be implicated in that, and I destroyed all the letters and all the accounts excepting the account of Baxter, Rose, and Norton, which I have brought with me.

30,339. When did you destroy all these accounts? I want the date?—It was when this Royal Commission was first made public.

30,340. I wish you could give me the date?—I wish I could, but it was about the commencement of the time it was made public that a Royal Commission was issued.

30,341. Would it be July or June, will you tell me the month?—I fear I cannot.

30,342. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was it when the address was presented by the House of Commons?—It was after there was a debate in the House.

30,343. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then we may take it it was about May?—I may say with every respect and deference, gentlemen, to you, we hoped that your Commission would not have been issued, but as soon as I knew it would be issued then I felt it a duty to my friends to destroy every voucher and every letter connected with it.

30,344. Then did you remit to any other hands or through any other channel than through Mr. Champney the remainder of the money?—I do not remember; I think not, but I do not wish to be positive, because I have so many friends in the town.

30,345. You can tell me this, because the circumstance you now recollect has refreshed your memory. At what date was the last remittance you sent to Mr. Champney?—It would be immediately after the election, but I cannot give you the date, it was to enable him to settle.

30,346. Was it within a month or two months?—No.

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F. W. Cronhelme.

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30,347. It would be less, would it ?—Oh, it would be less, I think it would be immediately after.

30,348. The election, if you recollect, was in August ?—Yes.

30,349. Did the 2,000*l.* include the 200*l.* you paid to Mr. Bainton afterwards ?—My impression is it did not; my impression is I remitted it to Mr. Bainton about March the following year, '58.

30,350. It would be besides the 200*l.* ?—Yes.

30,351. Now, be very careful, and consider it. I do not mean to say careful, because that might imply you were not, but I want you to consider very much the purport of this question before you answer it. Did you burn these letters and papers without consulting with any person who had an interest in these things ?—I did. I was advised to keep out of the way, to go away, to go to the continent, not by Sir Henry or his brother, but I was advised (indeed his poor brother was not living then), but I did not because I knew you had power to send a Queen's messenger after me if you wanted me, and therefore I thought it would be giving you unnecessary trouble, and myself also.

30,352. What I mean is this, before you burnt these important documents in May or June of this year, had you consulted anybody as to the propriety of doing that ?—I had not, I did it on my own judgment, on the intimation of my friends I had better get out of the way, and I thought if I got out of the way I would leave nothing behind me.

30,353. Persons intimated to you that you should get out of the way, and upon that intimation you burnt these documents ?—Yes; not on his information, but from my own inference.

30,354. I say that; that is what I say. To whom did you communicate, and when, that you had destroyed these documents ?—I communicated it to the friend who gave me the hint the Commission would be issued.

30,355. Well, I am afraid now that we must have his name ?—It really seems like a betrayal of confidence.

30,356. No; but we must have it, it is impossible not to have it, we are here in the discharge of a duty, and we must have it ?—Well, then, sir, the suggestion came from Mr. Spofforth of the firm of Baxter, Rose, and Norton.

30,357. Did he come down to you, and I suppose you, from your age, did not go up to London ?—No.

30,358. Did he come down to see you in Halifax ?—No.

30,359. Was it an appointment by you to meet him ?—No.

30,360. Did he write to you?—He did not write to me.

30,361. Well, where did you see him ?—I never saw him.

30,362. Who conveyed the message to you ?—I really do not like——

30,363. You must.—I do not like to commit a friend who is one of the most honourable of men.

30,364. Of course, but who conveyed the message to you ?—Am I obliged to answer ?

30,365. You are indeed, myself and my brother Commissioners have no alternative.—It was communicated then to me by Major Waterhouse, who is one of my co-executors for the late Captain Edwards. He saw Mr. Spofforth.

30,366 Where does he live ?—He is member for Pontefract, he lives at Hope Hall in Halifax.

30,367. Is that near Halifax ?—In Halifax.

30,368. I will go from that election. Now, have you, though not being in Beverley, taken the same kind of part in subsequent elections; there was an election in '59 ?—Yes, and in '65.

30,369. Wait; Walters, Edwards, and Walker in 59 ?—Yes.

30,370. What money did you advance for that election ?—Nothing but the legitimate expenses of the election. It was a habit of Sir Henry Edwards, who was then, I think, Col. Edwards, that he used to send 500*l.* to Bower, Hall, and Co., the bank here, to be ready to pay the legitimate expenses.

30,371. I want to know what you remitted yourself, if you remitted any ?—I cannot be certain; sometimes Sir Henry Edwards himself has drawn a cheque and remitted it, and sometimes he has told me to draw a cheque and remit it; my memory does not serve me.

30,372. Have not you any book ?—I have brought a book of all the remittances in each election, all the legitimate remittances.

30,373. No; we are not here at all to inquire about legitimate expenses, that is apart from the subject of our inquiry, we are inquiring about corrupt practices ?—Well, there were no corrupt practices at any subsequent election.

30,374. Do not say that, we have had the accounts. It may not be to your knowledge ?—Not to my knowledge.

30,375. What I mean is this, in the same way as you did to Mr. Champney, did you yourself remit any subsequent monies to Beverley at, before, or after the election of '59 ?—Of '59 ? I remitted many sums to Wreghitt, but they were not connected with the parliamentary elections.

30,376. No, no, we are judges of that, we only want to know the facts. For example, I will take this; what sums did you remit to any persons in Beverley between '57, between your last remittance to Mr. Bainton to the next election of '59 ?—I know of no one excepting Mr. Wreghitt, and the object——

30,377. I want the sums, never mind the object; what sums did you remit ?—I cannot tell you the sums.

30,378. But why ? If there was nothing illegal, improper, or corrupt in the advances to Wreghitt, why could not you tell me the sums you remitted ?—I cannot tell you, because the whole of the documents are destroyed, and the whole of Mr. Wreghitt's accounts. Would you allow me to explain Mr. Wreghitt's position ?

30,379. That is the strongest testimony you could give us that they are corrupt ?—They are not corrupt.

30,380. Pardon me, we are not arguing. You have destroyed them, and to a man who has destroyed a document it is not either in law or equity competent for him to say the character of it. I want to know the amount you remitted from '57 to the election of '59 to Mr. Wreghitt ?—I remitted to Mr. Wreghitt various amounts.

30,381. I want the sums ?—I cannot tell you the amounts, I have no account; sometimes 50*l.*, sometimes 100*l.*

30,382. You have no account of it by your own act, therefore its no use your saying that. Pardon me in saying it is by your own act you have no account of it ?—But pardon me, you say because I destroyed all the documents that therefore I must remember the amount.

30,383. No, I do not say that.—I beg your pardon then, I misunderstood you. I do not recollect the amounts.

30,384. Well, will you tell us from '57 to August '59 about what amount you remitted to Wreghitt ?—Mr. Wreghitt dispensed Sir Henry Edwards' private charity——

30,385. No, no; I am sorry to say it is entirely too late in the day to be talking about private charity.—That was the object.

30,386. Do not put that upon us.—I assure you that was the object of these remittances of mine.

30,387. How much money did you remit from '57 to '59; you know we do not want to a pound ?—I cannot say.

30,388. Was it 200*l.* ?—'57 to '59, that is two years.

30,389. Yes.—In the first place there was Mr. Wreghitt's allowance as election agent. When there are two candidates each candidate allows him 50*l.*, and when there is only one, the one candidate pays him the 100*l.* Then in addition to that there were all the sums for subscribing to the various chapels and churches.

30,390. Pray do not say charities, you will make me say something I do not like.—Well, but you assume——.

30,391. I assume nothing; we have had accounts and you have not any, and you have been in Halifax while we have been here. I want you to tell me your own acts, I am asking about your own act. You remitted money to Mr. Wreghitt from Sir Henry Edwards, tell us the amount in these two years?—I cannot tell. In addition to his salary it might be 100*l.* more, or 150*l.* or even 200*l.* more. It depended upon whether there was a municipal election, then Mr. Wreghitt wanted more money, because——

30,392. Am I pretty nearly correct in saying in addition to the 50*l.* a year you had remitted to him 150*l.* a year for these two years?—I cannot remember.

30,393. Am I saying correct in putting that down?—It would depend on the municipal; have you any reference to the municipal elections?

30,394. Stop. I have no reference to the municipal elections, and if I had I am sorry to say I would not help your memory, because when you advisedly removed those things which would have enabled you to speak accurately, I must get from your own memory the best account you can give?—My memory is not sufficiently tenacious.

30,395. Shall I say near 200*l.* a year?—I think that would be a very outside sum, but if there was a municipal election going on, then it would be more.

30,396. Will you give me your sum; I will accept your sum?—You ask me to guess a sum.

30,397. No, I do not, you have had all the accounts. I do not ask you to guess it, because it all passed through your hands. What will you say?—I should say from 100*l.* to 200*l.* a year.

30,398. In addition to the 50*l.*?—In addition to the 50*l.*

30,399. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Unless there was a municipal election?—More if there was a municipal election.

30,400. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Pardon me for a moment; he is in Halifax, and he knows nothing about municipal elections here; he would only know it from a report——Oh, but I was always informed when there was a municipal election, because more money was wanted then.

30,401. You only knew from the report?—I beg you pardon, Mr. Commissioner; it appears you will not allow me to explain.

30,402. Yes, yes; but I want to know what you knew yourself, not what was reported to you?—My reason for knowing that would result from the correspondence.

30,403. Have you that correspondence?—I have not.

30,404. What have you done with it?—Destroyed it.

30,405. Then you cannot know about it?—Pardon me, Mr. Commissioner, it does not entitle you to put down the largest item. I say from 100*l.* to 200*l.*

30,406. That is what I say, from 100*l.* to 200*l.* a year, besides the 50*l.* I will put down anything you like to say?—Well, you know, that is an estimate. I do not put it down for a certainty, it is only an estimate, and depending on the circumstance of there being a municipal election or not.

30,407. Now, you see, I will tell you what I have put down. You remitted from 100*l.* to 200*l.* a year (I have got that you say it is only an estimate), besides 50*l.* to Wreghitt; that is from '57 to '59?—Yes.

30,408. Will you tell me in what document that would appear in Sir Henry Edwards' account as between you and him?—It would appear to his debit in his private account.

30,409. Very well where is that?—In the books at Halifax; I fear they are of very little value to you, for those books contain the records of hundreds of thousands of pounds.

30,410. Oh, we are good accountants; do not underrate our capacity in that way as our capacity was underrated in another way: we are good accountants. Now, say you remitted 200*l.* to Mr. Wreghitt, under what head or charge would you put that in Sir Henry Edwards's private accounts?—The sum remitted to Wreghitt would appear, not in the private ledger, but in a ledger kept by our accountant from the cash book of the cashier, and that account extends every year over a great many folios, and at the end of the year I make an abstract and carry it in the private ledger to Sir Henry Edwards' private expenses, such and such a sum.

30,411. Under what head would that expenditure of yours on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards to Wreghitt appear in the entry of that book?—I wish to explain; it appears in the general account of Sir Henry Edwards kept by our accountant.

30,412. But it would appear in some way; what would the entry be?—According to the amount at such a date. The connected amount does not appear, but the separate amounts would appear at such a date, remitted to Wreghitt, 50*l.*, at such another date, remitted 100*l.*, say if there was a municipal election coming on.

30,413. Why could not we understand that book? what difficulty should we have in understanding that book if that be the entry?—Well, but mark me, sir, the totality——

30,414. We do not want totalities, we want the entry in which these sums are to Wreghitt; is the book in existence?—Oh, yes, it is one of our regular books.

30,415. Then we want that book. I will give you a date, we will take the 31st of December '68, and we will say, entry "100*l.* to Wreghitt;" that is how it would be, I suppose?—That is how it would be.

30,416. To the debit of the general account of Sir Henry?—I beg your pardon, sir, in putting this question to you, but do you understand this, that would appear in the locked private ledger, confined only to the totality of the expense, in Sir Henry Edwards' account, it would be the total expense?

30,417. I understand what you mean now; you mean in the book you suppose Sir Henry Edwards looks over this does not appear?—It does not appear at all, only the totality.

30,418. That is what I should expect?—So as to show his share of capital.

30,419. Now, I will take you from '57 to '59. What monies did you remit, if you remitted any, for the election of '59?—I remitted no money to Beverley, excepting to Bower, Hall, & Co.; when there was an election Sir Henry generally deposited 500*l.*

30,420. I am not asking you what Sir Henry did; I am asking you what you did. How much, if any, did you remit to Beverley in the election of '59?—I really do not know.

30,421. Did you remit any?—No doubt I should, certainly, considering that there was scarcely a year that I did not remit; I do not believe there was a year.

30,422. Would that be also in the ledger?—In the general ledger the sum total, of which I entered an abstract into Sir Henry's private account.

30,423. In the general ledger which was open to all the clerks and the partners, who could at any time go and look at the ledger?—Yes, but it was not exactly open to all the clerks, it was only open to the cashier and accountant.

30,424. And the partners?—And the partners, yes, of course; but the partners very seldom took the trouble to look into it, they were content to see the totality of the expense. I am very anxious, Mr. Commissioner, that you should understand that Sir Henry in looking into this locked ledger all he would see would be my private expenses, so many thousand pounds this year, and my share of profit, so and so, and that showed the balance of his share of capital the same as to his brother; and the share of the capital of the two brothers made up the total of the capital in the trade.

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30,425. I do not wish to interrupt you, but that is patent to a child. Who first instructed you to send money to Mr. Wreghitt?—I had general authority from Sir Henry, and when he happened to be at home and I got a letter from Mr. Wreghitt, I would speak to him about it, and he gave me authority to do so and so.

30,426. You had general authority from Sir Henry?—Yes, particularly in his absence from London.

30,427. General authority from Sir Henry to do so-and-so; to do what?—If Mr. Wreghitt applied for money, particularly for a municipal election, pasture masters, or anything like that, I used to take care to keep him properly supplied.

30,428. Did you continue to act upon that authority up to 1868?—I did.

30,429. You did?—Yes.

30,430. Now, before I leave 1859, you say you don't think you remitted any money yourself for the immediate concerns of the election, you do not recollect if you did?—'59?

30,431. Yes; there was Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Oh, '59, I beg your pardon. I do not recollect, but I have no doubt I should remit to Mr. Wreghitt that year.

30,432. I take it that you remitted that year, but I ask you now whether you remitted for the immediate concerns of the parliamentary election?—I beg your pardon.

30,433. Do you recollect the petition of that year; there was a petition you know against Major Edwards?—Will you allow me to refer to my papers?

33,434. Certainly?—(*The witness referred to some documents in his possession.*) Yes; there was a petition that year; I can tell you both the expenses of the election and of the petition.

30,435. Yes, we know all about the legitimate expenses, we do not want that. If it was an expense properly incurred by Sir Henry Edwards, Sir Henry Edwards would be called upon to pay?—Of course.

30,436. But if it was not properly incurred by him somebody else might be obliged to pay it?—Yes.

30,437. Now look at this letter (*a letter was handed to the witness.*) I wish to give you every indulgence, just read that letter before you answer this question. First, is that your handwriting?—It is mine.

30,438. Now read it over before I ask you any question about it?—(*The witness read the letter to himself.*) I have read the letter.

30,439. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I see in this letter you say, "I who have from the commencement of his "parliamentary career had the management of his "election accounts." That is so, is it?—It is; I have brought them all.

30,440. No, you did not bring them all?—At least, I have the ledger account for each election.

30,441. Do not say that. You brought some accounts here. Had you the management of all his election accounts?—I had.

30,442. In another part of this letter you say, "Before I can place the accounts under Major "Edwards's notice for payment." Were you in the habit of placing the election accounts under Major Edwards's notice before you paid them?—Yes.

30,443. You were?—Yes.

30,444. Does that answer apply to all the election accounts?—To all of them.

30,445. Consider the force of the expression. Does that answer apply to all the election accounts?—It is impossible it would be otherwise. How else would I make up Sir Henry Edwards's share of capital at the end of every year?

30,446. If you answer it I am satisfied. "Before I "place the accounts under Major Edwards's notice for "payment." Did you place every sum of money which you remitted to Beverley under Major Edwards's notice before you paid it?—He was in London seven or eight months in the year. If he were present I should ask him; if he were absent he would give me power to act as I thought best.

30,447. Supposing you had to send 200*l.* to Beverley and he was in Parliament, would you write to him upon the subject?—Oh, no, if he were not there, because he had so much upon his mind.

30,448. When he came back and looked over the accounts, would you tell him in conversation, "I have remitted 200*l.* or 300*l.* or 400*l.* to Beverley"?—I might or I might not, according to the state of business. Perhaps he might have no time to devote to that. He would want to know how the general trade was going on. These Beverley matters were such a small portion, such an insignificant portion of his expenses on many occasions he never looked at them at all, but waited until I made up the annual account. Then he did not see——

30,449. I wish you would confine yourself to yourself. This letter is dated 19th April 1859. Do you recollect remitting any money after that date yourself?—I do not recollect remitting any, but the whole account I know was paid by Sir Henry, that is, his half. It refers to the division, whether Sir Henry should pay the whole——

30,450. No, it asks Mr. Walker to pay the whole?—That is the purport of the letter. He would not, and Sir Henry paid half and he paid half.

30,451. That is not so; your memory is wrong. You will find that Sir Henry Edwards paid all?—You will find from that letter that that is what I did not consider it right that he should do. I thought Mr. Walker ought to pay all.

30,452. You thought that Mr. Walker should pay all?—Yes.

30,453. You will find that Sir Henry Edwards paid all?—He did afterwards.

30,454. Will you read that part of your letter (*handing letter to witness*)?—(*After reading the passage.*) You are quite right.

30,455. You remitted a cheque for it all afterwards?—For Sir Henry's half.

30,456. Let me read you the passage: "When Mr. "Walker demurred to this appeal, it remained for me "only to obtain a cheque from Major Edwards, and "remit it to Messrs. Baxter, Rose, and Co. for their "charges and those of the local solicitors." You paid it on behalf of Major Edwards?—Will you look at this (*referring to a statement of accounts*)?

30,457. I never look at accounts when a gentleman tells me that he has burned all the original documents.—(*After again referring.*) You are right, Major Edwards, I see, paid the whole of the expenses.

30,458. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Major Edwards paid the whole of the expenses of the petition?—Yes.

30,459. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There was a contest in 1860 with which you had nothing to do?—No.

30,460. Do you recollect remitting monies from 1860 to 1865 through Mr. Wreghitt?—I do.

30,461. Have you any accounts of these sums?—As I mentioned before, the whole of the correspondence and the whole of the accounts are no longer in existence.

30,462. When were these made out; they seem very fresh?—I made them out on the occasion of coming here, in order that I might assist my memory in answering your questions; with no other object.

30,463. In 1865 we understand you continued remitting in the same way?—It was in Mr. Keane's candidature.

30,464. Am I right in stating that during those five years, from 1860 to 1865, you continued to remit Mr. Wreghitt sums varying from 150*l.* to 200*l.*?—I hope you will pardon me. I think my impression was "from 100*l.* to 200*l.*;" not mentioning 150*l.* as the minimum. From 100*l.* to 200*l.* in addition to his allowance.

30,465. Is that correct?—It is.

30,466. Is there any other person in Beverley that you remitted money to by way of loan—(*No answer.*)

30,467. I think there is?—I really cannot charge my memory.

30,468. I must call upon you for a direct answer to that ?—If you will give me a case; if you will mention a name ?

30,469. No, I think not. You had better consider. Our sources of information are various. I ask you, is there any other person to whom you remitted money in Beverley by way of loan ?—I think not; I cannot charge my memory.

30,470. I do not wish to mention names, but is there no professional man in Beverley to whom you remitted money by way way of loan ?—No professional man certainly.

30,471. Any other man ?—If a loan were made to some individual in distress, I may have remitted it under Sir Henry Edwards's authority, his general authority; but I do not think it was for any considerable sum.

30,472. A sum to the amount of 20*l.*; do you recollect that ?—I do not recollect such a sum, but it is very likely that if a person whom Sir Henry Edwards considered deserving applied to him.

30,473. I only want to know the fact. I ask you again, and I wish to give you every opportunity of recollecting whether you remitted it or not ?—(*No answer.*)

30,474. I will put the question in another way. Do you know that there is a man in Beverley to whom a loan of a considerable sum was advanced, either through your hands or by Sir Henry himself ?—That I do not know.

30,475. Do you know whether a Mr. Baker borrowed some money of Sir Henry, Mr. Baker, who had taken a very active part in election matters ?—Now that you mention his name I recollect. I will tell you the whole circumstance. Sir Henry was here, I think, on a visit to Mr. Halls in the October or November after the election of 1857. Mr. Baker called at Scorborough, where Sir Henry was staying on a visit. I think it would be in the month of October or November, after the elections, but I do not recollect exactly. He called him into a private room (this I know from what Sir Henry told me afterwards), and said he had done everything in his power to promote Sir Henry's interest, and he was in difficulties, from being unable to meet a temporary demand upon him, a bill falling due I think it was, a bill of 500*l.*, and he wanted a loan of that amount. He told Sir Henry (this I have from Sir Henry himself) that he was worth 20,000*l.* any day, and that he would repay this amount in the course of a month. What makes me certain about the month is this, Sir Henry did not much like it, but he gave him a letter to me. Mr. Baker came over to Halifax, and he came to my house one morning with this letter, and repeated to me the tale that he had told Sir Henry, saying that he would be a ruined man unless he took the 500*l.* back with him. Well, I did not very much like it. I thought it rather unlikely that a man worth 20,000*l.* could not raise money from his bankers. I did not go into the question, but I told him to go down to the office with me, as I wished to consult Captain Edwards, the brother, about it. I showed Captain Edwards the letter that Sir Henry Edwards had written, authorizing us to lend Mr. Baker 500*l.* I told Captain Edwards that I did not like it, that the application seemed to me to be suspicious. Captain Edwards said, "But here is my brother's letter, "requesting us to advance this money. I do not "like the appearance of it any more than you do, but "I do not see how we can refuse." I then gave him a cheque on the Halifax Union Bank, and he gave me a promissory note at one month. He failed before that month had elapsed, and under the advice of friends in Beverley, we did not claim the small dividend. I believe Mr. Baker only paid something very trivial, something about a shilling in the pound.

30,476. You seem to have a very accurate recollection of all these details. Had you seen Mr. Baker when you were in Beverley in 1857 ?—In 1857 he was constantly in our committee room.

30,477. He took a very active part ?—A very active part indeed. I considered him one of Sir Henry's strongest supporters.

30,478. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where is Mr. Baker ?—I do not know. I do not know whether he is living or dead. I have some impression that he died.

30,479. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you think that that letter of Sir Henry Edwards to you would be copied in the letter-book; I should like to see it ?—I had a box, where I kept all the Beverley correspondence.

30,480. Was that one of the letters destroyed ?—Yes, and the promissory note also. In fact it was written off as a loss long before.

30,481. Have you advanced any other money by way of loan; I put it to you distinctly. I am sorry you did not answer at first ?—It really did not strike me.

30,482. Have you advanced any other money by way of loan ?—No, I have not, unless it is possible that some worthy man in distress in Beverley may have written to Sir Henry for a loan, but for no large amount. Nor do I even recollect smaller sums of that kind.

30,483. We will now come to 1865 ?—Mr. Keane's opposition was in the election of 1865.

30,484. Had you any correspondence with any man in reference to Beverley matters, except with Mr. Wreghitt, with any of the professional gentlemen in Beverley ?—No.

30,485. Recollect whether you had between 1857 and 1865 any correspondence (except with Mr. Champney) ?—I had no correspondence then with Mr. Champney. I had a correspondence with a solicitor, Mr. H. W. Bainton, not Mr. Bainton of Beverley Parks, but his nephew. He conducted the election.

30,486. I want to know what money passed through your hands ?—What passed through my hands was the balance of Mr. Bainton's account, 31*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, which I remitted to him on the 14th of April 1866.

30,487. Did any other monies pass through your hands from Halifax to any man in Beverley, except that amount ?—No, except the ordinary remittances to Mr. Wreghitt.

30,488. Does that hold good with respect to the election altogether, that you never remitted any money except the ordinary sums to Mr. Wreghitt ?—It does, to the best of my recellection.

30,489. Did you not, in the April following, or some time after the election, remit over 500*l.* to Mr. Wreghitt ?—I have no note of the remittance, nor have I any recollection of it.

30,490. Do you not recollect a remittance of 535*l.* or 537*l.* ? It would be nearly 12 months afterwards. Do you not recollect such a remittance ?—I do not.

30,491. Do you know that a sum of 535*l.* was remitted to him by Major Edwards or some one acting on his behalf ?—I do not.

30,492. Have you never heard it ?—I never heard it, unless my memory betrays me entirely, but it is not so long since. I believe not. It would be only four years ago. My memory is not what it used to be; still I think I should not have forgotten such a thing as that only four years ago.

30,493. Can you tell me the last remittance you made to Mr. Wreghitt ?—I should remit money to Mr. Wreghitt in 1866 and 1867 in the usual way; first his allowance, and then the money he wanted.

30,494. Can you tell me the time of the last remittance you made to Mr. Wreghitt ?—I cannot.

30,495. You remitted this year, did you not ?—I may have remitted.

30,496. This is 1869; you can tell me surely whether you have remitted money to Mr. Wreghitt in 1869 ?—The great election of 1868 was over, and Mr. Baron Martin ——

30,497. Never mind Baron Martin at present; did you remit ?—I can never forget it. It seemed then to have closed. I may have continued to remit.

30,498. The account that you are looking at tells you nothing; did you this year remit money to Mr.

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Wreghitt? It is a very simple question.—I think not. I will tell you why.

30,499. We do not want your reasons; will you say whether you did or not?—I recollect that Mr. Wreghitt returned to me a balance in hand. That makes me think that I did not remit to him.

30,500. When did he return that?—That would be in 1869.

30,501. When?—I think it was towards the end of July or the beginning of August; most likely the beginning of August.

30,502. The beginning of last August?—Yes.

30,503. How much?—The sum, I believe, was 40*l.* odd, or 50*l.* odd. I do not recollect.

30,504. In what way did he remit it?—Mr. Wreghitt came over to me.

30,505. He came over to you in August or July?—It was just before the grouse shooting season.

30,506. I am speaking of this year?—Yes, this present year.

30,507. I think there are other things you can go by besides the grouse shooting?—It helps me to remember. We did not send any game to Beverley.

30,508. Was Sir Henry Edwards at home?—Yes.

30,509. How long did Mr. Wreghitt remain?—I think a few hours; he was at Pye Nest; I think he dined there.

30,510. How long did he remain in the place; two or three days?—I think not; I think he would return that very night. I had an interview with him. We went into a private room together.

30,511. Did he call at your office or at your private house?—I met him at Pye Nest, Sir Henry Edwards' house.

30,512. Had he been in the habit of going over yearly?—No, I had not seen Mr. Wreghitt, I think, for some time.

30,513. Had he ever gone over before, to your recollection?—I have no distinct recollection that he did.

30,514. Did anything pass between you then?—Yes, there were accounts; as I mentioned, they are all destroyed.

30,515. No; you told me that you destroyed the accounts in May?—Well, if an account did pass I should also have destroyed that, for the same reason that I destroyed the others, that there might be no trace either of correspondence or accounts.

30,516. Did you expect him over?—No.

30,517. Then if he came over (observe the full force of this question) it was not at your suggestion?—Oh, no.

30,518. Did you know who brought him over, of your own knowledge?—Do you mean who wrote for him to come over?

30,519. Yes, or telegraphed for him?—I do not. My impression was that it was a spontaneous visit on his part to settle the account and give me the balance.

30,520. Had you ever before a settlement of an account from him?—I have had some partial accounts, but nothing like a general and a continued account, because we placed every reliance in him.

30,521. I am only asking as to the fact. You never had any settlement before?—No, not by a positive balance.

30,522. Did you ever ask him yearly for an account of the expenditure of your monies?—I think on one or two occasions I have.

30,523. Can you mention one?—I cannot.

30,524. By letter?—It would be by letter.

30,525. In what year?—I cannot say in what year.

30,526. Did he comply with your request?—He sent me a statement of a number of payments that he had made, amounting to the sums that he had received since a certain date, but it was not like a connected continued account, and I thought very little of it, but we had most implicit confidence in him.

30,527. Have you any memorandum of any date of settlement or anything of that kind?—They are all destroyed, if I had any. I do not believe there were.

30,528. Do not tell us what you "believe" as to accounts that are destroyed?—I wish to tell you the whole truth to the best of my knowledge.

30,529. Was Mr. Spofforth down at the time when Mr. Wreghitt came over?—He was not.

30,530. Was he expected down at the grouse shooting?—He came to the grouse shooting at Pye Nest afterwards, in August; but there was one of our London solicitors, Mr. Karslake——

30,531. We do not want to know about Mr. Karslake. When did you see Sir Henry Edwards with reference to the evidence you are to give here to-day?—I mentioned to him when I got down on Saturday that I had received a subpœna.

30,532. What time did you get the subpœna?—I got it in the morning.

30,533. Saturday morning?—Saturday morning.

30,534. Where did you see Sir Henry?—In his private room.

30,535. You told him that you had received a subpœna?—I told him that I had received a subpœna, and he said, "Very well, you must go."

30,536. How long did you remain with him?—I was the whole day with him, not upon this business, but discussing with him business of far greater importance; with his large fortune.

30,537. Did you tell him (be cautious with regard to this question) that you had burned all the documents?—I did.

30,538. Had you told him that before?—I do not clearly recollect.

30,539. I think you do. Had you told him before Saturday last?—I mentioned to you before the intimation I received from Mr. Spofforth. I was away then from my house; my medical friends recommended me a change of scene and sea bathing. I was away at the time, and Major Waterhouse intimated to Sir Henry that it was possible I should not return as soon as he expected. He would naturally say that in consequence of Mr. Spofforth's suggestion, which I received from him. Sir Henry wrote to me on no account to go away. "It would be," he said, "the merest folly; "the Commissioners will send a Queen's messenger "after you. By all means come home at your usual "time. You have generally had three or four weeks "at this time."

30,540. That is very far away from my question?—Your question was whether I had told him about the destruction. I did when I came back. I said I had come back agreeably to his wish, and he agreed with me in opinion.

30,541. When was that? When did you tell him that you had burned the documents?—It was towards the end of July that I came home. I told him then that I quite agreed with him in his opinion that it would be the merest folly to attempt to run away, because your power was such——

30,542. Then you told him that you had burned the letters?—I did then. It did not strike me at first when you put the question whether I had told Sir Henry before; I did not recollect. But when I compared circumstances, and remembered that he had written to me on no account to attempt to go away from the jurisdiction of the court, then it came to my mind that I naturally told him that I had destroyed the letters and accounts.

30,543. Can you tell me the last date in 1868 of your remittances to Mr. Wreghitt?—It is impossible that I can tell you.

30,544. I suppose you have seen Mr. Wreghitt since you came here?—I met Mr. Wreghitt accidentally this morning. We just exchanged the common courtesies of the day, and he inquired how Sir Henry was.

30,545. Is that all?—I said, "You are aware that "I am subpœnaed, and am going to the court this "morning." Mr. Wreghitt then said, "Not one "word ought to pass between you and me upon the "matter that you are subpœnaed about," like an honourable man as he is.

30,546. Then you did not learn from him the last remittance you sent?—I did not put the question; I never thought of doing so.

30,547. He came over to you in August or July of this year and paid you 50*l.* or 40*l.*?—The sum is entered in that general account of Sir Henry's expenses and receipts. If I had the book at my elbow I could tell you. It was either forty odd pounds or fifty odd pounds.

30,548. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Sir Henry Edwards' drawings are entered in the general ledger of your firm?—Yes, we have so many ledgers.

30,549. It is in a general business ledger?—There is a ledger particularly for the expenditure of the partners.

30,550. I understood you to say that his drawings were entered in the first instance with any other business matters?—In the first instance.

30,551. In the general ledger of the firm I think you said?—They would first be entered in the cash book, and from that book posted.

30,552. They are first entered in the cash book; that would contain other business transactions?—Everything.

30,553. Into what book are they copied from the cash book?—They are posted by our accountant. They are posted from the cash book to the different heads; some to foreign accounts, some to home accounts.

30,554. I only wish to know, with regard to Sir Henry's private drawings, into what book they go from the cash book?—They go to the ledger that I mentioned to you before.

30,555. The partners' private ledger?—Yes.

30,556. Is that the name of it?—It is called the Halifax ledger, but from that ledger I take the totals at the end of every year.

30,557. Who copies it from the cash book into the Halifax ledger?—The accountant posts the cash book; the cashier posts nothing.

30,558. Into what book does it get from the Halifax ledger?—I am most happy to give you this explanation because it exonerates Sir Henry Edwards entirely.

30,559. Into what book does it go?—Into the locked private ledger, but it goes in a totality; there is no discrimination.

30,560. It goes into the locked private ledger?—Yes.

30,561. All his expenditure?—His whole expenditure.

30,562. Then in the locked private ledger there appear the items sent to Beverley?—In Captain Edwards' private account.

30,563. I am speaking of Sir Henry Edwards. In the locked ledger do the items sent to Beverley appear?—In a totality.

30,564. But not to Mr. Bainton so much, and so on?—No.

30,565. What is the last book into which those items would appear? Such an entry, for instance, as "Wreghitt, cash 50*l.*" What is the last book in which that item would appear?—That 50*l.* to Wreghitt would go into the totality of his annual expenses.

30,566. What is the name of the book in which that item would appear, "Cash, Wreghitt 50*l.*"?—It first appears in the cash book; then it is posted to Sir Henry's account in the Halifax ledger.

30,567. Then, as I understand, it is all added together from the Halifax ledger, and carried as a total into the locked ledger?—Yes.

30,568. Then it appears last as "Paid to Wreghitt," or to anyone else, in the Halifax ledger?—It appears last there.

30,569. Then if we want a book from your firm showing us the dealings of Sir Henry with his agent in Beverley we must have the Halifax ledger?—His dealings with Mr. Wreghitt?

30,570. Are the payments entered on the face of them as what they really are?—Only the person's name is given, not for what object.

30,571. I will put the question in another way. Is there any attempt in the Halifax ledger to disguise the purport of the payment?—The purposes of the payment are seldom mentioned. For instance, if a tradesman's bill is paid, his name appears, so much.

30,572. Suppose a payment to be made to Mr. Bainton or Mr. Wreghitt?—As far as Mr. Wreghitt goes it would be in the Halifax ledger. The payments to Mr. Bainton may perhaps have been by cheques on the London bank.

30,573. I want to know where we shall see the sums Sir Henry has paid with reference to the Beverley elections?

30,574. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For instance, paid Champney so much?—No, because all that was merged.

30,575. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say that the payment of 2,000*l.* to Champney would not appear?—I did not say 2,000*l.* to Mr. Champney.

30,576. Whatever it was, my question is the same?—Captain Edwards told me that he was well aware that his brother could not get in for Beverley without a considerable expenditure. He placed 2,000*l.* at my disposal, and he said, "You can put it to my account." He was then expending large sums of money at Fixley Hall, which he had recently taken, and was enlarging and furnishing. The 2,000*l.* was entered to his debit in the locked ledger, "Private expenses at Fixley."

30,577. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was entered against Captain Edwards?—It was entered to Captain Edwards's account because he did not wish his brother to disburse the money. He said, "I will do it for him." He said, "I shall never mention this to my brother, and be sure you never do."

30,578. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then the Halifax ledger would not show all the dealings with reference to the Beverley election?—No, it would not; only those regular dealings with Mr. Wreghitt, and perhaps the remittance to Mr. Bainton.

30,579. Do you keep any suspense account?—We have occasionally kept suspense accounts, that is, when we are doubtful how a foreign debt may turn out we enter it to a suspense account and perhaps write off part of it. If we think we shall recover half we write off 50 per cent.

30,580. I understood that a suspense account was this: when a cashier did not know to what account a sum should be carried he entered it in a suspense account?—We have no suspense account from the cash book. The only suspense accounts we have are accounts in the foreign ledger when we are doubtful.

30,581. You have no suspense accounts then with reference to these affairs?—None whatever.

30,582. Would all accounts between Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Wreghitt appear in the Halifax ledger?—Every remittance to Mr. Wreghitt would appear there.

30,583. And it would appear in his name, "Paid Wreghitt"?—Yes.

30,584. Can you tell me in what manner you remitted the money, by cheque, notes, or otherwise?—Generally in bank notes, on account of tracing the cheques. Occasionally a cheque has been remitted to Mr. Wreghitt, but in the generality of cases the remittance has been in bank notes, generally in halves.

30,585. At the election of 1865 was any considerable sum paid to any person in Beverley otherwise than to Mr. Wreghitt?—Mr. Bainton, our solicitor, had the whole of the accounts, and he was paid in three cheques, 381*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* I know of nothing except the ordinary remittances to Mr. Wreghitt every year. I know of no other remittance to Beverley either as a payment or as a loan.

30,586. Was there a payment of 250*l.* made to a man named Boyes through you?—Not through me.

30,587. Do you know anything of that payment?—I do. I know the whole history of that affair of Boyes, if you would like to hear it.

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30,588. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did the money pass through your hands ?—No.

30,589. Through whose hands did it pass ?—Through Mr. Christopher Sykes's, I believe.

30,590. No, no.—Then Sir Henry must have remitted the money privately to Boyes. It did not pass through my hands. It does not appear in our accounts. You will understand that Sir Henry had ample means of doing that; he could send any day to his banker's for 1,000*l.*, or whatever he wanted. He never mentioned the circumstance to me until Mr. Sykes's evidence came out.

30,591. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) At what date did you get that 2,000*l.* of Captain Edwards's money ?—I did not get it all at once.

30,592. Did you get it all before the election ?—No, part of it, I think, was after the election.

30,593. Long after ?—No, shortly after.

30,594. You say you entered it in the locked private ledger ?—As "Private expenses at Fixley."

30,595. Then you entered it from time to time in the private ledger as you got it ?—No, the whole 2,000*l.*

30,596. In one lump sum of 2,000*l.* ?—In one lump sum of 2,000*l.*, because the captain was very anxious that his brother should not know it.

30,597. You entered it in one lump sum ?—Yes, in one lump sum at the close of the year.

30,598. You did not enter it until the close of the year, is that so ?—I did not enter it to the captain's debit until then.

30,599. Where did this 2,000*l.* appear in the books until the end of the year ?—I had a private memorandum in my own box, which I destroyed along with all the Beverley accounts and correspondence.

30,600. That private memorandum you kept in your box until the end of the year, and then entered it in this book, is that so ?—Yes; I entered it on the 31st December. I did not immediately destroy it.

30,601. Is this private ledger account made up yearly or half-yearly ?—Only yearly.

30,602. In December ?—Yes, so that if a payment were made very early in the year, it would still appear in December. I wish to explain this, that Captain Edwards was most anxious that his brother——

30,603. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We object to that. Have you any explanation to offer ?

30,604. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It was not entered in any book of the firm until the end of the year, and the only entry until the end of the year was a private memorandum of your own, and at or about the end of the year you entered it in the locked ledger; is that so ?—Yes.

30,605. Does that apply to the 500*l.*, part of the 2,000*l.*? Did that appear in any book whatever ?—No.

30,606. In any form whatever ?—No.

30,607. Did your authority as manager enable you to take that 500*l.* without entering it anywhere ?—Yes.

30,608. How did you get that 500*l.* ?—I got it in bank notes.

30,609. You signed the cheque ?—I signed the cheque.

30,610. On behalf of the firm ?—Yes.

30,611. But not perhaps for the specific sum ?—I might send for 1,000*l.* and take 500*l.* out of it.

30,612. When did you communicate to Sir Henry Edwards that you had done that ? How soon did Sir Henry Edwards know that you had taken that 500*l.* ?—He never knew anything about it, because in the locked ledger, where the result of all the accounts was mentioned, that 500*l.* was included in the 2,000*l.*

30,613. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do not tell us what he knew or did not know. You cannot tell that.

30,614. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When did Sir Henry Edwards first hear from you of you having taken that 500*l.* ?—He never heard of it at all.

30,615. Not to this day, do you mean ?—No.

30,616. Do you mean he did not hear of it on Saturday ?—He did not.

30,617. You say that you had a general authority from him to supply money to Mr. Wreghitt for certain purposes. We have not heard from what time that authority commenced. When did he give you that authority ?—Soon after the first election.

30,618. He gave you that authority soon after the first election in 1857 ?—Yes, he was then appointed election agent.

30,619. I suppose he gave you some limit as to the amount you might supply to Mr. Wreghitt annually ?—I do not think he mentioned a specific sum, but we both had an idea of the object of Mr. Wreghitt's applications, and knew that they could not well exceed 150*l.* or 200*l.* a year. In municipal cases where we all knew——

30,620. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How could you know about municipal elections when you were in Halifax ?

30,621. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did Wreghitt ever apply to you for money for municipal elections ?—Yes, distinctly stating that it was for that object.

30,622. When you came to Beverley you said you saw Mr. Wreghitt and other persons. Do you remember any other names besides those you mentioned ? You said you saw Mr. Wreghitt, Mr. Barkworth, Mr. Bainton, and Mr. Champney ?—Yes.

30,622*a*. Did you see any other ?—Many others.

30,623. Prominent men ?—Yes. There was Mr. Hall of Scorborough, for instance; I saw him in the committee room, and several other leading gentlemen of the Conservative party.

30,624. I think you said you saw Mr. Baker ?—Yes, and Mr. Baker also; he was very active in canvassing during the election.

The Court adjourned for half-an-hour.

E. Tindall.

EDWARD TINDALL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

30,625. What are you ?—Tobacco pipe maker.

30,626. Where do you come from ?—Bridlington.

30,627. Where did you live in 1865 ?—At Bridlington.

30,628. Had you been there any time previous to 1865 ?—I went there in 1837.

30,629. I believe you were here at the election of 1865 ?—Yes; I passed through from Huddersfield, where my mother is, to Bridlington. I was coming home.

30,630. What brought you here ?—I was coming home from Huddersfield.

30,631. You were coming through Beverley ?—Yes, on my way home; and it was the election time, and I stopped here.

30,632. Your mother lives in Huddersfield, and you had been staying with her and were coming back to Bridlington, and happened to be in the town at that time ?—Yes.

30,633. Whom did you see here with reference to the election and money matters ?—When I came here do you mean ?

30,634. Yes ?—Well, I saw a person by the name of Day.

30,635. And I suppose you had some conversation with him about the election ?—Yes.

30,636. What was the upshot of that ?—I was to go to the Mechanics' Institute to give money away to the electors.

30,637. The electors who came for it ?—Yes.

30,638. Now, did they give you any money ?—Yes.

30,639. How much ?—300*l.*

30,640. In what kind of money was it ?—I believe it was gold, all of it.

30,641. Did you wrap it up in paper ?—No, it was wrapped up in paper.

30,642. Each sovereign separately ?—Yes; separately.

30,643. You went to the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

30,644. And there was a kind of stage, was not that so?—The library was partitioned from the rest of the room, and there was a hole in the library folding doors.

30,645. And outside of the folding doors there was some kind of barricade, was there not?—No.

30,646. Was the room perfectly open on the outside, that anyone could come up to this place?—No; they would only be let in a few at a time.

30,647. That is what I mean by barrier?—The barrier was at the back side. The regular door was open, and admitted a few at a time.

30,648. And some one was keeping the door?—Yes.

30,649. You gave them the money?—There was a person called out the names.

30,650. That was Thomas Southwick. Then you gave them the money as he called out the names?—Yes, 1*l.* each, the first day.

30,651. Was the money exhausted at the end of the first day?—No.

30,652. How many men did you pay the first day?—Nearly 300*l.* There was 38*l.* or 39*l.* left at night.

30,653. Did you give any man more than a sovereign?—Not that first day.

30,654. Do you know exactly how much was left?—Either 38*l.* or 30*l.* I believe the man they call Southwick counted it.

30,655. Did you take take the money to anyone; the money that was left?—No.

30,656. What did you do with it?—Kept it that night and the check book; the book with the names that we gave it to.

30,657. Did you see anyone between the time you left off paying that night and the polling day, the next morning? This was on the nomination day, you know?—Yes.

30,658. And the polling was the next day?—Yes.

30,659. Did you see anyone between the time you left off paying on the nomination day and the morning of the polling day with reference to this matter?—No.

30,660. Not anyone?—Not that I know.

30,661. Did you receive any more money?—Yes.

30,662. From whom did you receive that?—I cannot tell you; it came through the pigeon hole.

30,663. How much money was put through the pigen hole?—About 400*l.* the second day.

30,664. It was put through the pigeon hole by a man whom you could not see?—No, I could not see him.

30,665. That was in gold, I suppose?—Yes.

30,666. Wrapped up as the first sum was?—Yes.

30,667. Was Thomas Southwick there at the time this money was put through?—Yes; he was checking the book. The money was put through more than one time.

The witness was requested to stand down.

FREDERICK WILLIAM CRONHELME re-examined by the Chief Commissioner.

F. W. Cronhelme.

30,668. You can make any statement you like?—The statement I wish to make is to exonerate Sir Henry Edwards from any knowledge of the 2,000*l.* spent in bribery in the election of 1857. The way in which it was entered in the private locked ledger was this: In Captain Edwards's private account he is debited "Private expenses at Fixley, 2,000*l.*" His brother knew he was spending large sums on improvements there, in houses and furniture, one thing and another, so that he never made any inquiry or put a question to me about that, and he is completely ignorant to this day that that 2,000*l.* went in reality for the purposes of bribery in the election of 1857 here. That is all the explanation I wish to make. I make it in justice to Sir Henry Edwards, who is completely ignorant of it, and in looking over the annual accounts passed it over as a natural item in his brother's account.

30,669. I asked you before, and I will ask you again, did any money pass through you to Mr. Wreghitt except the ordinary sums after the election of 1868?—No; his allowance, which varied according to the circumstance of a single or double Conservative candiature.

30,670. Did any such sum as 500*l.* pass through your hands after the election of 1868?—You allude to the 500*l.* to Mr. Baker?

30,671. No, no, 1868. Did any such sum pass then?—No; no such sum.

The witness withdrew.

EDWARD TINDALL; examination continued by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

E. Tindall.

30,672. Was the man who put the 400*l.* through the pigeon hole some other person than Thomas Southwick?—Yes.

30,673. How much of that did you pay away?—All of it.

30,674. In what kind of sums?—Well, nearly all of it in 1*l.* and 2*l.*, with one exception.

30,675. What was that exception?—About 30*l.* given through at one time; given back to the person who put it in.

30,676. Do you now know the name of the person who put the money in?—His name was Day.

30,677. The same man who gave you the money before?—Yes.

30,678. And you paid away 370*l.* in sums of 1*l.* and 2*l.*?—The second day.

30,679. That is, you paid those who had been paid on the previous day 1*l.*, and those who had not been paid you paid 2*l.*?—Yes, and the man who sat opposite me he ticked them off in a book.

30,680. And he told you what sum to put through the pigeon hole?—Yes.

30,681. Did you account to anyone?—I kept the book one night and I gave the book to him.

30,682. To whom?—To the man who gave it to me.

30,683. To Day. Was there anyone in the room with you?—Southwick.

30,684. Southwick was on the outside. Was anyone in the room with you?—Nobody. I was in the room by myself before he came in at the window, and I asked him where he came from.

30,685. Do you know was anyone else in the outer room with Southwick?—Southwick was in the room with me, not in the outer room.

30,686. I asked you just now if anyone was in the room with you, and I understood you to say no one was there?—I did not understand you to ask that.

30,687. Southwick was in the room with you?—Yes, he got through the window.

30,688. Did he look through this pigeon hole?—No.

30,689. How did he know who the voters were?—A person outside called the name out, and then he referred to his book and ticked them off.

30,690. He said, "One, two," or whatever you had to pay?—Yes.

30,691. Do you know who that man who was in the outer room was?—There was Day, but I do not know who the other was.

30,692. You do not know anyone else?—No.

30,693. If I were to mention a name would you know?—Perhaps I might.

30,694. Was the name Moody?—No.

30,695. Was the name Greenhough?—No.

30,696. Wilson?—I think I heard the name of Greenhough once, but it was not the man; it was more like Wilson.

30,697. Never mind about the names then. How long did you continue paying the second day?—There

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was an interval of about three-quarters of an hour, from 10 to 11, and then I gave the last away about 12. There was a second supply came, and that was short of what was wanted. There was not plenty.

30,698. Then you began to pay about 10 ?—Yes, paid about an hour and then finished off.

30,699. You paid till 11, then you sent for more money, and a supply came which was short ?—Yes.

30,700. How much came the second time ?—Together it would be about 400*l*..

30,701. That is not fresh money, but part of the same 400*l*. ?—Yes.

30,702. And you made the last payment about 12 o'clock ?—Yes.

30,703. When did you leave the town ? — The election day.

30,704. Had you any friend here with you ?—No, I came from Huddersfield here by myself.

30,705. You are not a voter ?—Not here.

30,706. You are a stranger in Beverley ?—No, I was born here; it is my native place. I vote for the East Riding.

30,707. Then these people who came to you knew you ?—Yes, I had known Day ever since I was a boy.

The witness withdrew.

W. Cook.

WILLIAM COOK called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

30,708. What are you by occupation ?—I have been out of business for the last 20 years.

30,709. I think you are a freeman of this borough ?—I am.

30,710. For a long time past ?—Yes, I was free-born.

30,711. How many years ?— Fifty years. I polled for George Lane Fox's first election.

30,712. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

30,713. Did you vote at this last election ?—I did.

30,714. Which way did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

30,715. Now I believe you have been actively engaged at several of the elections ?—No; very little engaged at any of the elections; no more than voting at the general elections.

30,716. Do you say that of all the elections ?—Of all the elections. I never received a shilling either to give or to take for any parliamentary election during my existence.

30,717. We have had evidence given here by Mr. James Walker, have you read that evidence ?—No, I have not.

30,718. He said that he gave you 10*l*. ?—Never in his life. I never applied to Mr. James Walker nor any other member for a shilling in my life.

30,719. Do you say that you have never disbursed money ?—Never a sixpence in a parliamentary election. The last municipal election I unfortunately was led into a slight of act of bribery. I received 10*l*. from Mr. Lowther, and I gave him an account a day or two after the election of every penny.

30,720. Will you give us the same account ?—I cannot; I gave the account to Mr. Lowther. I called upon him this morning and expected he had the account. He said he was perfectly satisfied I had disposed of every shilling of the 10*l*., which I did, and perhaps more than that, and he was ready to come up to you to say he was perfectly satisfied with my account.

30,721. Who gave you the 10*l*. ?—Mr. Lowther.

30,722. What did you do with it ?—I gave it to individual voters.

30,723. How much did you give them apiece ?—I could not recollect myself, but there is one or two come up here said they received 1*l*. from me, there was Scaum, he said so. I had them brought up to me. I never asked a man for a vote.

30,724. You gave no elector more than 1*l*. ?—No.

30,725. And the others had smaller amounts ?—About 10*s*.

30,726. You must have given money away to 25 people ?—No, I paid money away for small bills at two or three public houses that I was requested to. I gave the account to Mr. Lowther, and cannot now recollect it.

30,727. Tell me the names of some of those voters to whom you gave money ?—I should have forgotten that I had given any to Scaum if he had not mentioned it here.

30,728. Tell us the name of some one else ?—They was brought to me by men that was taking them up to vote, and there was several of them that I paid that I neither saw nor knew them neither by name.

30,729. Did not see them ?—No. Individuals got the money to give them, but those I can recollect perfectly. (*The witness handed in the following list of names:* — G. Turner, 1*l*.; Mr. Warrener, 15*s*.; Scaum, 1*l*.; Season, 17*s*. 6*d*.; Johnson, 10*s*.; Smelt, 10*s*.; Mr. Bell. 13*s*.)

30,730. That is only a small part of it ?—That is all I can recollect. Mr. Lowther has the full account of it. He could not find it when I wanted it, else I should have presented the account as I gave it to him. It was only 10*l*., and I can take a safe oath I did not receive 10*d*. or 5*d*. from it. That was the only money I dispensed in my life. I might have had money to dispense, but I never took any part in it.

30,731. Did you give any money away in 1865 ?—Not a shilling.

30,732. Not to Herdsman ?—Not a shilling.

30,733. Then if Herdsman says he received money from you ?—He says what is quite incorrect. Now that I recollect, I believe I was in Robert Oxley's room when he received some money, but it never passed through my hands, and I had no connexion with it at all. Mr. Robert Oxley paid him something like 4*l*. or 5*l*. for his son that came out of the country, but I never had a shilling in my life.

30,734. You were in the room when Oxley gave Herdsman 4*l*. or 5*l*. ?—I was. I recollect it now you name it.

30,735. You merely stood by ?—I was accidentally in Mr. Oxley's. We was very friendly. I was often in his house; and that was all I had to do with it.

30,736. What part did you take in the election of 1865 ?—Nothing, no more than vote. I believe I went with the candidates on their canvass, but for any money transactions, I might have had to do it, but I did not. I think me and Mr. Parkinson went into the country to fetch voters.

30,737. That I call taking a part. You fetched voters up ?—We did, and we likewise treated them on the road with allowances, but never neither of us sent in a bill or had sixpence for it.

30,738. You treated them ?—Some of them was rather disposed to have a glass of grog. They would not pass a public-house without getting one.

30,739. I can quite imagine that. Did not you know that some of those voters got money ?—I did not, indeed.

30,740. That was Edwards and Sykes; you know from what was going on at this election that a great number of voters got money for their votes ?—I have heard so, but I never saw anyone give a penny to any individual.

30,741. Are you aware that any of those men that you brought up got money ?—It is probable they might, but I never knew when they did get any, or where they got it from.

30,742. You took them up to vote ?—I took them up to vote, but they kicked up a noise because they had not had their dinners, and could not get anything to eat.

30,743. Did not you know of your own knowledge that some of those went away to get money for their votes ?—I did not. I do not know that they got a shilling. I think it would be a shame if some of them

took it. I should think those that wanted money would be men who walked over to look after it. They were respectable farmers that we fetched.

30,744. Have you heard since of any one of those men that you took up to vote getting money?—I cannot recollect in the slightest.

30,745. They were all respectable farmers who could not pass a public house, but they were too respectable to get money for their votes?—That is a fact.

30,746. Their line of respectability was drawn there?—Yes.

30,747. I think you have been a pasture master on several occasions?—Well, I was chosen pasture master at the last election, but there was no contest.

30,748. Tell me what times you have been pasture master?—I think I was pasture master four or five years from 1857.

30,749. What was the first time?—1857 or 1858. I was pasture master when Mr. Boyes went out. I succeeded him.

30,750. You became pasture master in 1857?—I did.

30,751. Now, in that year, at the election do you know whether the balance among the pasture masters was orange or crimson, Liberal or Conservative?—I believe there was a majority of Conservatives.

30,752. Before you were elected which way was the balance?—The balance was always very strongly in favour of the Radical party.

30,753. Up to 1857?—Yes.

30,754. And after, how was it? At the election of 1857 how was it?—I believe they were all Conservatives.

30,755. After 1857 all Conservatives?—I believe so.

30,756. There was a complete change in the balance?—A complete change in the balance.

30,757. Was there a contest in 1857?—There was a very strong contest.

30,758. Did you pay for your share?—I did.

30,759. Do you know what you paid?—I should think it would at least cost me 10*l.*

30,760. And I suppose you subscribed with your colleagues to pay your expenses?—Yes, and other individuals in the town who were perfectly tired of the old system. They wanted a change.

30,761. You wanted to have a better system. When was the next contest?—We had several mock contests, but never any severe contest, I think, after that.

30,762. It is an annual appointment, is not it?—Yes.

30,763. Do you remember when the next contest was at all; I think there was a sharp contest in 1861?—I really could not remember at all. My memory is not very good, and I do not bear these things in mind.

30,764. I am almost certain we have had evidence that there was a sharp contest in 1861?—Probably there might have been.

30,765. Do you remember when the next contest for pasture masters was?—I am sure I could not. I took very little interest in it. They pressed me very much to go in, else I did not care at all about it.

30,766. But at these other contests did you always pay your share of the expenses?—It always cost us something.

30,767. How?—I never got in at a contest without an expense, never.

30,768. Did you always pay a rateable proportion of the whole expense?—I think we generally did.

20,769. Tell me the cases in which you did not?—I really could not.

30,770. Do you remember any instance in which the expense of your election was contributed by somebody else?—I believe so, but I do not know anything about it.

30,771. When was that?—I could not say.

30,772. You have heard that——?—That somebody got some money from somewhere.

30,773. At some time or other, and you do not know when, nor what, nor how, nor who?—I never made any particular inquiry.

30,774. And you were content to have the benefit of that money without inquiry?—It was no benefit to me.

30,775. Can you tell who the somebody was that supplied the money?—I have heard them say it came from Wreghitt, but I really could not say, because I never went to Wreghitt in my life to ask for any money.

30,776. Now, you have been also elected town councillor at various times?—I have.

30,777. Has money come from somebody somewhere at some time for your election as town councillor?—I think that I have heard that it has; I know the first time I was elected——

30,778. And with regard to that, also, you never made any inquiries as to the amount or the source from whence it came?—No.

30,779. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What day was this that you saw Herdsman's son paid?—I could not say. I have not the slightest idea.

30,780. I think I can assist your memory. Was not it the polling day of the election of 1865?—Oh, no, some days after the polling day. The son had come out of the country somewhere, and I think Herdsman was employed as a runner or something of that kind.

30,781. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are you? I have a small independency, but not very great.

30,782. What business have you been?—I was a shoemaker when I was in business.

The witness withdrew.

BENJAMIN MOORE called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

B. Moore.

30,783. Have you been a freeman?—No.

30,784. How long have you been a voter?—Since 1858.

30,785. You voted in 1859, I suppose?—Yes.

30,786. The election, we recollect, was Walters, Edwards, and Walker. For whom did you vote?—I have always voted for Sir Henry and Mr. Walker, and always shall.

30,787. How much did you get?—Nothing; I never got nothing in my life for voting.

30,788. You will pardon me for making these inquiries; did you take an active part?—Yes, sometimes.

30,789. What are you by business?—An auctioneer.

30,790. Did you bring up voters to the poll?—Yes.

30,791. Can you tell how many you brought to the poll?—My friend John Vickers can, I gave him the list of all I took up.

30,792. About how many?—I am sure I cannot say, I gave him it, and he had the papers.

30,793. You gave him the list in order that they should be paid?—No, I paid them myself.

30,794. Very well; how much?—From 1*l.* to 2*l.*

30,795. This was in 1859?—I should not like to say it was 1859.

30,796. Were you a voter when you took that part?—Yes.

30,797. That was in 1859. Can you tell me how many?—About 20 most likely I should.

30,798. Where did you get the money?—John Vickers gave it me.

30,799. How much?—Between 8*l.* and 10*l.* at a time.

30,800. How often?—Once or twice, perhaps three times.

30,801. Three tens are 30, and you gave him the list?—Yes.

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30,802. Can you tell me the men you paid?—Some of them; one Whitfield, another Spenceley.

30,803. How much did you pay?—One man got 2*l.*, another 1*l.*

30,804. Were you to determine whether you would give them 2*l.* or 1*l.*?—No, it was just what they axed me; some axed 1*l.*, some 2*l.*, and some 30*s.*

30,805. What fools they must have been not to have asked for more?—I always got them as cheap as I could.

30,806. Sell in the dearest and buy in the cheapest market. Well, now, where was that operation carried on, where did you carry on your business?—In the market place; anywhere I could find them.

30,807. Did they attend the market then on that occasion?—Yes.

30,808. Now, as to the next election. Were you employed in 1860?—I cannot tell you what election it was.

30,809. Walker and Gridley?—I do not think I was at that time.

30,810. Now the next is 1865. Keane, Edwards, and Sykes?—Yes, I remember that.

30,811. Did you vote?—Yes.

30,812. For whom?—For the old party.

30,813. Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

30,814. How much?—I only got 6*l.* that time.

30,815. Only 6*l.*?—That is all.

30,816. From whom?—Mr. Train.

30,817. You brought up only three voters?—That is all.

30,818. Were you not employed yourself?—No, never in any way whatever.

30,819. What did Vickers pay you; did he pay you anything?—No, I have worked a week for nowt. I never wanted nothing. I have come a hundred miles to vote for nothing.

30,820. Did you vote in 1868?—Yes.

30,821. Did you vote for the council choosing?—Yes.

30,822. How about that?—I voted then; I never got nowt. I never got a halfpenny in my life for voting.

30,823. Do you remember the men you paid in 1865?—Yes; Benjamin Lee, Joseph Lee, and Benjamin Rennard.

30,824. Did you pay anybody else?—No; I could not, for there were only three.

30,825. Did you give a man named Herdsman any money for the purposes of the election?—No, never in my life.

30,326. In 1868 for whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

30,827. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

30,828. For whom?—For the Conservatives, Mr. Norfolk and company.

30,829. Did any money pass through your hands then?—Yes, a little.

30,830. How much?—I could not say.

30,831. Who gave it to you?—First one and then another; anyone that I could get. I seed them and I paid them; persons that I knew.

30,832. How did you know?—I knew if anybody had any money for paying voters.

30,833. How?—It was easy to tell when you saw money passing through their hands.

30,834. Were you up in London?—Yes.

30,835. Were you examined on any of the petitions?—No.

30,836 No money passed through your hands in the bribery of 1868?—No, only twice.

30,837. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You do not remember how much altogether was given you at the council choosing?—No; I took three voters and gave them the money.

30,838. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How long have you been engaged in the operations?—Sometimes in the town; and if I was a hundred miles off at an election I should come, and have come.

30,839. Could not you tell us how much money you paid away at the council choosing?—I should not pay 5*l.* away. It took a lot of voters paying 12*s.* or 10*s.* too.

30,840. You got them cheaper than their neighbours?—I did, sir, or else I should not have had them.

30,841. What are you now?—I am a poor man now.

30,842. What is your business?—I am sorry to say I am out of business.

The witness withdrew.

G. B. Blyth.

George Baitson Blyth called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

30,843. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

30,844. How long have you been a freeman?—About 10 years.

30,845. What was the first election at which you voted?—1865.

30,846. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Keane.

30,847. What did you get?—2*l.*

30,848. Who did you vote for last election?—Messrs. Maxwell and Trollope.

30,849. Did you get anything?—No.

30,850. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

F. Castle.

Francis Castle called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

30,851. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

30,852. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirty-four years.

30,853. Did you vote at the election when Keane was up in 1865?—Mr. Keane?

30,854. Yes?—Yes.

30,855. For whom did you vote?—Keane and Edwards.

30,856. What did you get for your vote?—I got 1*l.* for Keane.

30,857. Only 1*l.*?—1*l.* for Keane.

30,858. And the other 2*l.*?—2*l.* the other.

30,859. Who gave you the 1*l.* for Keane?—A man called Hatchway, at the Mechanics' Hall.

30,860. Where did you get the 2*l.*?—Mr. Arnott.

30,861. Charles Arnott?—Yes, Charles Arnott.

30,862. Did you vote at the election before that, Walker and Gridley?—I did not poll at that election, I believe.

30,863. Did you poll at the election before that, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—Yes.

30,864. 1859?—Yes.

30,865. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

30,866. What did you get for your vote?—I do not think I got anything then.

30,867. Think?—Nothing then, I believe.

30,868. Now think. I do not mean to say at the election; you may not have got it on the spot, but before or after the election. Did you not get anything from Mr. Walker?—I believe I got 2*l.*

30,869. Who gave you that?—I am sure I do not know who gave it me.

30,870. Where did you get the 2*l.* for Mr. Walker?—At the "Cross Keys" yard, I believe.

30,871. Do you know who gave it to you?—I believe Mr. Oxley.

30,872. Did you get anything for your vote from Major Edwards that time?—That was for it.

30,873. The two together were 2*l.*?—2*l.* I got from Mr. Oxley.

30,874. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.

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30,875. Now the election before that, Edwards and Wells in 1857, did you have a vote?—I voted for Edwards.

30,876. What did you get that time?—I do not think I got anything that time.

30,877. Oh, now think?—1857?

30,878. Yes?—I do not recollect it.

30,879. You know money was paid?—I do not.

30,880. Did you get whatever was going?—No, I do not know indeed.

30,881. You do not know what you got?—I do not know that I got anything.

30,882. A man does not get money without knowing?—I cannot bring it to mind.

30,883. Elections are not so very often as all that; consider?—We did not get nothing at all.

30,884. You told me you did not know you got anything, that means you did; what did you get?—I do not know; indeed I do not know of anything.

30,885. Was money going at that election?—I am sure I do not know.

30,886. Do you recollect the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells in 1857, the election just before that?—I did not poll, I believe, at that election.

30,887. For whom did you vote in 1860, when Walker and Gridley were up?—For Walker, I should say.

30,888. What did you get for your vote?—I am sure I do not know what I got.

30,889. Was it 2*l.*?—Yes, probably; I believe it would be.

30,890. That was the regular price was it not?—I am sure I do not know.

30,891. Did you vote at the last council choosing last year?—Yes.

30,892. What did you get that time?—17*s.* 6*d.*

30,893. Who gave it you?—Mr. Robert Thirsk.

30,894. Did you vote at the parliamentary?—Yes.

30,895. For whom did you vote then?—Mr. Edwards and Mr. Keane.

30,896. Edwards and Kennard you mean?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

E. Calvert.

Edwin Calvert called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

30,897. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

30,898. Freeman by birth or servitude?—Servitude.

30,899. When did you take up your freedom?—Six years since.

30,900. Who paid for it; did you pay for it yourself?—No, Mr. Wreghitt.

30,901. What did he say to you when he paid for it?—I do not know; I went to him, and I said I want my freedom taken up, and he gave me 2*l.* 10*s.*

30,902. How did you go?—I was told he was in the habit of taking freedoms up.

30,903. He said, Well, you will support us then, or something of the kind?—I believe he did say something of the kind.

30,904. Or, you will be a friend?—Yes, no doubt he did.

30,905. What was the first election you voted at?—Edwards and Sykes.

30,906. How much did you get?—2*l.*

30,907. Where?—At the "Cross Keys."

30,908. That was all you got, was it?—I got 1*l.* from Keane.

30,909. Where?—At the Mechanics'.

30,910. Before you polled or after?—Before.

30,911. Did you get Keane's 1*l.* first?—Yes.

30,912. Then you went to the "Cross Keys" next morning, and got 2*l.*?—The tap was stopped or else I should.

30,913. Might I inquire, as a matter of curiosity, when you received it from Keane did you intend to vote for him?—Yes, I did.

30,914. Anything at the last council choosing?—Yes.

30,915. How much?—1*l.*

30,916. From whom?—Thompson the barber.

30,917. How did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

30,918. How did you vote at the parliamentary?—Edwards and Kennard.

30,919. Nothing more than the 1*l.*?—No.

30,920. Did you ever vote for the pasture masters?—Yes.

30,921. How much?—2*s.* 6*d.* I got once.

30,922. Only 2*s.* 6*d.*?—That is all.

30,923. Every time?—No, only about twice; I think I voted once and got nothing.

30,924. What are you?—A joiner.

The witness withdrew.

S. Loft.

Samuel Loft called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

30,925. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

30,926. How long have you been a freeman?—Most 40 years.

30,927. In 1857 for whom did you vote, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—For the Conservatives, for Glover.

30,928. Did you get anything?—Yes.

30,929. What did you get?—1857?

30,930. Yes?—I believe it was not 1857; I believe when I voted for Wells it was his first coming, to the best of my recollection.

30,931. Did you vote for him his second coming?—Yes, I voted for him on his second coming.

30,932. Did you get anything?—No, nothing.

30,933. The next election was Edwards and Wells, did you get anything then?—That would be——

30,934. In August the same year?—1857; in that election, yes, I did get money then.

30,935. Whom did you vote for?—Edwards; Edwards' first election it would be.

30,936. How much did you get?—I believe 5*l.*; either 4*l.* or 5*l.*, but I believe it was 5*l.*

30,937. Who paid you?—That was to pay some voters with.

30,938. What did you get for yourself?—Nothing.

30,939. Did you never get anything for yourself?—Not at Edwards' election.

30,940. Who gave you the 5*l.*?—Mr. Kemplay.

30,941. Who did you pay?—I paid some men that were given up to me for voting.

30,942. Who were they?—I cannot tell you; I have not the slightest recollection. I believe it was in the "Green Dragon," in the yard, that I paid the voters.

30,943. I do not mind where you paid them if you cannot tell us the names?—No; I have tried to think of the names.

30,944. Where they men who you knew at the time?—I do not know; I think if I had known them I should have been able to bring to mind who they was.

30,945. The next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker, who did you vote for?—I should vote for the Conservatives.

30,946. What did you get?—Nothing.

30,947. Nothing for yourself?—Nothing for myself.

30,948. Did you have anything to pay away?—No, not that I know of; to the best of my recollection I never got anything.

30,949. You never received or paid any money away?—No.

30,950. Then the next election was 1860, Walker and Gridley; did you get any then; did you pay any then?—No.

30,951. The next was in 1865; did you get any then?—No.

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S. Loft.

20 Sept. 1869.

30,952. Did you pay any ?—No.

30,953. Is the only sum you ever received since 1857, *5l.* ?—*5l.*

30,954. That is all you received ?—Yes, to the best of my recollection.

30,955. How did you vote last election ?—Edwards and Kennard.

30,956. Did you vote at council choosing ?—Yes.

30,957. Did you get anything then ?—No.

30,958. That you will swear ?—Yes, I was an assessor, and voted first when I went into the room, and never was out till they had done.

30,959. Walker and Gridley, 1860, did you get any money then ?—No, I do not remember anything.

30,960. After that election ?—No, I do not remember getting anything.

30,961. Will you swear you did not ?—To the best of my recollection I did not. I do not know that I have got a shilling since 1857.

30,962. In 1860 were you a messenger ?—No.

30,963. Quite sure ?—Yes, I am.

30,964. A watcher ?—No.

30,965. Do you know Mr. McCoy ?—Yes.

30,966. Will you swear that he did not pay you something in 1860, after the election ?—Pay me for myself for voting ?

30,967. I do not know for what ?—He did not.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

30,968. Did he give you any money after the election ?—He might have, some for my sons, who had voted, but I never took none myself.

30,969. Are your sons living with you ?—They came from sea, and it might have been that he might have left something for them.

30,970. Do you know whether he left any for your sons ?—Yes, he did.

30,971. How much was that ?—I am sure sure I do not know.

30,972. Was this in Walker and Gridley's election ?—I do not know ; it was left till they came home, and I never bothered any more about it.

30,973. Did you give it to your sons ?—Either me or my wife would. I do not remember anything about it, but I know there was some left.

30,974. Tell me how much he left ?—I am sure I do not know, if I were to drop with the words in my mouth.

30,975. You will not drop. *6l.* was it not ?—I am sure I could not tell you.

30,976. (*The Secretary, reading from an account put in by Mr. McCoy.*) "Mr. Loft, for travelling expenses for himself and his sons, *8l.*"

30,977. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Yes ; will you swear you did not get *8l.* ; you will not swear it was not left ?—If they came from the vessel ; they have done so, and have got their expenses.

30,978. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Will you swear you did not get *2l.* from it ?—Yes.

30,979. Will you swear Mrs. Loft did not ?—I have never taken any money for myself, never since 1857.

30,980. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Will you swear your wife did not get *2l.* of it ?—I could not do that, because I do not know.

30,981. Had you three sons voters ?—Yes.

30,982. Three and one is four, and twice four is eight. Where are they ?—One is at Calcutta, and the other is at Hull, and the other is at Beverley.

The witness withdrew.

T. Arnott.

Thomas Arnott called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

30,983. What is your occupation ?—A painter.

30,984. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

30,985. How long have you been a freeman ?—I think 10 years.

30,986. Ten years ?—Yes.

30,987. Have you voted for 10 years ; did you vote in 1859 ?—The first election I voted was for Keane and Edwards's.

30,988. How is it you did not vote in 1860 ?—Because I did not take my freedom up.

30,989. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane was your first election ?—Yes.

30,990. For whom did you vote ?—Keane and Edwards.

30,991. What did you get for your vote ?—*1l.* for Keane.

30,992. Who gave you the *1l.* ?—I do not know.

30,993. Where did you get it ?—At the Mechanics'.

30,994. What did you get for your vote for Edwards ?—Nothing.

30,995. Did you get anything after the election ?—No.

30,996. Did you get any allowance, no beer money, or anything of that kind ?—No, nothing.

30,997. Can you recollect exactly when your freedom was taken up ?—No, I cannot tell to a year.

30,998. Who paid for it ?—Mr. Wreghitt gave me some *8s.* or *9s.*

30,999. When he gave it you did he ask you to support them, or anything of the kind ?—No.

31,000. Did he not say something about supporting them, or being on their side ?—Not to my knowledge.

31,001. What did he give you the money for ?—I heard that they were giving money to take freedoms up, and of course I went.

31,002. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are a freeman by birth ?—Yes.

31,003. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What did you say ?—I told him I heard that he was giving money for to take freedoms up, and I said I wanted to take mine up, and he gave me *8s.* or *9s.*

31,004. Did you not say you will support the party, or you were on his side ?—No.

31,005. Nothing about that passed between you ?—No.

31,006. What did you understand he gave you the money for ? Why should he give you *10s.*, you were a stranger to him, were you not ?—No.

31,007. You were not a stranger ?—No.

31,008. He knew you before ?—He had known me all my life or nearly.

31,009. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

31,010. Which way did you vote ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

31,011. Did you get anything at the council choosing ?—I was not a voter.

31,012. Were you a voter at the time of last pasture master election ?—No ; I did not vote last pasture choosing.

31,013. The one before last, in March 1868 ?—Yes, I believe I did.

31,014. Did you get anything for your vote then ?—I can hardly say, I voted several times, but I never did get more than *2s. 6d.*

31,015. Was that in 1868 ?—I cannot say, but it might.

31,016. It was in 1868 ?—Yes, I think it would be.

The witness withdrew.

C. Constable.

Charles Constable called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

31,017. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

31,018. How long ?—I took my freedom up, I believe, in 1851.

31,019. By servitude or birth ?—Birth.

31,020. Then you voted after, in 1851 ?—Yes.

31,021. Did you vote in the first election in 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover ?—I should vote Denison and Wells.

31,022. How much did you get ?—I should get *3l,* I believe.

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C. Constable.

20 Sept. 1869.

31,023. Now we will come to a later day, Edwards and Wells, the August of 1857?—I polled for Wells, and got nothing.

31,024. Only you got something the early part of the year. Now I go to 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I polled for Walters.

31,025. How much?—2*l.*

31,026. Where?—I believe it was in Toll Gavel.

31,027. Then there is 1869, Walker and Gridley?—I polled for Gridley.

31,028. How much?—I got nothing.

31,029. How was that, what were you promised?—I was promised nothing.

31,030. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I polled for Keane.

31,031. How much?—1*l.*

31,032. The day before the polling?—Yes.

31,033. You came to the Hall and found it stopped? No, I never went the next day.

31,034. Did you vote?—Yes.

31,035. Did you vote for council choosing often?—Yes.

31,036. How much?—About three 2*s.* 6*d.* is the highest I ever got.

31,037. Three 2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.*—Yes.

31,038. Did you vote in 1868 for the council choosing?—Yes.

31,039. How much?—1868?

31,040. Yes, immediately before the election?—I got nothing in 1868.

30,041. It was immediately before the parliamentary election?—Yes.

30,042. You got nothing?—I got nothing.

30,043. At the parliamentary election you voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

31,044. You got nothing?—No.

31,045. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You got nothing since Keane's election?—No.

31,046. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where were you paid in Denison and Wells' election?—I believe it was at the "Pack Horse."

31,047. Do you remember who paid you?—No, I am sure I do not.

31,048. Do you know anyone who was there when you went up?—I cannot say.

31,049. Who took you?—I do not think anybody took me.

31,050. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think you voted for Edwards, at Edwards and Wells' first election?—Yes.

31,051. Constable, Charles, Friarsgate; you voted for Edwards?—I never voted for Edwards in my life.

31,052. They have put you down here as voting for him?—I am sure I do not know.

The witness withdrew.

T. Dalton, jun.

Thomas Dalton, junior, called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

31,053. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

31,054. How long?—For 25 years.

31,055. In Denison, Wells, and Glover's election for whom did you vote?—For Wells and Glover.

31,056. What did you get?—Nothing.

31,057. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.

31,058. Were you not employed in any way in that election?—Not in that election.

31,059. The next election was between Wells and Edwards, in the August of the same year?—I voted for Wells.

31,060. Did you get anything?—I got 1*l.* for playing.

31,061. Only 1*l.*?—Only 1*l.*

31,062. The next is Walters' election, did you vote for Walters?—Yes.

31,063. What did you get then?—2*l.* for playing.

31,064. You were in the band?—Yes.

31,065. The next election was Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Gridley, and got 2*l.* that time for playing in the band.

31,066. No more than 2*l.*?—No, no more than 2*l.*

31,067. Then 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane.

31,068. How much?—I got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' on the nomination day.

31,069. Anything else?—I got 12*s.* for playing two nights.

31,070. And you voted for Keane?—I voted for Keane.

31,071. Last year, 1868, how did you vote?—Maxwell and Trollope.

31,072. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I have no vote.

31,073. Is this all the money you got for playing?—Yes.

31,074. Did you get any money besides?—No.

31,075. Never in any election?—No, I did not get any more at Keane's than what I said.

31,076. I do not say at Keane's, but at any election did you get more than 1*l.* or 2*l.*?—No, not at any election.

31,077. They did not give you money; so much for playing and so much for your vote?—No, I never took any money for voting.

31,078. Have you given us a true account of everything you have received at all the elections?—Yes.

31,079. What other election did you see?—I voted at Towneley's election.

The witness withdrew.

J. Dawson.

John Dawson, called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

31,080. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

31,081. How long have you been a freemen?—Since 1830.

31,082. Did you vote at the election of 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

31,083. For whom did you vote, Edwards?—No.

31,084. Did you vote for Sykes?—No.

31,085. Did you vote for Keane?—Yes.

31,086. What did you get for your vote?—I got 1*l.*

31,087. At the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

31,088. Was that all you got?—Yes.

31,089. Did you not get any the next day?—No.

31,090. Walker and Gridley in 1860?—I got nothing.

31,091. For whom did you vote?—For Gridley.

31,092. Not before or after the election?—No.

31,093. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in 1859, did you vote then?—Walters I voted for.

31,094. What did you get for your vote?—2*l.*

31,095. Where did you get it?—At a house in Toll Gavel.

31,096. 1857; Edwards and Wells?—Nothing.

31,097. Are you sure?—I voted for Wells and got nothing.

31,098. Let us go to the election when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up, you got something then?—No.

31,099. Not from any one of those?—No.

31,100. For whom did you vote?—For Denison and Wells.

31,101. Did you get anything for voting at the last council choosing?—No.

31,102. Never anything in your life?—No.

31,103. The only time you ever got anything was in 1865 and 1859, is that so?—Yes.

31,104. Are you sure that is all? Did you ever get any money to give away to other people?—Never.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

Capt. E. H. Kennard.

21 Sept. 1869.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

21st September 1869.

On the Commissioners taking their seats, Mr. Champney (a solicitor practising in Beverley, and who had been examined under the Commission,) stated, he attended in order to give the earliest refutation to the evidence of Mr. Cronhelme given the previous day, so far as it affected himself.

The Chief Commissioner informed Mr. Champney he could not be heard that day, as they had settled their course of proceeding, but that he should be heard on Friday.

Mr. Champney said Mr. Cronhelme was under a delusion as regarded himself.

The Chief Commissioner informed him he should have an opportunity of explaining.

CAPTAIN EDWARD HEGAN KENNARD sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

31,105, Were you a candidate the last election for Beverley?—I was.

31,106. When did you first make up your mind to become a candidate?—I cannot say the exact date.

31,107. Well, about?—I think it was in July.

31,108. At whose suggestion did you become a candidate?—At my own suggestion.

31,109. I mean who proposed it to you?—I do not know who proposed it to me, but it was at Mr. Spofforth's office.

31,110. At Mr. Spofforth's office; that is quite enough. Were you told of the condition of Beverley?—No.

31,111. Did you see Mr. Spofforth himself?—Yes.

31,112. You saw Mr. Spofforth himself?—Yes.

31,113. Was that before you saw Sir Henry Edwards, or after?—Before.

31,114. Did you hear from Mr. Sykes that he was retiring from the borough?—No.

31,115. You knew Mr. Sykes was a member?—I did not know that Mr. Sykes was a member of this borough, at first.

31,116. You know now he was?—Yes.

31,117. What money did Mr. Spofforth tell you it would require for this borough?—I do not remember that he told me any.

31,118. Just recollect what was discussed between you. Was it not discussed what money should be advanced?—I am sure I do not recollect.

31,119. In these things I think there must be some mention of money; just recollect?—He might have said four or five hundred pounds; I do not remember his saying so, but he might have said so.

31,120. I suppose you knew Sir Henry Edwards was likely to be your colleague?—Yes.

31,121. You knew that he had represented the borough since 1857?—I did not know how long he had represented the borough, but some years.

31,122. I suppose it was proposed you should be in strict coalition?—Yes.

31,123. And that you should find four or five hundred pounds?—I do not know that any sum was really named; I know that no excessive sum was named; not more than 500*l*.

31,124. As your part of the expenses?—Yes.

31,125. How soon after that did you see Sir Henry Edwards?—I do not think I saw him again till we commenced our canvass in the town.

31,126. Do you mean from July till November?—Yes.

31,127. Do you mean that from July till November you did not see Sir Henry?—No.

31,128. You may have written?—Yes; I may have written.

31,129. I asked you before whether you had seen him or had any correspondence, and your answer was no?—I understood you to ask whether I had seen him.

31,130. No; whether you had seen him or had any correspondence?—I beg your pardon.

31,131. Have you had any correspondence with Sir Henry?—I have.

31,132. Have you a copy of your letter?—No.

31,133. Have you his letter in reply?—No.

31,134. What has become of them?—I always tear up letters when I receive them.

31,135. When did you tear up Sir Henry's letter?—At the time I received it.

31,136. Did you correspond with him occasionally from that time up to November?—Yes.

31,137. Had you come to Beverley at all in the meantime?—No.

31,138. Then all you knew of Beverley was from the correspondence?—Yes. I came just after the Doncaster Meeting; that was when I first made my address.

31,139. Here?—Yes.

31,140. How long did you remain?—One night.

31,141. Did you see Wreghitt?—Yes.

31,142. The Doncaster week?—Yes; after that.

31,143. Had Sir Henry mentioned the name of Wreghitt to you in his correspondence with you?—Yes.

31,144. And Mr. Bainton?—Yes.

31,145. Mr. Kemplay?—No.

31,146. Mr. Arden?—It might have been mentioned.

31,147. Whom else did you see after Mr. Wreghitt?—Do you mean in Beverley?

31,148. Yes; who else did you see?—Mr. Arden.

31,149. How came you to see him, if Sir Henry Edwards had not mentioned his name to you?—He was one of my chief supporters.

31,150. Had you any correspondence with him before?—No; I was introduced to him the first night I was there.

31,151. By whom?—Three or four gentleman came into the room the first night I was there, before I went down to address the meeting.

31,152. Was Mr. Wreghitt there?—Yes.

31,153. Mr. Arden?—Yes.

31,154. Mr. Kemplay?—No.

31,155. Who else?—Mr. Barkworth and Mr. Cleaver.

31,156. Did you see Mr. Wreghitt after that before you left the town?—Do you mean before I left the town of Beverley?

31,157. Yes; before you left this town?—I expect I saw him the next morning; I think so.

31,158. I think so too. Did you discuss matters with Wreghitt; did you ever discuss money matters?—I think not.

31,159. Just recollect?—I think not.

31,160. Just recollect. If you give me a positive answer I will accept it?—I do not recollect seeing

him alone; certainly we never talked over any illegal matters.

31,161. Did any money pass from you to Wreghitt?—No.

31,162. Did any money pass from you to Wreghitt before you came in November?—Yes.

31,163. How much?—100*l.*

31,164. Was that by letter?—No; I told my bankers to send it.

31,165. Who are your bankers?—The Consolidated Bank.

31,166. Where?—In London.

31,167. Did you tell him by letter?—I told him by letter.

31,168. To send it in sovereigns?—To send it by bank notes.

31,169. To Mr. Wreghitt's address?—Yes.

31,170. What date was that?—The beginning of October; in October, certainly.

31,171. After you had been down here?—Yes.

31,172. Did you send any other money to Wreghitt before you applied yourself?—No.

31,173. Did any other money pass between you and Wreghitt before the election?—No.

31,174. Or since the election?—Yes; another 100*l.*

31,175. Since the election?—Yes.

31,176. When?—I think on two different occasions.

31,177. When?—I think in December and also in March; I think so.

31,178. In the same way?—No; I gave him a cheque on the Beverley Bank on the two last occasions. I had no money at the Beverley Bank at first, and sent to the Consolidated.

31,179. You gave a cheque on the Beverley Bank in December?—Yes.

31,180. And you gave a cheque on the Beverley Bank in March?—Yes.

31,181. Had you had an accredited agent here, Mr. Bainton?—I thought Mr. Wreghitt was my agent.

31,182. Mr. Wreghitt was not an agent. We have the accounts put in. Show me the accounts (*they were handed to the Commissioner by the Secretary*). Do you not know Mr. Bainton was your agent?—He was a solicitor.

31,183. Your agent! Why Mr. Wreghitt was not your agent?—I thought he was.

31,184. How much did you pay for the legal expenses, and through what channel?—I do not know that I can tell you, except by referring to my book.

31,185. (*Mr. Sergeant O'Brien.*) Certainly, by all means.

(The witness referred to his bank book.)

I find I have not got it here, but I think it was 250*l.* I paid it at Mr. Bainton's office.

31,186. Well, I am ready to accept the 250*l.* as the sum. I suppose you got an account from Mr. Wreghitt of how the 250*l.* was expended?—Yes.

31,187. When did you get the account?—I think it was in March.

31,188. Before Mr. Baron Martin was here?—Yes.

31,189. Immediately, I suppose, before Mr. Baron Martin was here, you would ask for them?—Yes, I think it was.

31,190. Did you write to him for it?—I asked him for it, I expect.

31,191. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This that I hold in my hand is a copy of the election expenses; that is, of the expenses that passed through the regular appointed agent?

(*The Secretary.*) It is signed by Mr. Bainton, who was the agent for the election expenses.

31,192. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did I understand you to say that you applied for that account?—Yes.

31,193. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is dated the 16th of June 1869. Nothing can be more exemplary than this. It is 439*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, signed "H. W. Bainton, "election agent" for Sir Henry Edwards and Edmund Hegan Kennard. Here are all the details. Do I understand, in addition to all that, you paid Wreghitt 200*l.*?—Yes.

31,194. Before I pass from this, were there any other monies paid from you to any person by way of loan, gift, or received in respect of the election?—No.

31,195. Or any application made to you?—No.

31,196. For services rendered?—No.

31,197. Is that so?—Yes.

31,198. There has been no application for any service rendered?—There has been no application of any sort.

31,199. Had you ever made any application to Wreghitt for an account of those expenses before you heard that Baron Martin was coming down?—Yes, I think so.

31,200. Had you made any application to Mr. Wreghitt before you heard that Mr. Baron Martin was coming down here?—Yes.

31,201. When did you ask for the account?—When I was in the town.

31,202. When was that?—At the time of the election.

31,203. It could not be that; you sent 50*l.* in December?—I sent him 100*l.* before.

31,204. I thought you said you asked for separate accounts. I may be wrong?—No. What I said was this, "I shall expect a detailed account from him how "the money was spent." He said he would give me an account, and he did.

31,205. Was it not after Mr. Baron Martin was here that he gave you the detailed account?—I think not. I saw him in town; it might have been after.

31,206. How did you know he was coming to town unless he wrote to you?—He did write to me.

31,207. What is the date of it?—I never keep letters.

31,208. These are important matters. May I take it he came up to town after Baron Martin was here? I think I may?—No; I think it was before.

31,209. How many days before Baron Martin was here; was it in March?—I think it was in March.

31,210. The Baron was here early in March. Did you yourself come down here while the Baron was here?—Yes.

31,211. You knew Wreghitt was coming to town?—Yes.

31,212. In fact he came up for the purpose of giving this account?—I do not know for what purpose he came up.

31,213. Where did you see him?—I saw him at some hotel in the city.

31,214. You went there?—Yes.

31,215. I believe he brought you up a detailed account of how the money was spent?—Yes.

31,216. Did you take any steps to ascertain the correctness of the account?—No.

21,217. You took it for granted?—I took it for granted.

31,218. Before you advanced him the 100*l.*, were you aware that a severe contest for the town council was pending?—I knew there would be a municipal election.

31,219. And that it was expected it would be a severe one?—No.

31,220. That there would be a contest?—I did not know what sort of contest.

31,221. Well, I will not give you the adjective. Did you know from him or others there would be a contest before you gave him the 100*l.*; that there would be a contest for the honor of being a town councillor at the municipal election?—No; I knew there would be a municipal election.

31,222. Did you not know from him there would be a contest?—No.

31,223. How came it to be mentioned to you, unless it was mentioned there was to be a contest?—I was coming to the town, and wrote to say I was coming on a certain day. The answer I got was, I had better put it off, as there was a municipal election coming on, and it was better I should not be in the town.

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Capt. E. H. Kennard.

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31,224. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Who wrote that; was it Wreghitt?—Wreghitt wrote the letter.

31,225. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was that before you had given him the money?—Yes.

31,226. Was it in the house he asked for the money?—No.

31,227. What other sum did he ask for?—He wrote to ask me to send him 100*l.*

31,228. When?—It was in October.

31,229. Fix the date?—I cannot fix the date.

30,230. We have two letters now, one asking you not to come, for the municipal election was pending, and another for money; cannot you fix the date; was it not the 25th of October?—To the best of my recollection it was before that.

31,231. You think it was before that?—Yes.

31,231a. And then he wrote to you back not to send it in cheques, but bank notes?—Yes.

31,232. Giving you his private address?—Yes.

31,232a. Where were you at the time?—I was at Scarborough.

31,233. Might I inquire why you did not send him the cheque?—Why I did not send him the cheque?

31,234. Yes; your cheque?—I thought it was the easiest way of sending.

31,235. Have you ever sent any money in that mode before?—I have sent notes to friends, and I have received money.

31,236. I am not asking you that. Have you ever sent any money to the extent of 100*l.*, and given your banker directions that he should send it in bank notes?—No, I do not think I have.

31,237. Then it was not the usual mode in doing it. Now I ask you for an explanation; did not you send him a cheque when you were at Scarbro'?—It never occurred to me to send him a cheque.

31,238. I ask you another question. Was it not in order to conceal any trace of money passing from you to Wreghitt?—No.

31,239. It would have the effect of doing that, would it not?—No. If I had wanted to do that I should have sent it in sovereigns.

31,240. It would have the effect that it could not be traced?—Bank notes can always be traced.

31,241. Not as coming from you?—Yes; it could be traced to me by the bank notes.

31,242. Yes; everything can be traced, of course, but it would be with difficulty. I ask you was it not your object to make it difficult to trace that money?—No.

31,243. You never did anything of the kind before?—No.

31,244. Have you an acknowledgment from Wreghitt of the receipt for a 100*l.*?—No.

31,245. Have you any acknowledgment in writing?—I think he wrote to me to say he had received it.

31,246. Do you know whether he did or not?—No, I do not.

31,247. Now, I ask you again, before you came to to the borough here did not you know a contest for the six town councillors was pending; not an election, but a contest?—Yes, I did.

31,248. And I ask you again, before you gave directions to your bankers to send the 100*l.* to Wreghitt, did not you know that a contest was pending for town councillors?—I knew the municipal election was coming on.

31249. Now did not you know that a contest was pending for town councillors?—I may say yes.

31,250. And in fact you took an interest, did you not, in the result of the contest; you felt a concern and interest in the result of the contest?—Yes.

31,251. Was not the result telegraphed to you in Scarboro'?—Yes.

31,252. By whom?—I think Mr. Wreghitt.

31,253. Had you any conversation with Wreghitt after you came in to canvass with Sir Henry about the municipal election?—Yes.

31,254. When?—Do you want the exact date?

31,255. Yes?—I do not remember.

31,256. Was it before the election?—Before the election; yes.

31,257. Did you not ascertain from him that considerable sums of money were expended in procuring the result that was telegraphed to you?—No.

31,258. You did not?—No. I was chiefly afraid the money I had spent had been used, and I asked him particularly if it had been, and he said, no.

31,259. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He said, no?—He said, no.

31,260. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) But you had heard from other sources that money had been lavishly expended?—No, I had not.

31,261. Why did you ask him about that?—Because I had sent him 100*l.*

31,262. If you had not heard money had been expended, why did you ask him whether he had expended yours?—I concluded money had been expended.

31,263. But why?—I concluded so from general conversation. I never heard any one tell me.

31,264. Oh, I mean that. I do not mean that anybody came and told you; they never do whisper that in a candidate's ear. You heard from general rumour a large sum was expended?—Not a large sum.

31,265. Well, that a sum of money had been expended?—I do not remember being told any actual sum was expended.

31,266. But monies had been expended. I am wrong in saying large sums; you heard that monies had been expended?—Yes.

31,267. You did not inquire how much?—No.

31,268. Why did not you inquire?—To know what amount?

31,269. Yes; why did not you inquire?—I inquired if any of the money advanced by me——

31,270. No, no. Why did not you inquire as to the monies that had been expended? You had an interest in the result; you advanced money before the contest; you knew the contest was pending, and the result was telegraphed to you? Why did not you inquire and see by what means the great victory was won?—I never cared to inquire.

31,271. I suppose I may say you did not think it prudent to enquire?—No, I do not say that.

31,272. You did not think it prudent to inquire?—I did not think of inquiring.

31,273. Then, when Wreghitt went up to you in London, he presented an account to you?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

31,274. At whose application was it that you sent the first sum to Mr. Wreghitt?—On Mr. Wreghitt's own application.

31,275. You had at that time determined that he should be your agent?—I thought he was my agent, certainly.

31,276. Not under the Act of Parliament; You do not of course mean that?—No.

31,277. I understand any one who is entrusted with the employment of money by another is an agent. When you sent the money, for what purpose did you understand it was to be applied?—For general purposes; general expenditure.

31,278. But what do you mean by general expenditure?—I had been in the town before, and I had been taking rooms, and I had incurred certain expenses, and this was for paying off the accounts; he was to settle with them.

31,279. But you had not incurred any expenses that you considered to be improper to pass through the hands of your election agent?—I thought the

sums were not excessive, but during the course of my staying in the town my expenses might amount to a good deal.

31,280. No doubt; for instance, the cost of rooms, or any expenses you had incurred, might very fairly pass through the hands of your election agent?—I did not know he had to do with it; I looked to Wreghitt as the paymaster.

31,281. Do you really mean at that time you looked upon Wreghitt as your paymaster for all purposes? —For these purposes of general expenditure.

31,282. Had you at that time had any correspondence with Mr. Bainton?—No.

31,283. Did not you know that he was your election agent?—I thought he was the solicitor for the Conservative party.

31,284. But did not you know he was the solicitor for the purpose of conducting the election?—No.

31,285. Had you made any inquiry then, as to what his duties were, from him or any other person? —No.

31,286. Then was it only a confusion in your mind. Had you any knowledge about his duties at all?—I had a very confused idea as to what his duties were.

31,287. Well, then you paid a second 100*l.* However, before you paid that you paid some money to the Beverley Bank?—Yes.

31,288. When did you pay that?—I think it was the beginning of November.

31,289. What amount was that?—I paid about 500*l.*

31,290. In November 1868?—Yes.

31,291. Then I suppose a portion of that was exhausted by Bainton's account for election expenses? —Yes.

31,292. And the balance remained in your hand? —Yes.

31,293. And on that balance you drew a cheque in Wreghitt's favor?—Yes.

31,294. Two cheques at least?—Yes.

31,295. Do you remember the date of the second cheque; you say it was in March?—I can tell you exactly the date of the second cheque.

31,296. I should like to know?—The second cheque was December 14th.

31,297. That is the second cheque that you drew on the Beverley Bank?—Yes.

31,298. I thought I understood you to say it was in March?—No; the cheques were November 22nd and December 14th.

31,299. Those were the two cheques?—Yes.

31,300. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then in March he came up and gave you an account?—Yes.

31,301. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the amount of those cheques?—50*l.*

31,302. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Each 50*l.*?—Yes.

31,303. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the whole sum you paid to Wreghitt?—200*l.*

31,304. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You made a mistake to me; you said you paid him a cheque in March?—Then I made a mistake.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien remarked, that it became much stronger, because on the 31st of December all was paid, and the witness never asked for an account till March.

31,305. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When did you ask him for an account of this money; the money you paid to Mr. Wreghitt?—When I was in Beverley I told him I expected a detailed account.

31,306. At the election?—Yes.

31,307. What did he say to you then?—He said, "certainly."

31,308. When did you receive the account?—I think it was in March; it was before Baron Martin came down on the election petition.

31,309. But it was not before it was known that he was coming down, I suppose?—No; I think it was after that.

31,310. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did Wreghitt return you any balance?—Yes.

31,311. How much?—20*l.*

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

31,312. You have given us the dates of two of the cheques; can you give me the date of the other, the first?—It was the beginning of October. My London Bank book would tell me. I have my London Bank book.

31,313. Have you it here?—Yes.

31,314. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Can you find that?—Yes; the 15th of October.

31,315. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That was the cheque for 100*l.*?—Yes.

31,316. Now, as I understood you, Wreghitt applied by letter for that sum?—Yes.

31,317. Did he specify in the letter what he wanted it for?—No.

31,318. You see Bainton sends in an account in a legal manner as your agent, and of course you were aware of the fact that he was your agent; when did you appoint him your agent?—Only by implication. I cannot remember any particular time.

31,319. But he assumed the office on your behalf and with your knowledge. When did he assume the office with your knowledge; when did Bainton officially become your agent?—That I do not know. I knew he was the solicitor; I assumed he was.

31,320. Did he assume to be your agent on October 15th?—Oh, certainly.

31,321. Bainton assumed to be your agent on and before the 15th of October?—Yes.

31,322. You knew Sir Henry Edwards as being member for Beverley, I think for some long time before you became a candidate?—I have known him for some years.

31,323. Some time before?—Yes.

31,324. Did he ask you to become a candidate?—It was not at his suggestion.

31,325. But I think your resolution to become a candidate was arrived at after consultation with him? —No; I was first introduced to Mr. Bainton.

31,326. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You were first introduced to Mr. Bainton; when was that?—In July; I think, I was introduced to Mr. Bainton, at Mr. Spofforth's office, in July.

31,327. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Then you consulted with Sir Henry Edwards, was it not so, before you finally resolved to become a candidate?—Yes.

31,328. Now when did you see and consult Sir Henry Edwards?—At that time in July.

31,329. At Spofforth's office?—No; at my own house, I think.

31,330. Was it after you saw Bainton at Spofforth's? —Yes.

31,331. And at that consultation you resolved to become a candidate?—I resolved to become a candidate, after I received a deputation.

31,332. I may take it you agreed with Sir Henry to become a candidate in consulation?—Yes.

31,333. When was that consultation?—In July.

31,334. Immediately after you saw Bainton and Spofforth?—Yes.

31,335. And then after that there came a deputation; is not that so?—Yes.

31,336 How long afterwards?—I think it was the beginning of August.

31,337. Well, my colleague thinks the names of the deputation of some value, I do not, but who were they?—The two Baintons, Bainton, senr. and junr., and Mr. Wreghitt and Mr. Cleaver.

31,338. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Yes; go on?—And Mr. McCoy, I think.

31,339. Go on?—That is all, I think.

31,340. They waited formally upon you?—Yes.

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Capt. E. H. Kennard.

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31,341. In London?—No; at York.

31,342. You were at the races there, I suppose?—No; I came down from Scotland.

31,343. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That was after the consultation at which it was agreed you were to become a candidate?—Yes.

31,344. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose, Captain Kennard, you had been looking about for a seat in Parliament; that is the long and short of it?—Yes.

31,345. And you heard that Mr. Spofforth was the person to whom people in such a case always apply?—Yes.

31,346. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) At this consultation with Sir Henry Edwards, was there any agreement that the expenses should be shared equally?—Yes.

31,347. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then was it Mr. Spofforth who first told you there was likely to be a vacancy in Beverley?—Mr. Spofforth introduced me to Mr. Bainton, I think.

31,348. I suppose, before he introduced you to Bainton, it was from him you heard there was a vacancy?—No; I was quite ignorant of it before I saw Bainton. I went to see Mr. Spofforth on another matter, but there I met Mr. Bainton.

31,349. You went to Mr. Spofforth's on business relating to some matter of the kind?—Yes; I went to see Mr. Spofforth about another borough.

31,350. You were introduced to Mr. Spofforth, and he introduced you to Mr. Bainton, which I suppose is the usual way?—Yes.

31,351. How did you see Mr. Bainton there?—It was an accident; he came in there while I was in an ante-room.

31,352. I suppose in fact you were looking out for a borough, and he was looking out for a candidate?—Yes.

31,353. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You paid certain expenses in respect to this election. Have you had any reason to expect, since the election, that you will be called upon for more?—No.

31,354. Is it your firm belief you have paid everything, and everybody who might have a claim upon you?—Yes.

31,355. You have no knowledge of any other claim?—No.

31,356. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think you omitted the name of one gentleman who waited upon you; Mr. Lowther?—No, I do not think he was one.

31,357. Are you sure?—I am not quite sure, but I do not think he was.

The Chief Commissioner informed Mr. Kennard that if he applied to the Commissioners for a certificate they would not refuse the application.

G. Copeland.

GEORGE COPELAND sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

31,359. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

31,360. How long have you been a freeman?—Somewhere about 30 years.

31,361. Then you voted in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes, I believe I did.

31,362. For whom did you vote?—For Denison and Wells, I believe.

31,363. What money did you receive?—I am sure I cannot say. I should get what the rest of the people got, but I am sure I cannot say what it was now.

31,364. You would get what the rest of the people got?—I think I should.

31,365. If you cannot tell me what you got, tell me where you got it?—I am sure I cannot. To tell you the truth, I do not know whether I got it in Toll Gavel.

31,366. Where?—I cannot say it right where I got it, but I should get what other men got, but I am sure I cannot say what; it is a long time since.

31,367. So it is; but you can remember where you got the money?—I am sure I am on my oath, and I could not say where I got it, but if there was any got I should get it.

31,368. Who gave it you?—I cannot say.

31,369. Do you know nothing about it?—I do not know what it was that was given in Denison and Wells' election.

31,370. Have you forgotten all about it?—I have forgotten all about what there was at that time.

31,371. Except that there was something?—I believe I got something, but I could not say what. I got what the rest of the people got.

31,372. Where you a messenger, or in the band, or anything of the kind?—I believe not.

31,373. Have you ever been a messenger?—I do not know that I have.

31,374. I do not think you have forgotten all this?—Well, sir, whether you think that or not, I am sure I have; I have forgotten all about it. I remember the first election I polled was for Goldsmid and Towneley, and I believe theirs would be the next, would not it?

31,375. Not quite. Do you recollect whether you voted at all?—Yes, I have voted for every election since.

31,376. You voted for Denison and Wells?—Yes.

31,377. You got something?—I believe I did.

31,378. Would it be 2*l.*?—I am sure I cannot say. I am certain I should get what they would give me at the time.

31,379. What would you generally get?—I cannot say. When I polled for Wells at Wells' election I got nothing.

31,380. That was the next election you say you got nothing?—I got nothing.

31,381. But you did get something at this election; do recollect what it was; was it 2*l.*?—I am sure I cannot say; if I could recollect I would tell in a moment.

31,382. May we take it it was 2*l.*?—I should get what the other people got; I have no doubt about that.

31,383. Well, that was what the other people got. Now then the next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; what did you get then?—I believe I got 2*l.* at Walters' election.

31,384. From whom?—I am sure I cannot say from whom.

31,385. From which side?—From Walters, I believe.

31,386. Then the next was Walker and Gridley's; what did you get then?—I am sure I could not say whether I got anything.

31,388. Who did you vote for?—I polled for Gridley.

31,389. Do you remember the man with a hairy cap?—I cannot remember whether I did see him at this time.

31390. But it is not so long ago?—But I forget.

31,391. Do not you remember whether you got anything?—I should get what the rest of the people got, but I am sure I cannot say what it was.

31,392. Do you remember where you were paid ?—I think in the market place, but I am sure I cannot say.

31,393. Do you remember who paid you ?—No, I do not.

31,394. In 1865 there was "Sykes, Edwards, and Keane" ?—Yes.

31,395. Who did you vote for ?—I voted for Sykes.

31,396. For Sykes singly ?—I think it was.

31,397. What did you get ?—Nothing.

31,398. Nothing at all ?—Nothing at all.

31,399. You are quite sure ?—Quite sure.

31,400. Then the last election; who did you vote for ?—For Maxwell.

31,401. Maxwell singly ?—No; Maxwell and Trollope.

31402. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—Yes.

31,403. Who did you vote for ?—Catterson, Usher, and Lowther.

31,404. What did you get ?—I got 7*s.* 6*d.*

31,405. Who paid you ?—Robert Wallis gave me 2*s.* 6*d.*, and he left 5*s.* at my house a few days afterwards.

31,406. You told me that you voted for Sykes in 1865 ?—I think I did.

31,407. You voted for Keane, I find ?—Very likely; I am sure I could not say now which it was.

31,408. You do not know which it was ?—I do not know which it was, to say truth.

31409. You would get something ?—I do not bear it in mind that time.

31,410. You do not bear in mind you got anything ?—If there was anything I should get it.

31,411. You got it at the Mechanics' Hall, did not you ?—Keane's election.

31,412. Yes ?—Very probably I did.

31,413. You remember it well enough; you are not so stupid as you want us to believe ?—I do not know that I was stupid; these elections they pass off, and I never think any more.

31,414. You voted for Keane; what did you get; did you get 2*l.* ?—I am not aware that I did; I believe I got 1*l.*, if it was Keane's election that I voted at.

31,415. (*Mr H. Cox.*) Did you vote orange or crimson at council choosing ?—Crimson.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN FOSTER called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Foster.

31,416. You are a freeman ?—Yes.

31,417. Where do you work ?—At the Beverley Iron and Wagon Company.

31,418. How long have you been a freeman ?—About six years.

31,419. When you took up your freedom did anybody pay for you ?—No.

31,420. When was the first election at which you voted ?—1865.

31,421. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Sykes.

31,422. Did you get anything for your vote ?—2*l.*

31,423. Who gave it you ?—William Sturdy.

31,424. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall at the election of 1865 ?—Yes.

31,425. Did you get anything there ?—1*l.*

31,426. From Keane's party ?—Yes.

31,427. About 3*l.*; was that all you got ?—Yes.

31,428. Which way did you vote at this last election ?—Edwards and Captain Kennard.

31,429. Who canvassed you for your vote ?—Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS GAWAN called, and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. Gawan.

31,430. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

31,431. How long have you been a freeman ?—45 years.

31,432. Then we will pass over a great length of time. I suppose you voted for Towneley ?—Yes.

31,433. How much ?—12*l.*

31,434. Now, in the first election in 1867 there was Denison, Glover, and Wells; how did you vote ?—What was the orange side.

31,435. Denison, Glover, and Wells; in the first part of 1857; do you remember for whom you voted ?—For the orange side; I voted for the orange side.

31,436. That would be Denison and Wells ?—Yes.

31,437. How much ?—I got nothing.

31,438. But had you ever voted before at any election without getting something ?—Oh yes.

31,439. Many times ?—Yes.

31,440. Now, in 1857 for whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Edwards; he was then Major Edwards, and Wells came forward.

31,441. That was the second election ?—I voted for Wells.

31,442. How much ?—Nothing.

31,443. In Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election, for whom did you vote ?—I did not vote for Walker; I voted for orange.

31,444. It was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote ?—Oh for Walters, and got 2*l.* from Walters.

31,445. Where ?—I got it just opposite the square end.

31,446. Now, Walker and Gridley, the year after ?—I voted for Gridley.

31,447. How much ?—I got 1*l.*

31,448. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; for whom did you vote ?—I voted for Keane.

31,449. How much ?—I got a sovereign.

31,450. No more ?—No. I went, but the tap was stopped when I got there.

31,451. Oh you went up; you were promised two, but you got one ?—Yes.

31,452. Have you voted often at the council choosing ?—No.

31,453. Never ?—Very seldom.

31,454. You voted the last time in 1868 ?—I did not.

31,455. Were you in town ?—I was at home, and I seed our orange party were going so badly that I would not vote at all.

31,456. In which way were they going badly ?—We were losing ground so much.

31,457. You were losing ground, and you did not like to belong to the defeated party ? Now, in 1858, for whom did you vote; for the parliamentary ?—I voted for the orange.

31,458. Maxwell and Trollope ?—Maxwell and Trollope. I voted for Maxwell and Keane; on the orange side.

31,459. No; you mean Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

31,460. Were you promised anything ?—No.

31,461. Did you make any application ?—No.

31,462. For loss of time ?—No; I have had Walker's gift twice.

The witness withdrew.

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T. Gillyatt.

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THOMAS GILLYATT called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

31,463. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

31,464. How long have you been one?—Ever since Sykes' election.

31,465. Do you remember Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes. I never got none.

31,466. Who did you vote for?—I always voted single for orange, bar this last time.

31,467. Then you voted for Denison and Wells, did you?—Yes.

31,468. What did you get?—We got about 2*l.* a man.

31,469. Do you remember where you got it?—I think it would be where the coachmaker lives.

31,470. Would that be John Oxley?—Yes.

31,471. Where did Oxley live?—Just opposite the Blue Boar.

31,472. Do you remember the next election, when the Major came first; Edwards and Wells?—Yes; I remember Edwards, but I did not poll for them; I polled for orange.

31,473. What did you get?—2*l.*

31,474. For Wells?—Yes.

31,475. Where did you get it.?—I think it would be at the same spot.

31,476. Do you remember Walters coming?—Yes.

31,477. Did you vote for him?—Yes; voted single for him.

31,478. What did you get?—I got 2*l.* altogether.

31,479. Do you remember Walker and Gridley?—I remember Gridley well enough.

31,480. What did you get?—I got 2*l.* for him.

31,481. Do you remember Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

31,482. Did you vote for Keane?—Yes.

31,483. What did you get?—2*l.* I polled single for him.

31,484. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

31,485. Who did you vote for?—I voted for the crimson side.

31,486. What did you get?—I got nothing.

31,487. Nothing?—No. I never went into the spot at all. The papers were sent on both sides to my house. I was asked to poll for to'ther side, but I would not. I thought I would poll the last time for the crimson, because Daniel Boyes threw it at me about my son's voting the other way, when I went for charity.

31,488. Do you remember Towneley's election?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

31,489. What charity do you mean? You said that Boyes said something about a charity?—What made me poll against orange the last time?

31,490. What was the charity?—"Town's Dole" charity, always given once a year. He threw it at me about my son's polling the other way. How could I help it; they polled which way they liked?

31,491. What charity was it?—"Town's Dole."

31,492. Who manages that charity?—It is a twelve month back.

31,493. Who gave the money?—Daniel Boyes; he is the head man of it, and Mr. Britwhistle, that was the parson at the church, has also to do with it.

The witness withdrew.

T. D. Gillyatt.

THOMAS DALTON GILLYATT called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

31,494. Are you the son of the last witness?—Yes.

31,495. Where do you work?—I work for Mr. Suddaby.

31,496. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

31,497. How long have you been a freeman?—Seven years.

31,498. Did you pay for your freedom yourself?—Yes.

31,499. Nobody paid for you?—No.

31,500. When did you first vote at the parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Sykes.

31,501. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes; 2*l.*

31,502. Where?—Mr. Suddaby's, at the King's Head.

31,503. Did you vote at the last election, 1868?—Yes.

31,504. Which way did you vote?—For Mr. Edwards and Captain Kennard.

31,505. At the election of 1865 did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

31,506. What did you get there?—I got 1*l.*

31,507. From Keane's party?—I do not know who it was from. I never was asked no question from nobody.

31,508. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

31,509. Were you promised anything for your vote at the last election?—No.

31,510. Never got anything?—No.

31,511. Never paid in any way?—I was never asked for my vote by no man at the last election.

The witness withdrew.

W. Holliday.

WILLIAM HOLLIDAY called, and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

31,512. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

31,513. How long have you been a freeman?—Six or seven and twenty years.

31,514. Of course you recollect Towneley's election?—His second election?

31,515. I do not care about the second; do you recollect the first election of Towneley's?—Yes.

31,516. Did you vote?—No.

31,517. Now I will come to 1857; do you remember the 1857 election, with Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

31,518. Did you vote?—Yes.

31,519. How much did you get?—Nothing.

31,520. The next was Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote?—Wells, the bye election?

31,521. How much?—Nothing.

31,522. The next election would be in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Walters.

31,523. How much did you get?—1*l.*

31,524. Walker and Gridley's election?—Walker.

31,525. How much?—Nothing.

31,526. You were voting one way up to this time?—Yes, I did.

31,527. Why did you change?—I changed my opinion on that because he was a townsman.

31,528. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Keane.

31,529. How much?—1*l.*

31,530. Not more?—No, sir, no more.

31,531. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,532. For Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

31,533. Had you voted at the council choosing at all?—Not this 10 years, I think.

The witness withdrew.

RICHARD HORNER called, and sworn; examined by Mr Commissioner Barstow.

31,534. How long have you been a freeman?—About five or six and forty years, sir.

31,535. Who did you vote for in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Denison and Wells.

31,536. What did you get?—2*l.*

31,537. Where did you get it?—At the Reform Association Rooms.

31,538. The next election was in the August of the same year, Edwards and Wells; who did you vote for?—Mr. Wells.

31,539. What did you get?—1*l.*

31,540. Where did you get that?—The same place.

31,541. The next election was Walters; who did you vote for?—Mr. Walters, and got 2*l.*

31,542. Then the next was Walker and Gridley?—Mr. Gridley.

31,543. What did you get?—1*l.*

31,544. The next was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; who did you vote for?—Mr. Keane.

31,545. What did you get?—1*l.*

31,546. How came you only to get 1*l.*?—When I went to the tap it was closed.

31,547. Did you vote for the last council choosing? Yes.

31,548. Who did you vote for?—For the Conservatives.

31,549. What did you get?—10*s.*

31,550. Who paid you?—Frederick Voase.

31,551. Who did you vote for at the last election?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

ISAAC WILLIAMS, Esq., called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

I. Williams, Esq.

31,552. You a solicitor, are you not?—Yes; practising at Bath.

31,553. Who are your London agents?—Pilgrim and Phillips, Church Court, Lothbury. I have never been connected with Messrs. Baxter, Rose, and Nortons' office, although I see it is sworn that I have been.

31,554. You have been in their office?—No, never.

31,555. Have you never written a letter from their office?—Certainly, I have written letters from their office.

31,556. You have been in their office?—Repeatedly.

31,557. You have written letters from their office?—Yes.

31,558. You were here in 1857, were you not?—I was; Mr. Rose asked me to come down here to conduct Major Edwards' election.

31,559. Mr. Rose asked you to come down here to conduct the election?—Yes; to conduct Major Edwards' election.

31,560. You were here?—And I recollect his telling me to be very particular.

31,561. Never mind about that; answer my questions, and then if you have any explanation to make make it afterwards. Did you bring any money down with you?—Not a farthing. I had 200*l.* given to me when I came here.

31,562. Who gave you that?—That was given me in a cheque of Major Edwards'; that was cashed at one of the banks here.

31,563. Tell me what day you came down here?—I came down it may have been a week before the election.

31,564. And you got the cheque immediately on your arrival?—I did.

31,565. From whom?—As soon as I saw Major Edwards. It was upon a bank here. I think it is Hall's Bank.

31,566. Major Edwards gave you the cheque?—Major Edwards either gave me the cheque or else sent the cheque to the bank. I got this money from the bank, 200*l.*

31,567. In what?—That I cannot tell you.

31,568. Was it sovereigns?—No, not sovereigns.

31,569. Was it notes?—I should imagine it was.

31,570. Will you say it was all notes?—I cannot tell you; I have not the slightest recollection.

31,571. Will you say whether there were any sovereigns amongst the money?—No.

31,572. Can you say there were not sovereigns?—No; it is twelve years ago; I cannot recollect.

31,573. Shortly before you came here you were at Messrs. Baxter's office, I think, were you not?—In what way at their office?

31,574. Merely at their office. You were present at that office?—Yes, I was.

31,575. And came here immediately after being at that office, if I am not mistaken?—Yes.

31,576. Did you meet Mr. Oxley there?—Not that I am aware of.

31,577. Did you meet any of the Beverley people there?—There was a petition before that.

31,578. Answer me first of all. Did you meet any Beverley men there?—I suppose I did; certainly.

31,579. Immediately before you came down?—I suppose immediately before I came down.

31,580. Was Oxley one of them?—I cannot tell you.

31,581. You cannot say whether he was one?—No.

31,582. Did you see him when you came down here?—I should like to see him again.

31,583. That is matter for your own consideration?—I cannot tell you. I do not recollect the man. I swear point blank I did not give him any money.

31,584. Never in your life?—Never in my life, to the best of my recollection; not anything like the sum that he mentioned. He may have come to me, and taken 2*l.* or 3*l.* for a messenger, but I do not believe I paid him a single farthing.

31,585. Then, if he says he received 55*l.* from you after the election, that is utterly untrue?—Utterly untrue.

31,586. But Oxley may have received 3*l.* from you?—No, I do not think he did.

31,587. Those were your own words?—I think I may say that he did not.

31,588. You say that he did not?—I will say that he did not.

31,589. You swear that you gave him nothing?—I should prefer swearing that, certainly, that I gave him nothing.

31,590. How long were you down here?—I left about two days after the election.

31,591. What monies did you disburse here?—I disbursed here the whole of the 200*l.* in this way: 160*l.* odd I paid in the election expenses which I returned to the auditor, and the balance I paid to the landlord of the Beverley Arms, in part discharge of our bill there.

31,592. 40*l.*?—39*l.* odd I think it was. I think Mr. Oxley also said that I was here at Baron Martin's investigation. I can produce abundant testimony that I was not here then.

31,593. That 200*l.* you say was the whole of the money?—The whole of the money I ever received in connection with that election.

31,594. Do you know who Oxley is?—No.

31,595. Should you know him if you saw him again?—I cannot say that, but I might.

31,596. Do you remember seeing him here during the election time?—I cannot say.

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31,597. Have you any recollection of seeing him here at the election time?—I do not recollect the name, and I do not recollect the man.

31,598. Did you come down here again?—Not after that.

31,599. Never again?—No; I have not been near the place since.

31,600. Have you ever seen Oxley since?—Never.

31,601. You know enough of him to be sure you have never seen him since? I mean seeing him to have any communication?—No, certainly not.

31,602. You have never spoken to him since; you know enough of him for that?—Mr. Bainton said he saw me in the House of Commons in 1860. Persons may have come to me, and said, "How do you do Mr. Williams?" or something of that kind, but I have never had any conservation with him, to my recollection, in the slightest degree, since then.

31,603. Have you ever communicated with him?—No.

31,604. Have you ever written a letter to him?—No.

31,605. Have you ever sent any money to him?—Certainly not.

31,606. Neither directly nor indirectly?—Neither directly nor indirectly.

31,607. Do you remember the election petition with respect to that election; the petition complaining of an undue return?—I know there was a petition.

31,608. Had you anything to do with it?—Nothing.

31,609. No concern in getting up evidence on that petition?—I took a few notes before I left here, and I saw Mr. Rose once or twice in London about it; that is all.

31,610. That is to say, during the two days that followed the election you took notes?—I took a few notes of such cases as were brought to me.

31,611. Cases that might possibly be cases of bribery?—Cases on the other side.

31,612. Cases on your own side?—No.

31,613. You looked out for cases of recrimination, in fact?—I did.

31,614. And that was the only concern you ever had in relation to that petition?—That was all.

31,615. Did you not see any of the witnesses in London?—No.

31,616. What did you go to Messrs. Baxter, Rose, and Norton for before you came here?—Well, I had a scrutiny against one of the members for Bath, and they acted as my parliamentary agents on that occasion.

31,617. Was that the sole purpose of your going there?—That was the sole purpose that took me there.

31,618. How was it that they came to appoint you or request you to act down here?—After that case was over, Mr. Rose said he wanted somebody to superintend the petition that was then going on by Mr. Wells against Mr. Glover, and I did so, and when that was over he said, "Now, go down and conduct Major Edwards' election," and I did so.

31,619. That was your introduction to Beverley?—That is the only connection with Beverley that I have ever had or ever wish to have.

31,620. (*Mr Serjeant O'Brien.*) How soon after you came down were you introduced to Mr. Cronhelme?—I was never introduced to him; I saw him at the Beverley Arms at the dinner table.

31,621. I mean there?—I should think Mr. Cronhelme was here some three or four days before the election.

31,622. You were here three days?—I was here a week.

31,623. Then you met as colleagues?—Not as colleagues.

31,624. You knew he came down to assist in the election?—I did not, indeed.

31,625. What did you think he came down for? It is no use answering me in that way.—I had no idea.

31,626. What did you think he came down for?—Nothing at all.

31,627. You thought that Sir Henry Edwards's managing man came for nothing?—I did not know that he was his managing man.

31,628. Did you not know that he was his managing man?—I did not, certainly.

31,629. Did you know that he came from Halifax where Sir Henry Edwards lived?—I believe I did.

31,630. And you believed that he, coming from there, came for nothing at all? Is that what you wish to say?—Certainly, until two or three nights before the election, and then he said to me, "Shall you want "any money for this election?" I said, "Decidedly "not; I will not be mixed up with anything of the "sort, and I beg that not a farthing may be spent."

31,631. You dined with him?—Yes.

31,632. Why did you say that you did not know he came down to assist in the election?—Because I did not. Pray understand me. I do not know now that he came down to assist in the election. He had not anything to do properly with the election, and until I read his evidence in the morning, I was never more surprised in my life that he was spending the money he did.

31,633. I see in your bill an item, "Night watchers against bribery 17*l.* 10*s.*" Look at it (*handing the bill to the witness*)?—Perfectly true.

31,634. Night watchers against bribery?—Yes; that is as perfectly honest an item as ever was charged. They brought me intelligence.

31,635. We do not want to hear more. We now know that 2,000*l.* was spent in bribery in that election?—And I will swear that when the mayor declared the return I did not know that anything had been spent.

31,636. I am not saying you did. Who told you to put on the night watchers against bribery?—Well, I inquired how bribery took place here, and they said "by night." There were a great number of persons exceedingly nervous about our majority being bought away, and I put them on.

31,637. That is not an answer to my question. Who put on the night watchers or suggested them to you?—I do not think that anybody suggested them; I think it was my own suggestion.

31,638. You were a stranger in the borough?—Yes.

31,639. Can you give me the names of any of these night watchers?—I can.

31,640. Who introduced them to you, you being a stranger in the borough?—I took them upon the nomination of others.

31,641. Who nominated them?—I suppose it was Mr. McCoy; Mr. McCoy assisted me himself in the election. I have here the name of every person that I paid a farthing to.

31,642. I only want to know the names of the night watchers?—There they are (*handing in a list*).

31,643. Are they under separate headings?—Yes.

31,644. Did you, being the agent, see how these men performed their duties at all when you sent them out to watch?—No; I left that to those who were with me, and who knew the town and the people.

31,645. Was Kemplay one?—No. I do not know the names of any others but Mr. England, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Tilson.

31,646. I think you saw Mr. Kemplay and Mr. Vickers?—I do not recollect.

31,647. You saw Mr. Vickers?—I do not recollect.

31,648. I see here, "Isaac Monkman, 2*l.*;" can you tell me what that was for?—He was a poll clerk.

31,649. Did you make out this: "Additional bills "remaining to be paid by the election auditor;" or did Mr. McCoy make it out?—I made it out.

31,650. How soon after the election was that made out; about how soon?—About a week or a fortnight.

31,651. I suppose from information supplied to you by Mr. McCoy?—No; I think there were some sent to me. Mr. Tilson was the person who sent them to me afterwards.

31,652. Mr. Bainton was your local agent, or aiding you?—I do not think Mr. Bainton was admitted then; Mr. England was the local agent.

31,653. Do you mean that before the declaration of the poll you did not know that any money was being spent?—Did I know before the declaration of the poll?

31,654. I do not say "know," but had you reason to believe, from what you saw and heard, before the declaration of the poll, that money had been spent on your side?—No; the only thing that came to my knowledge was this: I was shut up in a room at a public house in the neighbourhood of the booths, taking the returns from the booths, and publishing them every half hour, and in the course of the day some one came into the room, and said, "There is "so-and-so." I cannot recollect the name, but I can identify him. He was a big, stout man, with reddish hair. "There is so-and-so spoiling the election," or words to that effect. I immediately rushed downstairs, and I saw this man. I did not see him do anything, but he had several voters there, and I said, "Be off, and don't do anything of the sort; don't you "do anything here." I tried to push him away, but he was too big for that. He said, "Leave me alone, "and I will not do anything at all." That is the only thing that I knew of in the slightest degree.

31,655. May I inquire how soon after the election was over had you reason to believe that money had been expended improperly?—The next day. They began talking about it; there was a general rumour of a petition, and so forth. I should think the next day, because I was here so short a time.

31,656. Did you hear at all what amount had been mentioned as money expended on your side?—I had not the slightest idea of it.

31,657. Did you hear any sum mentioned?—No; I did not hear a syllable of what amount had been spent; not a syllable.

31,658. You had heard that money had been expended before you made out this additional account? I only say heard; I do not want to impute knowledge to you?—What additional account is that?

31,659. The balance remaining to be paid by the election auditor?—That is all in one account I had. When I say I had heard it, it was rumoured, but I did not believe it.

31,660. Can you tell me the last day when you dined with the gentleman from Halifax, Mr. Cronhelme?—No.

31,661. He remained until after the election was over, I think?—Oh yes. There were several dining on the election day, and I have no doubt he was there then,

31,662. Here is an item for messengers, 47*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* At that time I suppose the messengers were all voters?—That I cannot tell you.

31,663. Who introduced them to you?—The different persons who were about me.

31,664. Have you their names?—Yes.

31,665. The names of the messengers?—Yes; they are all in the list that I handed in.

31,666. Do I understand you to say that you paid these messengers, and employed them, without knowing whether they were voters or not?—I dare say many of them were voters.

31,667. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do I understand you to say that you dined with Mr. Cronhelme every day while you were here?—There was a general dinner going on at the Beverley Arms, and I believe that I dined there every day.

31,668. You met him there at dinner?—I met him there.

31,669. Did you ever meet him elsewhere than there?—No; I never saw him before or since.

31,670. Did you see him in his own private room there?—No.

31,671. Did you ever see him alone while you were in the town?—He came to me on the evening that I allude to, and I think on another evening also, and those were the only two occasions on which I ever saw him alone.

31,672. On which evening did he come to you first?—About three nights before the election.

31,673. What was that about?—He expressed great nervousness, and wanted to know if I wanted any money.

31,674. Was that in a room at the Beverley Arms?—No.

31,675. At your lodgings?—No. I stayed at the Beverley Arms. It would be in the street or on the stairs, or somewhere he took the opportunity of speaking to me privately.

31,676. What was the other occasion when he spoke to you privately?—It was a similar sort of occasion.

31,677. When?—Just immediately before the election.

31,678. Again expressing that nervousness?—Again expressing that nervousness.

31,679. And again offering money?—Again asking me if I would like any money.

31,680. Of course you understood that that money was for an illegal purpose?—Distinctly. I entreated him not to spend it.

31,681. Did he mention any sums?—Oh no.

31,682. Therefore at that time you knew that he was free with his money. Those two conversations were sufficient to show that he was free with money?—That he could provide money.

31,683. It was obvious, was it not?—Distinctly.

31,684. I suppose you knew that he was providing money to others?—No.

31,685. You must have inferred it?—No, I did not indeed.

31,686. Did you think that you were the only person to whom he made that offer?—I assumed so. I assure you I was as innocent of that money being spent by him as any man can possibly be.

31,687. I am speaking of Mr. Cronhelme's acts. Twice he offered you money?—I presume he came to me, as the man knowing most about the election, to know whether I could win without money. I have never been mixed up with any bribery at elections, and never will be.

31,688. Twice he took you aside?—Yes.

31,689. He spoke to you in private, and offered you money, as you then understood, for an illegal purpose?—Exactly.

31,690. You immediately rejected it?—Yes.

31,691. Surely it is a fair inference that you must have known that he was free with his money, and had money to provide for such a purpose?—I thought he fell in with my remonstance not to do it, because I told him that the election was perfectly safe.

31,692. You were aware then that he had money with him?—I cannot say I was aware that he had money. I knew he could provide it.

31,693. And you knew where he came from, that he came from Halifax?—I do not know that I knew it then; I knew it afterwards.

31,694. Surely, when he offered you money and you rejected it——?—I would not listen to what he said.

31,695. You so far listened to him that you were able to understand the purport of his offer?—Of course.

31,696. And you knew well that he came from Halifax with that money?—I did not at the time. I did not know where he came from.

31,697. Did you believe at that time that he came from Halifax with that money?—No, I did not.

31,698. You did not believe that?—I did not believe it.

31,699. Where did you think he got the money from?—I do not know.

31,700. Where did you believe at that time he got the money?—I did not know anything at all about it.

31,701. Did not "know"?—Nor believe.

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31,702. You must have had some belief on the subject?—It was after that I understood he came from Halifax.

31,703. When did you hear it after that?—When it was known or when it was told that the money had been spent.

31704. When did you first hear that it came from Halifax?—I cannot say.

31,705. I am imputing nothing to you?—I am willing to tell everything I know. I did not know that money had been spent till after the election.

31,706. You did not know until after the election?—No.

31,707. That I understand; but when did you first know that that money that Mr. Cronhelme had came from Halifax?—I never knew that the money came from Mr. Cronhelme, and my suspicions would never have been aroused with reference to Mr. Cronhelme, had it not been for his speaking to me on those two occasions. When I found that money had been spent I imagined that he must have been the man who brought it here.

31,708. I understood you to say just now that you heard that the money came from Halifax some time after the election; that you heard it or had reason to believe it?—I had reason to believe it.

31,709. When did you hear that?—Well, I did not hear it all; it was only my guess.

31,710. I understood you to say that you heard that the money came from Halifax?—I heard that Mr. Cronhelme came from Halifax.

31,711. I think you said the money?—Then it was my mistake. What I mean is that I heard that Mr. Cronhelme came from Halifax.

31,712. When did you first hear that the money came from Halifax?—I never heard that the money came from Halifax.

31,713. Where was that room that you were in when you went downstairs, and drove or tried to drive somebody away?—It was at a public house in the neighbourhood of the polling booths.

31,714. Do you know what public house?—I do not know the name. It was where our returns every half hour were stuck up. I daresay any one here could tell where it was. [It was stated that the name of the public house was the Green Dragon.]

31,715. Do you say it was the Green Dragon?—They say it was the Green Dragon.

31,716. What do you say?—I cannot recollect.

31,717. Can you describe it, in order that it may be identified?—I think it was just opposite the hustings.

31,718. Who came and told you that the man was spoiling the election?—I cannot tell you who it was. I do not know no who it was assisting me in that election. Somebody must have been. Whoever it was assisting me, Mr. Tilson or Mr. M'Coy, or whoever it was, could tell you, no doubt.

31,719. Was it one of those who said the man was spoiling the election?—No; it was some other person who rushed up into the room.

31,720. What time in the day was that?—I should think that was in the afternoon part.

31,721. Did he go away, as a fact?—Well, he promised not to do anything of the sort again; then I ran upstairs to continue my returns, and I heard nothing more of him.

31,722. Do you know whether he went away?—He did not go away before I left him.

31,723. You did not wait to see him obey you?—No.

31,724. Did you have any further complaint afterwards?—I had no further complaint afterwards.

31,725. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Will you pledge your oath, and memory, and conscience, that upon that election no money was disbursed through you or by your means or with your knowledge for an improper or illegal purpose?—That I swear most distinctly.

31,726. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I understood you to say that shortly after the election you heard that the money came from Halifax?—Then it must have been my mistake. I heard that Mr. Cronhelme came from Halifax, and when I found it tolerably clear that money had come here I assumed from the conversations he had had with me that it had been brought by him, and that he had distributed the money in bribery, although I begged and entreated him not to do so, and he promised me he would not. I wish to make one other remark. When Mr. Rose sent me down here he said, "Now, Williams, keep "him out of bribery; he is an open hearted man."

31,727. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is that the purport of your explanation? Everybody has told us that. I do not suppose there ever was an election upon which a shadow was cast where that sort of thing was not said?—Then I should like to make an observation with regard to the night watchers. Night watchers were honestly put on by me in consequence of its being rumoured to us that persons representing themselves as the agents of Mr. Wells had been throwing up bags of coin, and saying, "Oh, never mind your "majority, we will soon pull it down on the election "day." That made our people very nervous; and I put these night watchers to do what I could to prevent it.

31,728. You would need day watchers, not night watchers?—It was in the night time that it was done.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. W. S. Wreghitt.

Mr. William Smales Weghitt called, and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

31,729. What are you by business?—A draper.

31,730. Are you a freeman?—No.

31,731. How long have you been an elector of this town?—I came in 1841, and I suppose it would be 12 months after that.

31,732. Did you vote in the second election of Towneley?—I did.

31,733. Did you take an active part in that election?—None whatever.

31,734. In 1852 (Lawley, Wells, and Glover)?—I voted for Glover.

31,735. Did you take an active part in that election?—None whatever.

31,736. At Gordon's election, did anything pass through your hands?—None whatever.

31,737. Did any money reach you?—None whatever.

31,738. Did you advance any money on behalf of Mr. Glover?—None whatever.

31,739. Were you a member of his committee?—No.

31,740. I will pass by the election of 1854. In March 1857 (Denison, Glover, and Wells), for whom did you vote?—For Glover.

31,741. There was a petition upon that occasion?—There was.

31,742. Did you take an active part for Glover upon that occasion?—I did.

31,743. Both with regard to the election and with regard to the petition?—Both.

31,744. Did money pass through your hands at the election?—I advanced the sum of 10*l.* to Mr. Tilson to pay for travelling expenses.

31,745. Was that all the money that passed through your hands?—It was.

31,746. That passed from you?—That passed from me.

31,747. Who paid you back?—Mr. William Bainton of Beverley Parks.

31,748. Had you an understanding with Mr. Bainton that you would not be allowed to suffer loss if you advanced the money?—I had.

31,749. Did you advance any further sums in respect of that election?—None whatever.

31,750. Did you receive any further sums with respect to that election?—None whatever. I beg your pardon; I did; from Mr. Cross of London.

31,751. Who is he?—He lived in Great George Street, and he had to do with the petition. You will see his name as one of the agents on the petition against Glover. His name, I think, is S. M. Cross.

31,752. How much money did you receive from him?—I think it was 15*l.* for Mr Tilson. Mr Tilson was the agent, and he had not been paid, and Mr. Cross gave me that money on his account.

31,753. Did you receive any other money with respect to that election?—Not any at all.

31,754. I do not put the question to you without a serious object. Give your attention to it?—I will answer every question to the best of my ability.

31,755. We have evidence that you did receive money in respect of that election. Your expenses to London were paid?—Not from Mr. Glover.

31,756. I did not ask from Mr. Glover. Do attend to the question. I asked in respect of that election or petition?—Yes; I had my expenses paid to London by Mr. England.

31,757. Was Mr. England in any way connected with Mr. Glover's election?—He was with the petition; he went up to London to superintend.

31,758. He went up on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards?—No; he went up on behalf of Mr. Glover.

31,759. When did he pay you that money for expenses?—I am sure I do not know. Mr. McCoy gave you the bill the other day; I acknowledge the correctness of that bill.

31,760. We do not want your acknowledgment of the bill before us. Had you seen Sir Henry Edwards, or anyone on his behalf, before you received that money?—I had had frequent conversations with Mr. Rose, of the firm of Baxter, Rose, and Norton in London.

31,761. In reference to Major Edwards becoming a candidate?—Yes.

31,762. Before you received that money?—Well, I cannot distinctly recollect whether it was before or after.

31,763. Why not? Where did you receive that money; in Beverley, did you not?—I believe in Beverley.

31,764. Was not that after you came down from London?—Yes; but I think I was up in London twice.

31,765. Was not that after you came down from London in the first Beverley petition against Glover?—Probably it might be; I do not distinctly recollect.

31,766. Had you a conversation with Baxter, Rose, and Norton about bringing Major Edwards forward, before the petition was decided?—There was an understanding that in case the petition scceeded Mr. Rose was to have the offer on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards.

31,767. From whom was Mr. Rose to have the offer?—On behalf of the Conservative electors of Beverley.

31,768. Who represented them?—I did.

31,769. To which of the members of the firm of Baxter, Rose, and Norton did you make that offer?—Mr. Philip Rose.

31,770. Was it one of the terms of the conditions proposed, that Major Edwards should pay any of the bills remaining due by Mr. Glover?—It was.

31,771. And that was accepted by Mr. Rose on behalf of Major Edwards?—It was.

31,772. And was it stipulated by you that on behalf of the Conservatives of Beverley you should have a certain supply of money annually to expend with respect to the local elections?—It was not.

31,773. At that time?—At that time.

31,774. Were you introduced in London to Mr. Williams, the gentleman who has been examined here?—I was.

31,775. Was it arranged then that Mr. Williams should come down, and appear ostensibly as the conducting agent?—It was arranged that some person should come down, and Mr. Rose suggested Mr. Williams as a suitable person.

31,776. We will now come to August 1857. Did you see Major Edwards before he came to Beverley?—We met at the Hull station. I came down from London, and he came from Halifax. The first interview I had with him was at the railway station.

31,777. I suppose that was arranged by telegraph?—Mr. Rose communicated with Sir Henry; I do not know whether by telegraph or by letter.

31,778. Who introduced you? How did you meet? You did not know him beforehand?—We were each anticipating the other's arrival, I presume, and we introduced ourselves. There was no third party.

31,779. How many days before the election was that?—I think about a week, or something of that kind, as near as I can remember.

31,780. Up to that time Major Edwards was a stranger to the borough?—He was, and to me also.

31,781. Did you tell him the conditions you had arranged with Mr. Rose, or did you take it for granted that he knew them?—I took it for granted that he knew them.

31,782. Did you afterwards ascertain from conversation with him that he did know them?—I do not remember having any distinct conversations on these matters.

31,783. Did you understand that he was aware of these terms?—I did not receive any information from himself, but of course I knew very well that Mr. Rose and I had had a perfect understanding, and I took it for granted.

31,784. Were your dealings afterwards with Major Edwards consistent with the terms of the understanding that you had with Mr. Rose?—I had no further dealings than assisting in canvassing.

31,785. Were all your dealings afterwards consistent with the terms you had made with Mr. Rose?—So far as I understand your question, the dealing I had with Major Edwards was to assist him in canvassing the voters of the borough.

31,786. You had pecuniary dealings of various kinds?—I had none then.

31,787. Were your subsequent dealings consistent with the understanding or terms you made with Mr. Rose?—I made no terms, beyond that he should pay the expenses or part of the expenses connected with the petition.

31,788. You mean that Major Edwards should pay them?—Of course; on behalf of Major Edwards.

31,789. Was your intercourse with Major Edwards afterwards consistent with the fact that that was done?—For anything I know to the contrary.

31,790. Do you know what the amount of the debts was?—I know that 200*l.* was paid here in Beverley.

31,791. I am not coming to that now; that was not due at that time?—I have never heard in the slightest degree. Mr. Rose never communicated it to me.

31,792. The amount of the debt?—Never at all.

31,793. Who sent you up to London to represent the Conservative party in the borough? Who deputed you?—Mr. Glover's committee, if I may call them so, consisting of about 120 persons.

31,794. Who were the chief men?—I was at the head of a very small and humble class of people.

31,795. You could not represent the Conservative interest?—I can give you a list of all the names (*handing in the same*).

31,796. Were you chairman of the association then?—The association was not then in existence; it was founded upon that committee.

31,797. Now let me bring you down to the election. The candidates were Major Edwards, who was a stranger to the town, and Mr. Wells, who had been a defeated candidate at a former election?—Yes.

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31,798. Mr. Wells had been rather well known in the town?—Yes. He was a gentleman residing at a considerable distance; I think somewhere about Peterborough.

31,799. He had been here two or three times, I think?—Yes.

31,800. He had been a member?—Yes.

31,801. Did you stop the night at Hull?—No; we came on by the next train.

31,802. From Hull?—From Hull to Beverley.

31,803. Did Major Edwards stay in Beverley that night?—Yes; he stayed until the election was over.

31,804. You brought him in?—Yes.

31,805. Where did he remain?—At the Beverley Arms.

31,806. Had he a room at your house at all?—No. You mean at my private house?

31,807. Yes?—No.

31,808. Or at any house?—No; he lodged and lived entirely at the Beverley Arms.

31,809. Had he a room in any house belonging to you?—No.

31,810. Did he use your house at all?—No. One night there was a gentleman from Halifax, I think of the name of Walker (I believe he is not living now), who had something to do with the Halifax Guardian; he was the only person I ever had in my house in connexion with Halifax.

31,811. He introduced him to you, I suppose?—He did.

31,812. How long did he remain there?—One night.

31,813. Before you came to Beverley, had anything passed between you and Major Edwards about money?—Not the slightest.

31,814. Had it not been discussed between you as you came along in the train, the amount of money that would be required?—Not a word about it.

31,815. All that time you knew that money had been expended freely at the Beverley elections?—I did, but not at the one immediately preceding. Mr. Glover was returned without money, and my own impression was that the feeling at that time was so strong, in consequence of the petition, that it was quite equal to have returned Sir Henry or any other respectable gentleman. That was my own impression.

31,816. And I suppose you conveyed that impression to everybody about Major Edwards?—So far as I had an opportunity I did.

31,817. To everybody?—Yes.

31,818. Can you tell me the first time that anything took place between you and Major Edwards about the propriety of your being entrusted with money for the purpose of expenditure?—It was some time after the election; it was either the latter part of 1857 or the early part of 1858.

31,819. The election was in August?—The election was in August. To the best of my recollection it was in 1858 that I first received money from Sir Henry.

31,820. You had been taking a considerable and active part in local elections at that time?—Not at that time.

31,821. Had you not?—No.

31,822. You did not take an active part in local elections until after Sir Henry Edwards' first election?—I had contested a ward twice.

31,823. Answer my question. I do not mean a personal contest. Do I understand that you did not take an active part in the local elections (including municipal and pasture masters) until after Sir Henry Edwards' first election?—I should hardly consider it an active part; of course I voted.

31,824. Voting and being a candidate yourself is not what I mean by an active part?—Then in your sense I did not take an active part.

31,825. You did not take a part so as really to influence the issue of the election until afterwards?—I did not, in that sense.

30,826. Had you been a pasture master up to that time?—I never interfered in the slightest degree. I am not a freeman, so that I am not eligible.

30,827. Had you been a common councillor up to that time?—In 1855 I entered the council.

30,828. You were a common councillor at the time?—Yes.

31,829. Contesting on your own account, and I suppose you paid your own share of the expenses?—Yes.

31,830. Up to that time?—Yes.

31,831. You took an active part, I suppose, in the election of 1857?—Very.

31,832. You were introduced to Mr. Cronhelme?—I was not introduced to Mr. Cronhelme at that time.

31,833. You saw him?—I saw him in the sense that I saw several other gentlemen who came down with Sir Henry at the time.

31,834. He said he saw you?—He would do so.

31,835. You knew that he was Sir Henry Edwards' right-hand man?—At that time I did not.

31,836. When did you ascertain that?—I had not known that, I think I may say, till years afterwards.

31,837. Money got to your hands from him?—But I might not know him personaliy.

31,838. One of your earliest acts in that election was to arrange with Mr. William Bainton that he was to get Glover out?—That is not exactly the thing. I met Mr. Cross in London. I was put down, along with him as a sort of agent recognized by the parties present; he came to me.

31,839. Did he come down to Beverley?—He did, and he came to me; he came to my house, and he wished to have some conversation with me with reference to Mr. Glover.

31,840. Mr. Glover was here then?—He was staying at the King's Head.

31,841. We have seen the bill of the watchers; they refer to Mr. Glover's presence in the town?—He told me that Mr. Glover had been at very great expense in connection with contesting the borough and defending the petition; that the counsel and agents employed had not been paid (himself among the rest), and that Mr. Glover had no means of paying them; and he thought that the Conservative electors of Beverley ought so far to sympathise with him as to advance him some money. That was the state of things.

31,842. "The Conservative electors?" He did not expect you to pay? You mean the parties who were coming?—That was the language he used.

31,843. Then you went to Mr. Bainton?—I did, and Mr. Bainton and myself went down to see Mr. Cross and Mr. Glover together at the King's Head.

31,844. Then we understand from Mr. Bainton that you gave him a kind of assurance that if he advanced the money he would not be at a loss?—No, I did not do that.

31,845. Mr. Bainton says so?—I think he would not say that I gave him any assurance.

31,846. Not an assurance, but there was understanding between you that he should not be at a loss?—Mr. Bainton, of course you are aware, is a gentleman of ample means, therefore 200*l.* would not trouble him in any way.

31,847. I am very incredulous about men advancing their own money?—There really was no understanding between Mr. Bainton and myself in reference to its being repaid.

31,848. I thought you said it was to be repaid by the electors of Beverley?—I said that Mr. Cross applied to me stating that he thought that the Conservative electors of Beverley ought so far to sympathize with Mr. Glover as to refund him some portion of the money which he had expended.

31,849. That was an appeal to the general body; not to Mr. Bainton?—Yes.

31,850. Did you expect, when you spoke to Mr. Bainton, that Mr. Bainton should be at a loss of 200*l.*?—I did not suppose that he would.

31,851. You suppose that it would be made up to him in some way?—In some way, I did, certainly.

31,852. You supposed that most likely it would be made up by the man who was to profit by the expenditure, Major Edwards?—I had no very definite view in my mind at that time.

31,853. I suppose you had ascertained at that time that Major Edwards was a man of very considerable means, and very anxious to get into Parliament?—Mr. Rose represented him to me to be so.

31,854. A man of very large means and very anxious to get into Parliament?—Yes; that was the view that was put before me.

31,855. You now know that that 200*l.* was paid back?—Yes, I do.

31,866. Through Mr. Cronhelme?—Yes; Mr. Bainton told me himself that he had received it back.

31,857. When?—I think it was in the spring of the following year, so far as I remember.

31,858. There was an election petition threatened?—Yes; it was not prosecuted.

31,859. Immediately that was over a remittance was sent to Mr. Bainton?—Well, I judge so.

31,860. Mr. Bainton says he did not communicate it to anyone. Did you communicate the fact that 200*l.* was advanced, and if so to whom?—I never did communicate it to any one.

31,861. Are you sure?—It was a thing strictly between ourselves.

31,862. How did Mr. Cronhelme remit it?—I apprehend Mr. Bainton would have had some conversation with him on the subject.

31,863. Are you aware whether he had or not?—I am not certain. I should think probably that he would. I do not remember it distinctly.

31,864. Did any intimation ever pass from you, either to Sir Henry Edwards or to any one on his behalf, that 200*l.* was advanced by Mr. Bainton for the purpose of getting Glover out of the way?—I think it is highly probable it would.

31,865. What would?—That that would pass from me to Sir Henry Edwards.

31,866. Do you recollect when you made that communication to him?—I should think it would be immediately after the arrangement.

31,867. Immediately after Mr. Bainton had arranged?—After Mr. Glover's departure, Mr. Cross brought out a placard, and submitted it to Mr. Bainton and myself, as to whether it would be satisfactory or not; and after that was published Mr. Bainton gave his cheque for the money.

31,868. Then you were acquainted with it?—I have no doubt; I do not distinctly remember, but I dare say that would be so.

31,869. Do you recollect how many days before the polling day that was?—I should think it would be nearly a week.

31,870. I think, when you communicated that fact to Sir Henry Edwards, he must have intimated to you that Mr. Bainton could not be allowed to be at that loss?—I do not remember, I am sure, what he said.

31,871. Or words to that effect?—I should think it is highly probable that would be so.

31,872. You were introduced to Mr. Williams, of course?—Yes.

31,873. You met him as soon as he came down?—I saw him in London.

31,874. You knew that he came down to conduct the election upon legal and purity principles?—So I understood.

31,875. Did you communicate that to him at all?—I have no recollection of doing so.

31,876. There would be no necessity of communicating that?—I do not think it was communicated, to the best of my recollection.

31,877. It was between you and Mr. Bainton and Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes, it would be.

31,878. And Mr. Cross?—And Mr. Cross; Cross getting the money. The money was not paid to Mr. Glover, but to Mr. Cross.

31,879. We heard how it came down?—I dare say it would be so.

31,880. You are aware that a very considerable sum of money had been spent at that election besides what passed through Mr. Williams's hands?—I have learned that during this inquiry. I did not know it before.

31,881. You did not, in the way of knowledge, but you had seen many things going on that must have shown you that there was money expended?—I saw one person who has been named here.

31,882. Who is he?—Mr. John Richardson. I spoke to him on the subject. I asked him what he was after. The reply he made was,—"Well, cannot I spend my own money?" He was the only person that I saw.

31,883. No money passed through your hands?—None whatever.

31,884. Did you pay anything in reference to the election afterwards?—Nothing whatever.

31,885. Neither at the time nor after?—Nothing whatever to do with the election.

31,886. Nor in respect of anyone pretending——?—No; not in any way in reference to that election.

31,887. How soon after that election of 1857 had you seen Sir Henry Edwards so as to make any arrangements with him about the future mode of proceeding in the borough?—I did not see him. He wrote to me stating that having applications from different individuals——

31,888. I will have no purport of letters, unless you have the letter?—Then I think it would be——

31,889. Have you any letter?—I am sorry to say I have not.

31,890. We cannot take the purport of letters. When had you it?—Well, I had a considerable number of letters by me about the time that the trial took place with reference to the last petition.

31,891. Baron Martin's?—Yes.

31,892. Then you destroyed them all?—Under advice.

31,893. Whose?—Mr. Spofforth's.

31,894. Very wicked advice?—I am very sorry I took his advice, but that is the fact.

31,895. Can you tell me the date when they were destroyed? Were they destroyed here?—Before Baron Martin left the town.

31,896. Here in Beverley?—Yes.

31,897. Where did you see Mr. Spofforth?—He was down here when the petition was tried, and represented Sir Henry Edwards from Baxter, Rose, and Norton. He came down with Mr. Gifford and Serjeant Ballantine.

31,898. And before you were examined was it suggested to you to burn the letters?—It was after the petition.

31,899. Before you were examined?—No; after the trial was over. I presume in anticipation of something else.

31,900. How soon after Baron Martin's judgment did Mr. Spofforth suggest to you to burn the letters?—The letters, I think, were burnt, part of them that night, and part of them the following day, the remaining part.

31,901. After the judgment?—Yes.

31,902. Was Sir Henry Edwards here at the trial?—He was; but I had no conversation with him about burning the letters.

31,903. I do not suppose you had. About how many letters were burnt?—Oh, a very considerable number.

31,904. Under a hundred?—Well, they would be, I should think, approaching that.

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31,905. More than that?—I should think a very considerable number; all important letters which I had felt it my duty to reserve in case of anything arising so that I should require to defend myself.

31,906. Of course you felt it your duty to keep those, and they were all burnt?—They were, under instructions.

31,907. Letters that had passed between you for 11 years, I dare say?—They were; all important letters.

31,908. At your own house?—At my own house, by my own hand.

31,909. Who was there with you?—Nobody.

31,910. When had you seen Mr. Spofforth?—I saw him every day during the inquiry.

31,911. Take the event of the burning of the letters. I suppose it was in the night?—Yes; but I may say that before the trial was completed I produced a letter in Mr. Spofforth's presence having reference to a date far back, and he spoke to me very strongly at that time as to the injudicious course I was pursuing in preserving letters, and recommended by all means that I should not do it.

31,912. Soon after that was it you destroyed all the letters you had?—I think it was on the 11th the petition was closed, and I think it would be that evening or the following day.

31,913. Had you preserved them carefully in your safe?—I had preserved them by themselves.

31,914. You kept them apart from other communications?—Entirely so.

31,915. Letters, I suppose, from Sir Henry himself and from his right-hand man Mr. Cronhelme?—Both.

31,916. Had you any letters from Captain Edwards?—Well, I do not think I had ever more than one; I do not think so. I knew Captain Edwards, and had intercourse with him.

31,917. But you had never any communication with him except one?—No, I think not.

31,918. When did you meet Sir Henry Edwards after you had the letter from him?—He used to come down in the autumn at that time to hunt; some time about November, with the Holderness hounds here.

31,919. You recollect seeing him about November, or between that and Christmas after the election?—I do not know whether it was that year; I rather think the following year, but I am not quite certain. It might be both. At that time he was a subscriber, and I believe he still is, to the Holderness hounds, and he used to come down here to hunt.

31,920. Can you fix the date when the first arrangement was made between you and Sir Henry Edwards as to the future course of proceeding?—I think it was 1858.

31,921. You said the end of 1857 or the beginning of 1858. We will take it then the beginning of 1858. Up to that time I think you told me you had taken no active part in the municipal elections or the pasture master elections?—That was so.

31,922. Did you suggest to him or he to you that it would be advisable that efforts should be made to have the pasture masters, say, all of one way of thinking?—Well, I should think that that would be my suggestion, probably instigated by my political partisans.

31,923. That is what I think. You think, acting as the representative, as the mouthpiece of those around you, that you suggested to him it would be advisable to have men of the same way of thinking pasture masters?—I think that is probable.

31,924. That would be a means of securing his interest in the borough?—Yes.

31,925. Now did you make a similar representation with respect to the Common Council?—I have no doubt I should.

31,926. And was it agreed between you then that you should use your efforts to bring that result about?—I do not remember there being any agreement of that sort. Of course he would look upon that as a thing to be desired for his benefit.

31,927. I do not say there was an agreement. Was it discussed between you how that result was to be brought about?—Of course that would have to be brought about by the use of means.

31,928. The use of money?—Yes.

31,929. And was it arranged,—I do not mean so and so in so many words,—but was it understood between you that you were to be the medium of receiving money from him, and expending it for that purpose?—There was no arrangement of that sort. Of course I applied to him as the sitting member to subscribe.

31,930. Was there no understanding,—I do not say arrangement,—between you, that it being desirable to bring about these results you should use money for that purpose?—There was not.

31,931. What were the means you were to use, if not money?—Of course he was applied to on more occasions than one to subscribe.

31,232. Never mind subscriptions. We will go to them by and by. Was it arranged or understood between you that you were to be the medium of receiving money from him, as well as from others, if you will, and expending that money in local contests?—There was no such arrangement.

31,933. Was there any such understanding between you?—No such understanding.

31,934. Did you receive money from him for that purpose?—I did receive money for the purpose of fighting those elections.

31,935. After you had communicated to him that it would be desirable to do so?—Yes.

31,936. Will you tell me what was the first sum of money you ever received from Sir Henry Edwards, or any one on his behalf?—To the best of my recollection it would be 1858.

31,937. What time? You are bound to call upon your memory to the utmost, because you have left yourself without the means of supplementing your memory, therefore you are bound to call upon your memory for an effort, and I think you are doing so?—1858 was the first time there was money used.

31,938. I want dates and sums. Tell me the first date you received money from Sir Henry Edwards?—I believe it was 1858.

31,939. Tell me the date?—It would be the latter end of October.

31,940. I am in doubt about that. Did not you receive money in February 1858 from Sir Henry Edwards?—I have not recollection of receiving any for election purposes then.

31,941. I did not ask you for any purposes?—I received money in the spring of 1858.

31,942. So I thought. I am not asking you about any purpose whatever; I want to know the sums. In the spring of 1858 how much?—To the best of my recollection it would be 20*l.* or 25*l.* the first remittance. I have had sums as low as 10*l.* from him, but I think it should be 20*l.* or 25*l.* at that time.

31,943. I suppose the first remittance came from himself?—Directly.

31,944. In what form?—I have no doubt it would be in bank notes, though I have had some cheques from him.

31,945. The first was in bank notes?—Yes, I believe so.

31,946. I think it must be in the latter end of February 1858 you received the first commission from him?—I have no doubt it was in the early spring.

31,947. There was a contest for the pasture masters that year, was there not?—Yes, but not with his money that year.

31,948. Had not there been a subscription raised among you for that purpose?—Not to my knowledge. I had nothing whatever to do with the pasture masters that year.

31,949. What was the next payment?—In 1859 I subscribed.

31,950. No; the next payment that year. We will take the 20*l.* in the spring; what was the next pay-

ment you received that year?—Well, in the absence of accounts, I am utterly unable to give you the exact amount.

31,951. What do you mean? In the absence of the papers you burnt?—Yes. It is impossible for me to say what occurred 10 or 12 years ago.

31,952. You must call upon your memory for an effort. I think you are doing it?—In 1858 the amount that passed through my hands, so far as I remember, was very small. There was nothing applied either to contest the pasture-master choosing or the council choosing.

31,953. But what will you limit the monies you received in 1858 to?—There was no limit.

31,954. What sum will you? Will you say you did not receive more than 100*l.* in 1858?—Of course I could not speak with confidence in the absence of accounts, but I should think not more than 100*l.* in 1858. That is my impression.

31,955. Well, we will take it. Did you see Sir Henry Edwards in the course of that year?—I have no doubt I should see him in the autumn, when he came down to hunt. He would stay a fortnight or three weeks, perhaps, at the Beverley Arms.

31,956. Did all the money in that year come to you from Sir Henry Edwards' own hands?—So far as I remember, it did.

31,957. And all in the way you indicate that year?—Yes.

31,958. In notes?—Yes.

31,959. Now come to 1859. Will you tell me the earliest part of 1859 that you received any money from Major Edwards?—I received a cheque of 10*l.* on February 7th.

31,960. Was that the earliest?—That was the first.

31,961. The election, I think, was in December?—April 29th.

31,962. Oh yes. Will you tell me what monies and the dates of the monies you received prior to the election?—I have no date of anything beyond that; but it is probable that I should receive, in fact it is certain that I did receive, more, because I find I have subscribed on his behalf 20*l.* towards the pasture choosing of that year.

31,963. Oh yes, I think you would receive a good deal of money. It being known a dissolution was impending, you would receive a good deal of money up to that time. Can you fix the amount?—I did not receive more than the ordinary amount; nothing on account of the general election.

31,964. I am not asking you at all on what account; we will come to that by and by. I am not at all asking you now what they were for, but the amounts?—To the best of my recollection, I did not receive any large amount that year.

31,965. You must have, because you expended 20*l.* on his behalf on the pasture choosing?—Of course I am speaking of from 10*l.* to 50*l.* he used to send me at a time, but not large sums.

31,966. Cannot you tell me whether he remitted to you 100*l.* up to the 29th April of that year?—I should think not.

31,967. Will you say 80*l.* We have 30*l.* already?—I think 50*l.* more likely up to that time.

31,968. Up to the commencement of the election?—Yes.

31,969. Now we are in April, and you had formidable opponents, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes.

31,970. You had an interview with Sir James Walker when he came forward?—When his son came forward.

31,971. And did Sir Henry Edwards suggest to you or you to him, or was any arrangement made between you, as to Mr. Walker being brought forward?—There was no arrangement between Sir Henry Edwards and myself.

31,972. An understanding?—No; there was no understanding between Sir Henry Edwards and myself. There was an understanding between Mr. Walker and myself.

31,973. The father?—Yes.

31,974. How soon before the general election?—At the time it was talked about; the bringing Walters forward.

31,975. Now we have in the representation Major Edwards and Mr. Wells; that is so?—No; I think Mr. Denison and Major Edwards then.

31,976. Oh yes, Denison. Was Mr. Denison here at the time, or did he retire, do you recollect, in 1859?—He retired.

31,977. He had had enough of Beverley. And then Walters and Edwards, and Mr. Walker?—Walker; and Glover came down also at that time.

31,978. Never mind him. How soon did you communicate to Sir Henry Edwards that you had had an interview with Mr. Walker?—I suppose almost immediately.

31,979. By letter?—Yes; by letter.

31,980. Now, up to this time, did all the monies you received come direct from Sir Henry Edwards?—I believe they did.

31,981. And all in bank notes up to this time?—No; there is one cheque in February.

31,982. Of course you have that cheque, I suppose?—I have a copy of the cheques I have received. I paid the cheques into a local bank, and got the money.

31,983. No copies. We will have no copies?—The cheque, of course, would go back to the bank upon which it was drawn.

31,984. When did you make the copy?—I did not make it. I got it made by the bank manager who cashed me those cheques a few days ago, and I got him to attach his signature.

31,985. What is his name?—Richard Lowson. He is the manager of the branch of the Hull Banking Company in Beverley. The cheque was drawn upon the Halifax and Huddersfield Bank. (*The copy of the cheque was handed in.*)

31,986. These are only the cheques?—Only the cheques. The other remittances were in bank notes.

31,987. Then, in 1859, was your arrangement with Mr. Walker that Sir James was to pay half the expense necessary to keep up their interest in the borough?—It was so.

31,988. And you communicated that immediately to Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes, decidedly so.

31,989. Did you take an active part in the election of 1859?—Yes.

31,990. You knew money was going, of course, on the part of Walters?—On the part of Walters, yes, I did.

31,991. Of your own knowledge, did you know any money was going about on the part of Sir Henry Edward Walker?—No; and I really believe there was not.

31,992. You did not know?—I do not know.

31,993. What is your next remittance from Sir Henry Edwards?—We are now in 1859. I have no doubt it would be towards the end of October.

31,994. I think you received something before that. How much were you to have yourself a year?—50*l.*

31,995. Then you received that, I should think, very soon after the election, did not you?—Well, it is possible that I might.

31,996. Did he pay it to you when he was down here at the election, do you recollect?—No; it would be paid considerably afterwards.

31,997. And paid in bank notes?—Well, I think if you refer to that list you will find——yes, that was paid in bank-notes.

31,998. Judging from other dates I have seen I think there would be something in July or June?—I think he generally sent the money for myself at the beginning of the year.

31,999. Then it might have been paid before the election?—Well, it is possible that it might.

32,000. Did you send him an acknowledgment of

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the monies that you received from him when you received them?—Always.

32,001. But no formal receipts ever passed between you?—None whatever. Just simply, "that your enclosure arrived," or something to that effect; just a simple acknowledgment.

32,002. And I presume you would not mention the sum in the letter, would you?—No, I do not think I did, because that would be known to himself.

32,003. Can you tell me when next you got a remittance after the election of 1859?—It would be for the municipal election.

32,004. Perhaps this may help you. How much did you get from Sir James Walker then?—30*l.*

32,005. How much from Sir Henry Edwards?—I believe the same amount, so far as my memory serves me.

32,006. Did you receive any other sums of money from Sir Henry Edwards at that election? I mean that year? We will come to the results by and by?—In the absence of accounts I am sure I could not state that; but I think it is probable I should not.

32,007. When did you get your first instalment of 50*l.* a year from Sir James Walker?—In 1860. Mr. James Robert Walker was elected in 1860.

32,008. Oh, I understand; he was not elected in 1859?—He was a candidate in the field, but was thrown out.

32,009. I did not know your payments depended upon the event. I did not know it was upon that principle?—I do not think it did. It depended upon services rendered.

32,010. But you did not receive anything in that year from Mr. Walker?—I do not remember having done so. The first I received, so far as I remember, was in 1860.

32,011. But you won't say you did not receive more in that year after the municipal contest?—I received 20*l.* for the pasture masters the same year from Mr. Walker; that is in 1859.

32,012. Then he was only a candidate?—Only a candidate.

32,013. Then the understanding with Mr. Walker must have been before the pasture choosing?—It was.

32,014. That brings it to the very early part of the year?—Yes.

32,015. Then the early part of that year it was known that he was to stand in close coalition with Edwards?—It was.

32,016. Then you expended 40*l.* on the pasture choosing of that year?—Is that 1859 you are alluding to?

32,017. Yes.—20*l.*

32,018. I thought you got 40*l.*?—But I did not expend the whole in 1859. The pasture masters subscribed some 5*l.* or 10*l.* each themselves, and it was supplemented by a subscription from me to the amount of 20*l.*

32,019. Each of the candidates paid you 20*l.*?—No; they each paid from 5*l.* to 10*l.*

32,020. I am speaking of the parliamentary candidates?—I beg your pardon; they did.

32,021. You had 40*l.* in your hand at the latter end of February, and I think you said you had received from Sir Henry Edwards that year the 50*l.* for yourself?—Yes, I had.

32,022. And then, between the result of the election in April or May and the following October, will you take upon yourself to say that you had not received money from Sir Henry Edwards?—Are you referring still to 1859?

32,023. I am.—Oh, I should have received money from him.

32,024. Of course. Will you say what amount?—He paid me in the two years together, 58*l.* and 59*l.*; and he gave me 200*l.*

32,025. Besides?—For myself, for the two years.

32,026. When was that given? I mean, when was the last of that given?—It was given at the same time. I think in 1858.

32,027. Oh no?—Yes; 1858 I believe it was.

32,028. Do you mean he paid you in 1857 and 1858?—Yes; for the two years; for 1857 and 1858.

32,029. He paid you 200*l.*?—Yes. He was by himself at that time. He was the only candidate, and after that, when he got a colleague, then it was divided between them.

32,030, Wait. Can you tell me the last payment he made of that 200*l.*?—It came at the same time.

32,031. As what?—That is in the same letter, if I may say.

32,032. He paid you 100*l.*?—No; the 200*l.* at one time for the two years, for 1857 and 1858.

32,033. In one sum?—In one sum.

32,034. That was then independent of all the disbursements?—It was entirely so. It was quite a voluntary thing on his part.

32,035. Could you say what was the date of that 200*l.*?—Well, I am sure I do not remember. It was, I believe, the early part of 1858 at least: it was in the year 1858, certainly. There is no question about that.

32,036. Now we will go to 1859 again. In 1859, the second candidate having declared himself, you received 50*l.* I suppose from Sir Henry?—Yes.

32,037. You can tell me how that 200*l.* was sent you?—In bank notes.

32,038. Were they all sent in one letter or half notes?—Half notes.

32,039. Now in 1859 you received 50*l.* in the early part of the year from him, I suppose?—I believe so.

32,040. And you received the 20*l.* from him for the pasture masters. What I want to know is, between the election in 1859 and the municipal contest in October or November 1859 what monies did you receive from Sir Henry?—In 1859?

32,041. Yes?—Well, I am sure I could not say. I should think from 50*l.* to 100*l.*

32,042. In the same way from himself?—Yes, from himself.

32,043. Were his letters always directed to you?—They were directed to me.

32,044. And you received, I think you say, 30*l.* from Mr. Walker in that year?—50*l.*, I believe; 30*l.* for the municipal election, and 20*l.*, I think, for the pasture masters.

32,045. I meant 30*l.* for the municipal election? Mr. Walker was returned then?—No; he was not returned till 1860.

32,046. He was out. The election was over?—I think the petition was pending then. Mr. Walters was returned.

32,047. Were you examined on that petition?—No, I was not.

32,048. And Mr. Walters was unseated for bribery. There was a petition against Sir Henry Edwards, and he was declared duly elected?—He was; and the writ was issued early the next year; in January.

32,049. When was the election?—The election was January 31st.

32,050. The single election. Then we have Mr. Walker?—Mr. Walker was returned, and we have Edwards and Walker.

32,051. In 1860 Mr. Walker was returned?—He was.

32,052. And you took an active part in that election?—I did.

32,053. I merely ask you a formal question. Did you know of any money being illegally spent at that election?—I heard of it. I did not know of it of my own knowledge.

32,054. Did you take any part in that illegal expenditure?—Not the slightest.

32,055. Very well. We know all about it now, you know. In 1860 what monies did you receive from Mr. Walker?—I received 50*l.*

32,056. For yourself?—Yes.

32,057. What other monies?—I received 50*l.* for the municipal election, and for general purposes from 50*l.* to 60*l.*, I believe.

32,058. More?—Yes.

32,059. That is 100*l.*?—110*l.* that would be; 50*l.* and 60*l.*

32,060. In addition to your own 50*l.*?—Yes.

32,061. And for the pasture masters?—Nothing. I have nothing down that year for the pasture masters.

32,062. I think you will find there was 20*l.* for the pasture masters in Mr. Walker's book?—I see I have subscribed to the pasture masters for that year, so it is probable I may have.

32,063. How much did you subscribe?—I believe there was 50*l.* given to the pasture masters in 1860.

32,064. Now we have Walker giving you 50*l.*?—160*l.* it would be about.

32,065. More?—160*l.* the whole year.

32,066. You got 60*l.* for general purposes, 50*l.* for yourself, that is 110*l.*, 50*l.* for the municipal election, and 25*l.* for the pastures?—Well, I have no account of that.

32,067. But you subscribed 50*l.* to the pastures?—Yes; it seems probable that what you say is correct, for I am quite sure of this, that Mr. Walker's figures are reliable. I am quite sure he would put down every sixpence as it occurred.

32,068. Did he pay you the 50*l.* before or after the contest?—I think the sum he gave to me was usually paid about the month of February.

32,069. I suppose you voted on all these occasions?—Excepting the last.

32,070. I did not mean the last. I said all these occasions?—I say with that exception, I did.

32,071. Had you any tenants or anybody else?—No.

32,072. Had you canvassed?—Oh yes.

32,073. Canvassed actually?—Oh yes, during the whole of the time; from the beginning to the end.

32,074. You have not told me how much you received from Sir Henry Edwards during 1860?—I may say they paid equally. I should receive the same amount from one as from the other. The one will be the measure of the other, because everything I paid was on equal terms, whether it was 5*l.* or 50*l.*

32,075. But did not Sir Henry Edwards make you a present for yourself, apart from this arranged expenditure?—No.

32,076. Still you received the monies from Sir Henry Edwards' own hands, and in the way you described?—That is my impression. I do not remember so early as this having received anything from Mr. Cronhelme. I may have done; but I am not quite sure of that. I think the understanding was that if Sir Henry was from home, and I was usually advised of that, I was to write to Mr. Cronhelme.

32,077. So that your letters should fall into no other hands?—That was the understanding. Of course they would know my writing quite well.

32,078. When I said you voted I stopped short. I suppose you voted for Major Edwards?—Yes; and Mr. Walker and Mr. Sykes.

32,079. Now, before we go further, will you tell me in 1860 what result had you produced with regard to the pasture masters? You now had brought them all into one way of thinking, had not you?—No. In 1859 Mr. Lundy and Mr. Hind were returned.

32,080. They were not all brought to one way of thinking?—I think not.

32,081. How were your friends at that time; the pasture masters?—Oh, the pasture masters! The council you alluded to.

32,082. No; the pasture masters?—In 1860.

32,083. In 1860?—They were all Conservatives.

32,084. Then you had secured the desired result?—So far as the pastures were concerned, we had.

32,085. Now you were all right. You were not amongst them yourself?—No; I am not eligible.

32,086. What result had you effected with regard to the town council?—We were in the majority then.

32,087. In what proportion?—I can hardly say.

32,088. You are 15. Was it 13 to 2, or what?—Oh dear no.

32,089. Tell me then how was it? I am speaking now of the November of 1860?—We should be very much in the majority then, no doubt of it.

32,090. So I thought. Will you tell me the proportion after the election of 1860?—I believe there would only be two Liberal councillors. I do not know how the aldermen might be.

32,091. Never mind the aldermen. 2 to 13 I said?—Yes, you are right.

32,092. What expenditure had you in the year 1860? How much did you contribute out of the combined fund for the council?—I know what 1867 cost, and judging from the numbers, speaking comparatively, I should think from 50*l.* to 70*l.*

32,093. Oh no! you contributed 100*l.*, did not you, in 1860?—I am only quoting from memory.

32,094. You had 50*l.* from Mr. Walker, and of course the same from Sir Henry?—Yes; but the money was not expended as a necessary consequence.

32,095. I thought we have it in evidence that in 1860 or 1861 you advanced 100*l.*?—I think that refers rather to 1863, to the pastures. I think you might take it from 60*l.* to 70*l.*, as near as I can give it.

32,096. Very well. Now we go on. You know you have secured the pasture masters, and you have secured the town council in the proportion of 13 to 2 in 1860, and now we start to 1861. Did the same system continue with regard to yourself?—Yes.

32,097. 50*l.* in the early part from each of the members?—Yes.

32,098. And occasionally a present besides?—No.

32,099. It was a permanent, fixed thing?—That was understood as a recompense for the time which I had to devote to their services.

32,100. I am not coming to that question yet. And how much for the pasture masters of that year, 1861?—15*l.* There was no opposition virtually. They only polled three. I should get the same amount of money. We had no means of knowing whether there would be any contest or not.

32,101. I think I saw in the book it was 25*l.* for each?—I dare say it would be.

32,102. But in reality you only expended 15*l.*?—That was so.

32,103. When did you receive 50*l.* for the municipal; was it in 1861?—Yes. I received 30*l.* from each. There was a further sum that year.

32,104. There was that 30*l.* that year?—There was.

32,105. In that year Sir James Walker paid 30*l.*?—He paid 50*l.* for pasture matters, but there is nothing down for other expenses that year.

32,106. I see there would be 134*l.* that year?—Yes, there is 134*l.* that year.

32,107. For Sir James Walker?—Yes, but there is nothing said of application.

32,108. That would be 134*l.*, in addition to 50*l.* for yourself?—Yes; there would be 184*l.* in the course of the year. I think that is the largest sum I ever received from Sir James Walker in one year.

32,109. Might I inquire how much of that sum would be advanced or subscribed for the municipal contest?—That year was a very expensive year.

32,110. And what did you advance that year, the very "expensive year"?—Do you mean in 1861?

32,111. Yes, I mean in 1861?—I should think the contest would cost 100*l.*

32,112. To whom did you advance it?—To the Secretary of the Working Men's Association; to Mr. Monkman, on application. I never paid any without I was applied to by the secretary; he was the medium for the candidates.

32,113. Do you mean the cadidates for the town council?—I do.

32,114. In 1861 Monkman was the secretary?—Yes.

32,115. Was he the man?—Yes,

32,116. And the mayor is Mr. Silvester?—Yes.

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32,117. And Monkman would bring you a written application?—No; verbal.

32,118. He would bring you a verbal application from the candidates that they wanted money?—Yes.

32,119. In order to attain to the honour and dignity of the town council?—Yes.

32,120. And you advanced it?—Yes.

32,121. And I suppose, after you had advanced it, he would bring you an account back of the way in which it had been expended?—He generally did.

32,122. These things, having no reference to the parliamentary election, would be with you; I suppose you have them?—No; I have them not. They were all put together; everything belonging to electioneering matters were all put together.

32,123. Did you keep your parliamentary, municipal, and pasture matters, and so on, altogether?—Altogether.

32,124. You did not keep them apart?—No.

32,125. So that they were burnt?—Yes.

32,126. Then I suppose I may take it, without going through the details, that Sir Henry Edwards, in 1861, subscribed the same amount, 183*l.*?—He would advance the same amount, no doubt about it.

32,127. In the same way; in bank notes to you from Halifax?—Yes.

22,128. In 1861, February 13th, I see application and cheque 20*l.*?—Yes.

32,129. And February 13th, 10*l.*?—In 1861, 20*l.*

32,130. Yes, you are right. There is the 10*l.*, I think on the 14th, the day after?—Perhaps so; it is possible I might have so much money in hand I might not require so much.

32,131. What were these for?—They would be for the municipal election, I have no doubt.

32,132. Now you have secured all the pasture masters, and what may the 30*l.* be for?—Do you mean in 1861?

32,133. Yes?—It is impossible for me to say exactly. I had subscriptions to pay to account for this 68*l.* a year on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards, apart from sundry applications, charitable subscriptions.

32,134. You told me a certain amount was for the pasture masters?—I merely judge so from the date of them.

32,135. Well, just look, and see whether you have received the same amount from Sir James Walker? I think you have?—Yes; I received 30*l.*, therefore that accounts for it at once.

32,136. It is clear it was for pasture masters?—Yes.

32,137. You could not have more pasture masters, then, having got the 12?—It is an annual election, and when the day comes to fight no man knows what will be the result.

32,138. Was there a contest in 1861?—It was a very sham contest.

32,139. How do you account for the 60*l.*; did you expend that in shams?—I spent 15*l.*; but there are necessary expenses for the preparation, the same as if there was a contest.

32,140. So that you would have so much in hand for other purposes; 45*l.*?—Yes.

32,141. Did you give in writing to Sir Henry Edwards or Sir James Walker, when they advanced you 30*l.*, that you had expended only 15*l.* in the contest?—No; because I had a running account with them.

32,142. I think it was all running one way, like the river, in one direction?—It was all running in a right way; that is the principal thing, perhaps.

32,143. However you did not?—No; but I may say Sir James Walker has seen my accounts.

32,144. Yes, that I do not mean to dispute. In 1861 you received your 100*l.* and then 60*l.*, and how much for the municipal?—Nothing for the general purposes of 1861.

32,145. No; but how much for the municipal?—50*l.*; and then there was a supplementary account.

32,146. Thirty-four odd?—I see that is the amount; but whether that sum would be employed that way I am not prepared to say.

32,147. You received 84*l.* from one, and 84*l.* from the other?—I should think so.

32,148. And had you expended it all in 1861?—Yes.

32,149. There was a contest then?—Yes. There are six seats vacated each year; we carried them, I believe.

32,150. You carried the six seats?—Yes.

32,151. Can you tell me now whether any, and if so, how many Liberals remained?—I think Mr. Hind and Mr. Lundy still remained.

32,152. You think the Liberal element still remained in?—Yes.

32,153. What did you receive in the whole of that year?—184*l.* that year.

32,154. From each?—Yes; I suppose it would be from each; there is no doubt about it.

32,155. In 1861?—Yes, in 1861.

32,156. Now we come to 1862. Take your own 50*l.*; how much for the pasture masters?—30*l.*

32,157. From each?—Yes.

32,158. No contest?—Oh yes, there was a very severe contest in 1862.

32,159. How much of this 60*l.* would the pasture masters get?—They would get 50*l.* that year to the pasture masters.

32,160. I suppose you frequently had what I saw, 10*l.* application?—Yes, to pay subscriptions and other applications.

32,161. Can you tell me what monies you received, under the head of "application" from Sir James Walker in 1862?—I believe I had two amounts that year.

32,162-3. Yes, you had. Perhaps 20*l.* or 25*l.*?—I think it was 10*l.* and 15*l.*; something of that sort.

32,164. That would be in addition to the ordinary sums supplied?—There was nothing in that year for the council choosing. There was no contest, therefore I got nothing for the council choosing that year.

32,165. Did you get anything in 1862 for the council choosing?—Yes, I did.

32,166. I looked over the book, and I saw that you had?—Yes.

32,167. How much did you get?—50*l.* that year.

32,168. From each?—I dare say it would be from each.

32,169. Now I come to the important year, 1863; was there a contest?—No; I got nothing. There was no nomination, and if there was no nomination I did not receive anything.

32,170. There was no nomination?—No; there were no other names than the six.

32,171. How long before the day of polling must they be nominated?—Three clear days.

32,172. Can you say whether you received any money from the canditates?—I did not, in 1863, for the municipal election.

32,173. I mean for the pasture masters?—Yes, I did.

32,174. How much?—I see I received 50*l.* Mr. Walker has supplemented it by 15*l.* more.

32,175. It was a very expensive one?—It was a very strong contest. It was more like a civil war, which, as we all know, are the most destructive and expensive; take the late contest in America, for instance.

32,176. Which year are you speaking of?—1863.

32,177. You got 65*l.* from each?—Yes, I did.

32,178. Did you get it in March?—No; in February.

32,179. I mean in February, for the March contest?—Yes.

32,180. And you got 65*l.* from each?—Yes.

32,181. Then it was your own friends came, as it were, against you?—There was a misunderstanding in the pasture masters between Henry Johnson, McKoy, and Ramshaw, and a few others.

32,182. Well, I do not want their names. How much of that money did you advance to people for the purposes of bribing and bribery?—They got 100*l.*

32,183. Who got it?—Mr. Francis Burrell.

32,184. You used to distribute the money, paying it to Monkman for the council?—Yes.

32,185. And the pasture masters?—Yes, with two exceptions; Burrell got it twice, in '63 and '67. It was not to any of the pasture masters, with the exception of Burrell. Monkman was really the medium of communication.

32,186. Was he the person who received the money?—Yes.

32,187. We will go through the same process in 1864?—There was no contest for the pastures, and consequently there was nothing for them.

32,188. In 1864?—No, sir; and we had no opposition for the council in 1864.

32,189. How much was advanced for the council? If I recollect, Sir James Walker showed there was something like 30*l.* or 35*l.*?—Yes; but nothing for pastures, and only two 20*l.* for all other purposes, so that year I only received 140*l.*, including my own.

32,190. 140*l.* from each?—Yes.

32,191. Now I believe we are coming down to July 1865?—Yes; I received nothing from Mr. Walker that year but 25*l.*

32,192. That is perfectly true; I believe you received it in the June of that year?—Yes; I forget when the election would be.

32,193. In July?—Yes, the election would be in July.

32,194. Did he not pay you the 50*l.* that year?—No, he did not.

32,195. What did he pay you?—He only paid me 25*l.*

32,196. For yourself?—For myself; that is all the money I received from him that year.

32,197. He did not contribute to the pasture masters that year?—No.

32,198. Are you sure; I think I saw two payments?—There was no contest in '65.

32,199. Oh, that would not make any difference. Very well, it is not worth dwelling upon; but you received 25*l.* from him?—Yes.

32,200. Now we have to bring another man on the scene, Mr. Sykes?—Yes, Mr. Sykes came in July.

32,201. I suppose you had heard Sir James Walker intended to withdraw his son?—Yes; Sir James Walker wrote to me, giving me an intimation that on the next general election his son would not come forward.

32,202. Did that information come upon you by surprise?—Well, I think it did, for reasons not connected with this enquiry.

32,203. How soon did you hear that Mr. Christopher Sykes was to be brought forward as a candidate?—He was brought forward on my own suggestion.

32,204. You looked out?—Yes.

23,205. I suppose it would be in January or February of that year?—It would be early in the year.

32,206. (*Mr. H. Cox.*)—That Sir James Walker wrote to you?—Yes.

32,207. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*)—And you communicated with Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

32,208. During all this series of years had you received all the monies in bank notes from Sir Henry Edwards?—In January 1860 I recived 50*l.* I received all the monies in bank notes, with the exception of those cheques which you have there; that is the case; and I never went to any other place to get the cheques cashed; and the manager has given me his copy.

32,209. Just tell me, for I may as well have it, on the note, one cheque 1859, February 7th, 10*l.*?—Yes.

32,210. 1860, January 2d, cheque 50*l.*; 9th of May of that year, cheque 20*l.*; January 1st, 1861, cheque 50*l.*; February 18th of that year, cheque 20*l.*; February 14th, cheque 10*l.*; 1862, cheque, January 1st, 50*l.*; and then there is no other cheque till we come to '66?—Yes.

32,211. I must take you now to 1865. You communicated with Sir Henry Edwards on the subject of Mr. Sykes coming forward; did you write, or did you mention it?—I wrote to Sir Henry Edwards, stating the name of Sykes was very popular in Beverley, that it was very popular in the town and neighbourhood; that I had heard Mr. Sykes was desirous of going into Parliament. I further stated I had communicated with Mr. Sykes to know whether he would accept an invitation from Beverley if we went to him. Having ascertained his views, I wrote to Sir Henry about it. He was waited upon in the presence of Mr. James Hall and Mr. James Cook.

32,212. Where was Mr. Sykes when the deputation went?—I think at the Beverley Arms.

32,213. And Mr. Hall of Scorboro' was with him?—Yes; he came as his friend.

32,214. Is that all that passed?—It is.

32,215. Can you give me the date the deputation attended; was it February; I suppose it would be?—I should think somewhere thereabout. The minute book gives it exactly; the minute book of the Working Men's Association.

32,216. Well, now I do not want really to go in to the deputation, but you had personally an interview with Mr. Sykes, I believe?—We had.

32,217. Who; you and who else, was there Mr. Bainton?—I do not remember; probably he was.

32,218. Tell me any of the leading men; was there Mr. Barkworth?—No.

32,219. I thought it would be you alone, but you said "we"?—Well, Cook was one, who was examined here the other day.

32,220. Who is Cook?—He comes from Scotland; if you remember he applied for his expenses here.

32,221. And who else?—I am sure I do not distinctly remember who.

32,222. Did you explain to Mr. Sykes the terms on which Mr. Walker had been a member for the borough?—This distance of time I do not remember.

32,223. But we are nearer now, in '65?—I have no doubt he would be asked if he would support the local contests.

32,224. It would be on the same terms as Mr. Walker was?—I have no doubt it was.

32,225. It might be a delicate matter for you to mention, but did you mention to him that you were in the habit of receiving 50*l.* from each of the candidates?—I never mentioned anything of the kind.

32,226. I should expect that you did not mention it to him?—No, nor to anybody else.

32,227.—Did he give you the 50*l.*?—He did.

32,228. Then somebody would mention it?—I think it very probable that Sir Henry Edwards did; I never did. I never asked anybody for a penny in my life; anything I got was entirely spontaneous from these gentlemen.

32,229. I am not at all wishing in any way to put it in any other light than the most creditable light to you the facts admit of. He continued the same payment?—He did, with the exception of last year; but year by year he gave me the same as Mr. Walker.

32,230. What was the first payment he made to you?—My impression is it was for the municipal election in November

32,231. In '65, in April, I think you will find he advanced a little money before the pasture masters contest?—Not in '65; in '66 I think you are referring to.

32,232. In '65, I think?—He was not the member then; not until July.

32,233. Oh, you are quite right; I thought it was in April. The contest was in July?—No; the first contest was the following municipal election.

32,234. But he paid you some money, did not he, before July; some money came from him to you before July, I think?—No.

32,235. When had you that interview with him?—Well, I cannot say exactly, but it was only a very short time before the election.

32,236. In June we have the fact, you know, that

Sir James Walker stopped payment with you?—Yes, I believe it was in June.

23,237. But did not you receive from Mr. Sykes 25*l.*?—No.

23,238. Just recollect yourself; you know you had only received the 25*l.* from Walker?—Oh, I did not receive 25*l.* from Sykes, I am certain.

32,239. You did not?—No.

32,240. What sum did you receive before the election?—None whatever; not a penny.

32,241. Have you a clear and distinct recollection of that?—I have distinctly.

23,242. Then what had you received in '65; there was no contest in '65 for pasture masters, I suppose?—No; and none for the council.

32,243. Well, I will pass over the election. I suppose you voted as usual for Major Edwards and Sykes?—Yes, and that was the last time I did vote.

32,244. And we know now what means were employed?—Yes, I know now.

32,245. Did you know anything of the kind at all?—I did not; I had not the slightest idea. My duties were altogether apart from that.

32,246. In the November of 1865 you had no contest?—None whatever.

32,247. What monies did you receive from the members?—In '65?

32,241. Yes?—I believe in '65, or it might be early in '66, I should receive——

32,249. No; in '65. You know we have not Mr. Walker now to guide us, and therefore I cannot lead you so much; therefore I will take in '65. How much did you receive in '65? I suppose from Sir Henry the usual 50*l.*?—Yes.

32,250. How much occasionally that year?—I think I may say that in '65, instead of receiving the ordinary 50*l.* from each, I believe I should receive 100*l.*

32,341. 100*l.* from each; so I thought?—Yes.

32,252. After the election?—Yes; some time after the election.

32,253. In the shape of a present?—In the shape of a present; entirely so.

32,254. Then we will go to the October of that year. How much did you receive in October of that year?—In '66, do you mean?

32,255. In '65?—Nothing, as far as I remember; there was no contest in '65 for the municipal election, and there had been none in the spring, not for the other thing.

32,256. We will go to '66 now we have that admission. What did you receive from Sykes in '66?—I received 50*l.* from each of them, for the municipal election; I am not speaking about myself.

32,257. How was the 100*l.* remitted to you from Sykes?—In a cheque.

32,258. We can get that, you know. You can tell me what account you paid it into?—Into Bower, Hall, and Co.

32,259. There would be a date to the cheque? You have not got the date of that?—I have not.

32,260. This was in July. The date of the cheque I suppose would be in October?—I do not think there would be much difficulty. Only I may say this, Mr. Sykes made his cheques payable to self; but, I do not think there would be much difficulty in that.

32,261. He made his cheques payable to self, and they were sent for bearer?—Yes.

32,263. And then, when you presented it, of course it was not endorsed?—No.

32,263. Used he to send them to you by post?—Yes.

32,264. By a registered letter, I suppose?—O dear no! Oh no.

32,265. And the 100*l.* from Sir Henry; was he Sir Henry at that time?—In '65, I think not; he was Colonel Edwards at that time.

32,266. Colonel Edwards sent to you, I suppose, in half notes?—Yes.

32,267. Now we come to '66; tell me what you got in that year?—In '66 there was not a very strong contest.

32,268. First, there would be a payment to yourself. I suppose that would be 50*l.*?—No; I got nothing. The two would be united before, what I have just mentioned.

32,269. You were paid in advance, as it were?—Well, it may be considered so; at least I think it was the case; to the best of my recollection I believe it was so.

32,270. Then what was the first payment you received from Sykes that year?—It would be for the municipal election.

32,271. Oh no; pasture masters?—There was no contest.

32272. But that does not at all follow. Did you receive any money for the pasture masters?—I do not think I did.

32,273. Recollect?—Well, I cannot say.

32,274. Because you have said you could not tell for three days whether there would be a contest or not. Now your memory ought to serve you better?—Well, I do not distinctly recollect; it might be so, or it might not; I could not really say whether it was so or it was not.

32,275. How much for occasional sums?—I believe that the money that I had from Mr. Sykes averaged from 100*l.* to 150*l.* a year; sometimes less; the last year, for instance, it was not 100*l.*; but sometimes it would be more; it would depend upon the contest.

32,276. We will go through; we are in '66 now?—Yes.

32,277. I am taking Mr. Sykes first; what did you receive in '66 from him?—I have no doubt in '66 I should receive something like 150*l.*

32,278. Now might I inquire, at this stage of it, whether you submitted to Mr. Sykes an account, say of the expenditure of the 150*l.*, item by item?—I offered to do so, and Mr. Sykes declined the knowledge; that is the real case as it stands.

32,279. When did you offer to him to furnish him an account of the expenditure?—He was frequently at my house, living here.

32,280. When did you first tell him that; was it after the election?—I think I may say the first year that I acted for him.

32,281. Now, in 67, what amount of money did you receive from Mr. Sykes?—I think it would be pretty nearly the same. In '67 the municipal contest cost 58*l.*, and the pasture masters about 20*l.*

32,282. The pasture masters' contest last year?—The contest for the pastures was very limited.

32,283. That was the money you advanced. You do not know the money you received from Mr. Sykes?—I think about 150*l.*

32,284. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is this so, that in 1867 the cost of the municipal contest was 58*l.*?—Yes; I said so; I know that very distinctly.

32,285. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is, you advanced it?—Yes; Mr. Barkworth told you that the other day. He came to me to inquire whether he might advance money on my responsibility, and I said to a certain extent he might, and he did advance the money, and he called on me for payment, and it was 58*l.*

32,286. Did he tell you he advanced it to Burrell?—He did not.

32,287. Because Burrell denies it?—He did say so here, and I have no doubt it had entirely escaped his memory.

32,288. Do not speak of another man's memory?—I will leave him to speak for himself.

32,289. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Had you to pay Mr. Barkworth?—I had.

32,290. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He had spoken to you before as to whether he might do it?—He had; he came to me about 10 o'clock on the municipal day morning.

32,291. We are coming now towards '68. When did you first ascertain from Mr. Sykes that he was not very much in love with Beverley?—I think it would be about mid-summer in '68.

32,292. Had he paid you up to that time?—No; he paid me up to the end of the previous year. I received nothing in '68.

32,293. In the beginning of '68 did he pay you 50*l.*, your usual allowance?—No; I did not get anything in '68; in '67 he did; not in '68.

32,294. Did he in '68?—No; nothing in '68.

32,295. Did Mr. Sykes pay you no money at all in '68?—Not on my own acconnt.

32,396. But did he pay you no monies at all?—Yes; I had an account against him of something like 70*l.* or 80*l.*

32,297. In addition?—No, apart from———

32,298. That is what I say; in addition, and apart from anything he paid before?—Yes.

32,299. That is a part of a running account?—Yes, for various purposes.

32,300. 70*l.* or 80*l.* in addition to all this?—I mean to say Mr. Sykes' expenses in connection with the borough from June '68 up to November would be something like 70*l.* or 80*l.*

32,301. When did he pay you that?—The balance I had to receive of him of 11*l.* he paid to me on the 23d of March '69, this year.

32,302. Did he pay you any money in '68?—Yes, I have no doubt he did.

32,303. How much?—Supposing it was 70*l.*, he would pay me something like 58*l.*

32,304. You had a charge of 70*l.* against him, and giving him credit for what you received in the course of the year, there was a balance?—There was a balance in my favour of 11*l.*, and he gave me a cheque on his bank in London on the 23d of March, this year. I was in London at this time.

32,305. Did he continue to pay you up to that time in cheques payable to self?—He never paid me anything else; I never had any other payment from Sykes.

32,306. Payable to self?—Yes.

32,307. On the Beverley Bank?—On Bower, Hall, and Co.

32,308. Now we have to take up another candidate. When were you put in communication with Captain Kennard?—That was through Mr. Bainton. Mr. Bainton and myself went up to London to look out for a candidate, and we were successful in meeting with one.

32,309. Mr. Bainton, the solicitor?—Yes, he went up; he was about to be married.

32,310. That is all right?—He went to London, and met with Captain Kennard, and as they were both on the look-out they made an engagement for a future interview.

32,311. One on the look-out for a candidate and the other for a seat?—Yes; it was arranged that we should meet him at York at the Station Hotel.

32,312. Meet Captain Kennard?—Yes.

32,313. Can you give me the date?—Yes; it was at the end of July.

32,314. In July?—About the latter part of July; within a day or two of the end of July. I know the harvest operations had commenced.

32,315. And the assizes, I suppose, were also on at York?—Yes; and we went to the courts.

32,316. That fixes it sufficiently near. Then he waited on Captain Kennard, and I suppose told him the conditions upon which Mr. Sykes had represented the borough?—I do not distinctly remember that we said anything about Mr. Sykes. Of course we endeavoured to ascertain what it was thought it was desirable for us to know.

32,317. I mean you told him the terms. What I want to ask you is this: there is one question I have forgotten in the order of time, and we must go back; you ascertained early in '66 that a large sum of money had been spent otherwise than legitimately?—I did.

32,318. I call your attention particularly to it; the amount is 1,070*l.* Who gave you that figure; from whom did you ascertain the exact amount of 1,070*l.* due to the bank?—From Mr. Barkworth.

32,319. The petition, I suppose, was abandoned; that was so?—Yes, it was.

32,320. Then you, Mr. Arden, Mr. Barkworth, and somebody else, suggested, did you not, to Mr. Bainton, that he was to go up to London to wait upon Mr. Sykes, and obtain all the money from him; that it would be but reasonable that you should do so?—No, sir, I must beg to dissent from that. I was present at the meeting, but not a consenting party to that arrangement.

32,321. Well, you heard that arrangement proposed?—Yes, I did, and I stated at the time I did not think Sir Henry Edwards would submit to be humiliated by having any such arrangement carried out; that was my idea of it. I thought it would be laying him under an obligation.

32,322. You heard Mr. Sykes' evidence here in court?—Yes, I did.

32,323. And you heard Mr. Bainton?—Yes.

32,324. Then, in your opinion, it would have been humiliating Sir Henry Edwards to have acceded to it?—Had I occupied his position I should have considered it so.

32,325. Then you were present, but not a consenting party?—Not a consenting party.

32,326. I will ask you no more about that, except this: you know we had Mr. Cronhelme here yesterday, and he distinctly stated to us that he never remitted to you a sum amounting to 500*l.*, or any amount of money. Now you paid 535*l.* to the bank in notes?—I did.

32,327. From whom did you receive the 535*l.*?—I will tell you how it came to me, but from whom I am not able to tell. It came to me in an anonymous letter, stating that I was to call upon Mr. Barkworth, who had an account against Sir Henry Edwards, and I was to pay it with the enclosed money; that is all I know of the money.

32,328. An anonymous letter?—Yes.

32,329. Yes; miracles will never cease. Did you preserve that letter?—No, I did not.

32,330. I suppose it was one of those that suffered in the conflagration after Baron Martin came, or did you destroy it beforehand?—I considered that was utterly valueless.

32,331. And you destroyed that?—I have no doubt of that.

32,332. Well, if I got a letter of that kind, I think the first thing I should do would be to look at the post mark?—Oh! it came from London, that is certain; I did do that.

32,333. London is large; it came from London?—Yes.

32,334. In half notes?—I believe not.

32,335. I think it was?—I rather think not.

32,336. I rather think it was. Do you mean to tell me that 535*l.* was stuffed——— ?—600*l.* came to me.

32,337. 600*l.* stuffed into a letter; that 600*l.* came stuffed in a letter?—Well, it came by post.

32,338. Oh, no doubt it came by post?—And from London.

32,339. But it came in half notes?—I could not say.

32,340. Now, you have given your evidence remarkably well up to such a length of time; just think. It came in half notes?—Very probably.

32,341. And it was "upon receipt of this letter or envelope address to J. K., Chancery Lane," or somewhere else, was not it?—No, it was not.

32,342. No acknowledgment?—No.

32,343. Did the other half notes come the next day?—If it came in half notes I have no doubt the other halves either came by another letter by the same post or on the following day. I have sometimes had them in two letters by the same post.

32,344. You knew where these notes came from, in this unusual way?—I did not think it anything at all unusual.

32,345. To whom did you pay these notes?—I went, of course, to Mr. Barkworth; I went to the bank, and made the inquiry.

32,346. Of what?—As to the account against Sir Henry Edwards, and it was produced to me, and I paid the money.

32,347. 535*l.*?—I think that was the sum; it was

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the half of the amount; the half of Mr. Sykes' and Major Edwards' accounts.

32,348. I want particularly the date you made that payment into the bank?—Well, I think I can give you that pretty near. I think it would be about the 20th of April.

32,349. The 20th of April?—1866; I think so; within a day, more or less.

32,350. Now, in what notes; were they all Bank of England notes?—Yes.

32,351. Of what character, 10*l.* or 5*l.*, or what?—Some of them would be larger.

32,352. What was the largest; tell me the general character of the notes; about twenties or tens?—Yes, I should think something like that.

32,353. Or fifties?—No; nothing as large as that.

32,354. They would be twenties and tens?—That is my impression.

32,355. Of course at that time (it does not affect you) you must have known that was for monies illegally spent?—Well, it struck me that was an after payment; I had that impression.

32,356. Who was there to receive it; who was the man over the counter that you paid it to?—To Mr. Barkworth himself. Mr. Barkworth was a partner in the bank at that time, and of course the letter referred me to Mr. Barkworth, and therefore I naturally inquired for him, and asked him for the account against Sir Henry Edwards.

32,357. Parliament was sitting at that time, I believe?—It was.

32,358. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you say you paid it at the bank to Mr. Barkworth?—I did.

32,359. In the ordinary part of the bank, or a private room? Did you pay it in the parts of the bank where customers go in general?—No; I believe it was in a small side room. Mr. Barkworth asked me to go into the side room, and he had got the account, and of course told me what it was, and I paid it, and came away.

32,360. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then there was 65*l.* remaining over?—I paid that to Mr. McCoy; the half of 165*l.*, I think.

32,361. You applied that to purposes of Sir Henry Edwards?—I did.

32,362. Of course you did not know the handwriting of the letter?—I did not. I thought it was the effect of Mr. Bainton's visit; that was my view; I thought it was the result of Mr. Bainton being in London; Mr. Bainton was in London at the time. That was the thought that crossed my mind.

32,363. You gave us the contents of the letter directing you to go and pay this money to settle Sir Henry Edwards' accounts?—Yes.

32,364. I will take you through the transaction very shortly; I want to get away from it. Was there anything mentioned in the letter that you were to pay Mr. McCoy the balance?—No, there was not.

32,365. But knowing as you did that it came from Sir Henry Edwards, you applied it for his purposes?—That I did without any hesitation.

32,366. I did not trace down from '65 the course of the money you received from Sir Henry Edwards; the stream now divides itself into two branches. I followed Mr. Sykes from '65, and I must now go back and follow Sir Henry Edwards?—They are precisely parallel lines, whatever one did the other did, as far as myself or the municipal.

32,367. No; I must take you through it. Can you tell me what he gave you in '65? I will take it as short as I can?—I have already done so, in '65.

32,368. Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes, both.

32,369. I will only take you rapidly over the two years. Now in '66?—In '66 I got the 50*l.* as usual.

32,370. Yes, and——?—And nothing else.

32,371. You got for the municipal contest?—Oh yes, '66, I will tell you. Yes, '66, if you remember, was the year when the quo warranto was issued. Well, the contest itself was a very trifling one, because there was an impression upon my own mind and others that the nomination was bad in law. The highest number in the Minster ward was 253, and there are 900 on the register; that will show you that the contest was scarcely more than nominal.

32,372. How much did you get in '66?—Well, I am sure I cannot say; probably it may have been 30*l.*

32,373. From each?—Yes, I should say so.

32,374. '67 was a sharp contest?—Yes; that was the one that cost 58*l.*, which I have just spoken of.

32,375. How much did you get of that from Sir Henry?—Oh, I should think it would be 30*l.* each; they would pay it in that way.

32,376. You know that was an expensive contest, the quo warranto?—Well, the result was expensive.

32,377. How much?—I will tell you exactly what it cost. I believe it was 391*l.*; but I can give you the exact amount directly.

32,378. That is quite enough. And was that divided?—Equally divided.

32,379. Did the money come from your hands? I suppose it did?—I thought so at the time I was examined before Baron Martin, but when I came to inquire about the matter Mr. Bainton told me it was paid directly from himself. The bills were presented to me, and I had an impression on my mind that I paid them, but as a matter of fact I did not.

32,380. It came direct?—It came direct from Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Sykes to Mr. Bainton.

32,381. I mean they paid their own costs and they paid their opponents costs?—They did.

32,382. And they both came to 391*l.*?—That is it.

32,383. To whom were the bills made out. When Mr. Bainton made them out, did he send them to you?—I believe he did.

32,384. I suppose then, from that account of them, I imagine, that you were made the debtor; very well. I suppose you forwarded them to the members?—I did.

32,385. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Just before you go I want to ask a question, that I may get it on my note. What was that interview with Mr. Bainton? You said, in consequence of an interview with Mr. Bainton, Sir Henry Edwards sent you this 600*l.*?—No. I said I thought it was in consequence of Mr. Bainton being in London at that time.

32,386. In consequence of that Sir Henry Edwards sent you the 600*l.*?—I anticipated that. As Mr. Bainton was in London, I concluded it was in consequence of some conversation with Mr. Bainton that led the money to come to me.

The witness withdrew.

J. Leason.

JOHN LEASON called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

32,387. How long have you been a freeman?—24 or 25 years.

32,388. Then you voted at the election of Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

32,389. For whom did you vote?—Wells and Glover.

32,390. What did you get?—1*l.*

32,391. From whom?—From Wells.

32,392. Where did you get the money?—Somewhere in the street. I am sure I cannot say where.

32,393. Who paid you?—I cannot remember.

32,394. Cannot you remember who gave you 1*l.*?—I cannot.

32,395. It was on Wells' side, was it?—Yes, it was. I have been poorly, under medical treatment six or seven years, and my memory is quite gone.

32,396. The next election was Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

32,397. For whom did you vote?—Major Edwards.

32,398. What did you get?—*2l.*, I think I got.

32,399. Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote?—Mr. Walters.

32,400. What did you get?—*2l.*

32,401. The next was Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—For Mr. Gridley.

32,402. What did you get?—Nothing.

32,403. Quite sure?—Quite sure.

32,404. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; for whom did you vote?—Keane and Edwards.

32,405. What did you get?—*1l.* from Keane.

32,406. Nothing from Edwards?—Not a farthing.

The witness withdrew.

W. Levitt.

William Levitt called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

32,407. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

32,408. How long have you been a freeman?—51 years last June.

32,409. Did you vote when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up in 1857?—Yes.

32,410. For whom?—For Denison and Wells.

32,411. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes; I got a sovereign.

32,412. Did you vote for Wells the next time he put up?—Yes.

32,413. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, I did not.

32,414. You voted for Walters at the next election?—I did.

32,415. What did you get?—I got *2l.*

32,416. Did you vote for Gridley in 1860?—No. I voted for Walker.

32,417. What did you get?—Nothing.

32,418. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, in 1865; whom did you vote for?—Edwards and Sykes.

32,419. What did you get?—Nothing.

32,420. In 1865, Edwards and Sykes; did you say you got nothing for your vote?—No, I did not.

32,421. Neither before or after the election?—No.

32,422. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes, I did.

32,423. Did you get anything?—Yes; I got *15s.* at the "Golden Ball," from Watson.

32,424. For whom did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

32,425. At the council choosing?—Yes.

32,426. And did you vote for the Conservatives at the last election?—I did not vote the last election.

32,427. Did not you vote at the borough election? Did you vote for Edwards, or Kennard, or Maxwell, or Trollope?—No.

32,428. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why did you not vote?—I am sorry to say I had to attend the death-bed of my wife.

32,429. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That election of 1865, did you go to the Mechanics' Hall, where so many people did?—Yes, I did.

32,430. Did you get anything there?—I got a sovereign, and I returned it.

32,431. To whom did you return it?—To Mr. Luke Hind.

32,432. How was it you returned it, having once taken it?—I had altered my mind.

32,433. Qualms of conscience. Did you return it soon after you received it?—Yes, I did.

32,434. The next day?—No. I called, and Mr. Hind was out, and I called again, and I saw him, and he said I was to keep it till he saw some of the party. I called to see him again, and he was out; and I directed it, and took it in a piece of paper, and delivered it to a daughter of his.

32,435. You left it at his house?—Yes.

22,436. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) To whom did you give it?—His daughter received it.

The witness withdrew.

W. T. Biggins.

William Thomas Biggins called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

32,437. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

32,438. How long have you been a freeman?—Eight or nine years.

32,439. What is the first election you voted at?—Edwards and Sykes.

32,440. What did you get?—*2l.*

32,441. Where did you get it?—From David Nutchey, and *1l.* from the Mechanics' Hall.

32,442. You voted the last council choosing?—No. I should have returned the sovereign that I did have, but I did not think I should make myself any better for it.

The witness withdrew.

J. Megson.

John Megson called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

32,443. Are you the Mr. Megson that was examined in London in 1860?—No.

32,444. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

32,445. How long have you been a freeman?—40 years next May.

32,446. Did you vote at the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells in 1857?—Yes.

32,447. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

32,448. The election following, Edwards and Wells, did you get anything?—Nothing.

32,449. What are you by occupation?—Cowkeeper and gardener.

32,450. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—*2l.* for Walters.

32,451. Where did you get that?—At the Reform Rooms.

32,452. In the election of Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Gridley, and got *30s.*

32,453. Where did you get that?—The Packhorse.

32,454. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Keane.

32,455. Did you get *1l.* at the Mechanics'?—Yes.

32,456. That is all you got?—Yes.

32,457. Did you vote at the last parliamentary elections, Edwards and Kennard, Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

32,458. For whom?—Maxwell and Trollope.

32,459. Did you get any money for your vote at council choosing?—No, I never did in my life.

32,460. Were you ever employed in any way at any of these elections?—No.

32,461. Not as a runner?—No.

32,462. Or watcher?—No, nothing.

32,463. In the band?—No.

32,464. Carrying messages?—No, sir, at no time.

The witness withdrew.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

T. Harrison.

21 Sept. 1869.

THOMAS HARRISON called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

32,465. How long have you been a freeman?—45 years.

32,466. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—No.

32,467. You did not vote?—No.

32,468. Did you vote in Edwards and Wells?—Is that 1859?

32,469. That was in August 1857?—I did not vote.

32,470. Then did you vote at Walters' election in 1859?—Yes, I voted for Edwards and Walker.

32,471. What did you get?—I was employed as assistant poll clerk, and got 42*s.*

32,472. The next was 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker, and was employed the same way, and got 31*s.*

32,473. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—In 1865 I did not vote.

32,474. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

32,475. Did you ever have anything to do with the pasture masters' election?—Yes; filling up voting papers.

32,476. Where was that?—Here, opposite the square.

32,477. You must let us look at that paper in your hand when you have done with it?—Yes; you can have it now. At Toll Gavel in the municipal, and the pasture masters' in the same place.

32,478. Do you mean filled up voting papers there?—Yes.

32,479. You filled up the papers there?—Yes.

32,480. Did you bribe anyone?—No, not a soul.

32,481. You were paid, I suppose?—I was paid.

32,482. What were you paid?—I was paid 10*s.*

32,483. For each?—For several years.

32,484. Were you in the Mechanics' Hall in the election of 1865?—No.

32,485. Can you remember without looking at that paper?—I was not in the hall.

32,486. Were you about the hall?—I was in the committee-room at the corner house.

32,487. Whose committee-room?—Mr. Keane's.

32,488. In Keane's committee-room?—Yes.

32,489. What were you doing there?—This is what I was doing, I was employed in Keane's committee-room as clerk to the messenger room.

32,490. Did you vote?—No, I did not.

32,491. Are you quite sure?—Yes; if you will look at the poll book you will find it so.

32,492. Did you get anything for not voting?—No.

32,493. Did you get any money?—No, I got nothing for not voting.

32,494. What did you get for being clerk in the messenger room?—I got 1*l.* 8*s.* on account.

32,495. What were you to have got?—No specific sum was ever named.

32,496. Why say on account?—Because I considered I ought to have had something more.

32,497. How did you come not to vote?—I do not know; I cannot tell you.

32,498. I am sure you can. You were employed by Keane's committee, and you got 1*l.* 8*s.* of his money, and you were expected to vote?—No, I was not.

32,499. You were expected by Keane's party to vote for him?—No, I was not.

32,500. How came you not to vote?—I did not vote.

32,501. Why did you not vote?—I cannot tell you.

32,502. Yes, you can quite easily tell us. You voted for Edwards in 1859, and you voted for Walker in 1860?—Yes.

32,503. You told us so just now?—That is not always; I voted twice for Towneley.

32,504. (*Mr. H. Cox.*)—Did you complain of their not giving you any more money than 1*l.* 8*s.*? Did you make any complaint about it?—I sent in my account.

32,505. You sent in your account?—I did.

32,506. To whom?—To Mr. Luke Hind and to the party.

32,507. How much did you ask for in your account?—About 4*l.* or 5*l.*

32,508. (*Mr. Barstow.*)—Now let us look at that piece of paper?—(*It was handed to the Commissioners.*)

32,509. I should like to see both those papers?—One is a copy of the other.

32,510. Well, I will look at it for all that (*another paper handed to the Commissioner*). You never told us how you did not come to vote. We know quite well. You must tell us yourself?—I cannot tell you.

32,511. How was it you were going to poll; for Keane I suppose?—No, I do not know that I was. I never promised him, and never saw him.

32,512. Who were you going to vote for? You were going to vote for some one?—I do not know.

32,513. I am sure you were. You must excuse me?—I had never made up my mind.

32,514. Who employed you?—Mr. Luke Hind.

32,515. What are these papers?—I have just copied them out yesterday morning; just for my own use.

32,516. What have you copied them from?—I have made them from memory, and have never shown them to no person, and no person has seen them. I think an old man like me ought to have something for his memory.

The witness withdrew.

T. I. Cattle.

THOMAS ISOTT CATTLE called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

32,517. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

32,518. And been a freeman a great many years?—Yes, above 60.

32,519. Did you vote at Towneley's first election?—Yes.

32,520. How much did you get for your vote?—I got 4*l.*

32,521. Denison, Wells, and Glover, in 1857. Do you remember whether you voted then, in 1857?—I voted for Denison and Wells.

32,522. Did you get anything for your vote?—2*l.*

32,523. Did you vote for Wells again after that, the next time he put up in 1857?—Yes.

32,524. Did you vote for him?—Yes, both times.

32,525. What did you get for your vote the second time?—I do not know that I got anything.

32,526. Well, come, did you or did you not?—I do not know that I did.

32,527. In 1857, Walters, Edwards, and Walker; do you remember them putting up?—I did not vote for Walker.

32,528. Did you vote for Walters?—Yes, I voted for Walters.

32,529. What did you get for your vote?—2*l.*

32,530. In 1860, when Walker and Gridley were up, did you vote for Gridley?—Yes.

32,531. What did you get for your vote?—I got 2*l.*

32,532. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; did you vote for Keane?—Yes, I did.

32,533. Did you get 1*l.* at the Mechanics'?—I got 1*l.* for it.

32,534. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.

32,535. Did you get that at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

32,536. Was that the day before the election?—I did not get no more.

32,537. Was that the day before the election?—I got it before the election.

32,538. The day before the election?—Yes.

32,539. Did you not go the second day?—No, I did not.

32,540. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

32,541. Did you get anything for your vote then?—No, I did not.

32,542. Just go back to the time when you got the 2*l.* from Wells in 1857; where did you get that?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

32,543. Denison and Wells?—I do not know where I got it; I got it of some one, but who I got it of I do not know.

32,544. Did you get it in a house?—I am sure I do not know; and I do not say because I do not know.

32,545. Did you get it in a house?—I very likely did; but I am sure I do not know where.

32,546. Whereabouts was the house?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

32,547. Was it near the voting place; near the polling place?—I cannot say where I got it. I know I got something.

32,548. You said you got 2*l.*?—I did.

32,549. Was it in a house near the hustings, in the Market Place?—I believe it was at the "Packhorse," but I will not be sure.

32,550. You think it was at the "Packhorse"?—Yes.

32,551. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know who paid you at the "Packhorse"?—I am sure I do not know the man.

32,552. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What sort of a man?—I only saw his head and his face. I did not see his feet.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till eleven o'clock on Thursday morning.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

September 23rd, 1869.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien stated he had received a letter from Frederick William Cronhelme, in amendment of former evidence given by that gentleman. It was as follows:—

"Crow-wood, near Halifax. 21st of September 1869,
"addressed to Mr. Serjeant O'Brien, Chief Commis-
"sioner to the Beverley Election Inquiry.

"Sir. Let me respectfully ask your permission
"to amend my evidence before you yesterday. The
"loss of 500*l.* on the loan to Mr. Baker formed part of
"the 2,000*l.* taken by Captain Edwards to his debit
"31st of December 1857, as private expenses at
"Fixley, as did also extra gift of 200*l.* to Mr. Wreg-
"hitt for his services in the election of 1857. The
"usual allowance of 200*l.* was doubled on the occa-
"sion."

32553. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien, addressing Mr. Wreghitt, who was in attendance for further examination*). Is that so, Mr. Wreghitt?—The amount is the same.

32,554. You said you got 200*l.*?—Yes.

32,555. You spread it over a few years?—That is the amount, I am quite satisfied about; the only thing I was not satisfied about was the date.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You did mention it; it shows the accuracy of the old gentleman's memory.

32,556. Who was Mr. Baker? I have it not on my note?—He was a cornfactor residing in Beverley at that time.

32,557. What was his Christian name?—James.

32,558. Did he fill any office?—Yes; he was in the council.

32,559. What was the 8*l.* for that you received on the part of Mr. Glover?—It was for my travelling expenses to London and back. I was in London twice, and I received 8*l.*

32,560. You received that from Mr. Bainton?—Yes.

32,561. On Glover's petition?—Yes.

32,562. And you say it had no reference to Sir Henry Edwards at all?—Not the slightest.

32,563. The explanation of the old gentleman shows you must have received the 200*l.* before the 31st of December 1857. You heard what he said, that it was taken to Captain Edwards' debit account. Is your recollection inconsistent with that?—It is not.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We have no evidence as yet of Mr. Cronhelme's handwriting, Mr. Wreghitt; can you prove it?—Yes, I know it very well.

32,564. (*Showing letter.*) Is this Mr. Cronhelme's handwriting?—Yes; this is his handwriting, certainly.

Mr. Bainton here presented himself to give a further explanation with regard to the sum of 18*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien informed Mr. Bainton he was ready to hear whatever he wished to say.

(*Mr. Bainton.*) The explanation I wished to make was with reference to a question put to me the other day, that when I was examined before a Committee of the House of Commons in 1859 I was asked, "Will you inform the Committee whether or
"no the account sent in by you to the election
"auditor includes every shilling on behalf of Major
"Edwards during the election?"

The explanation I wish to offer is this: according to the law at that time it was necessary to send in an account to the election auditor of any personal expenses prior to the nomination.

There was the 18*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* sent in to the election auditor, and this shows the Committee were aware of this 18*l.*, because they asked me the question shortly before this question was put to me, whether I had sent in an account prior to the nomination to the election auditor. I wish the Commissioners clearly to understand that these two accounts were in before the Committee. It is quite clear that was so from their question, and I am satisfied from my own recollection that such was.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien here stated it was not only their duty but their wish to give to every person every possible facility and opportunity for any explanation they might wish to give.

32,565-6. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What page of the printed book is it?—8.

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32,567. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What answer do you refer to?—The answer is to question 2696, "Did "you send in an account of the expenses incurred "prior to the nomination?" That was the account, 18*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, a copy of which I have handed to you. The answer I gave was, 'Yes.' That, as I have said, was the account handed to you.

32,568. (*Mr Serjeant O'Brien.*) There is some mistake. Why did you not put down the total amounts; the names of the messengers?—It gave the total amount; not the names of the messengers. I am perfectly certain it was before them at that time. I am sure, if you understood the Act of Parliament, that is, if you had looked at it in order to see the bearing upon this point——

32,569. You are quite right as to there being two accounts; the one, apart from the 18*l.*, was before the Committee of the House of Commons?—Yes.

32,570. That 18*l.* was never before them?—It was not; it was sent in before the election auditor. I say they must have known that because of their putting that question to me.

32,571. There was a supplementary account?—Not then.

32,572. You are quite right as to dates; a supplementary account would always come in after the election?—I was not aware it was expended, and that is the reason, very likely, how the mistake has arisen.

32,572*a*. It is quite clear the account was not before the Committee?—Excuse me, the question 2697 is "Did you send in an account of the expenses "incurred prior to the nomination?" I said, "Yes." Well, that was the 18*l.* I have handed in an exact account of what was sent in to the election auditor. It was a mistake to say Mr. Champney was the election auditor; Mr. Willis was.

32,573. (*Mr Barstow.*) I understood you to say these supplementary accounts were handed in about two months after the election?—The supplementary accounts came in after the petition.

32,574. To a question put by myself, you answered they came in about two months after the election?—I think I said some months.

32,575. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They don't come in till after?—They can come in after.

35,576. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) After the petition was tried?—Yes. The petition was tried in March.

(*Mr. Sergeant O'Brien.*) I am very glad of this; it relieves my mind. The only doubt I had was they had been expended. There were two accounts, one before and the other followed?—Yes.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There was a great mistake somewhere in not having the return in the published expenses.

(*Mr. Bainton.*) It was not printed by the election auditor; that was the fact.

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think it is the unanimous opinion of the Commissioners, and I am very glad to say so, the explanation the witness has given is satisfactory. Is there any other explanation you wish to offer?

(*Mr. Baintoh.*) No other; no other at present.

Mr. W. S. Wreghitt.

WILLIAM SMALES WREGHITT called; further examined by the Chief Commissioner.

32,577-8. I think we were upon the close of the election of '68 when we left off?—Yes.

32,579. There was, as I understand, a sharp contest in '67?—Yes, there was; I was a candidate on that occasion.

32,580. You were a candidate, were you?—I was.

32,581. Were you returned on that occasion?—Yes.

32,582. And returned by means of the money supplied by Mr. Sykes and Sir Henry Edwards?—Well, I do not know that of my own knowledge, Serjeant O'Brien.

32,583. All I want to know is this, you advanced money of their monies; you advanced a sum to fight that election?—58*l.* I did.

32,584. Of their monies?—Yes, I did.

32,585. And you contributed nothing of your own?—Nothing.

32,586. And I believe you did not vote in '68?—No.

32,587. That shows me I am dealing with a very clever man; a very intelligent clever man. I say it advisedly. I suppose I may ask you, Mr. Wreghitt, you made yourself acquainted with the Bribery Act of '67?—Of '68; July '68.

32,588. Before the general election?—I did.

32,589. Quite so; it was of course '68. The provisions are there very serious and very strict?—So they are.

32,590. Now we will come down. There was a contest with the pasture masters on the 1st of March '68?—Yes.

32,591. What monies, out of these monies forwarded to you by Mr. Sykes and Sir Henry Edwards, did you advance?—I advanced 50*l.*, and received 20*l.* back. 30*l.* was the sum.

32,592. To whom did you advance the 50*l.*?—To Francis Burrell.

32,593. The same year; the 1st of March?—Yes; in '68 that was.

32,594. You explained how the money in '67 was advanced; it was advanced for you by Mr. Barkworth?—Yes.

32,595. Was he in the council then?—No, he was not; he was elected alderman on the 9th of November.

32,596. He was elected alderman then, was he?—Yes.

32,597 Who was elected?—Mr. Barkworth.

32,598. He was elected alderman in '67, you say?—No; I am mistaken. It was in '68 he was elected alderman; he was not in the council in '67.

32,599. He was elected alderman on the 9th of November '68; is that so?—Yes, it was so.

32,600. How many aldermen were elected in that year?—Six; three rather.

32,601. Who else?—There was Mr. Barkworth, Dr. Walker, and Mr. George Cussons.

32,602. Dr. Walker?—Yes; a doctor of medicine in the town.

32,603. Now, the pasture masters; I suppose it was a mere re-election of the pasture masters?—Yes, it was.

32,604. There were no new men?—No.

32,605. You gave 50*l.*, and 20*l.* was returned?—Yes.

32,606. Now we come to your first dealings with the new candidate, Captain Kennard. When did you first hear that the captain was becoming a candidate?—I met him in York in July, and he came afterwards in September.

32,607. First you went up with a deputation?—I was one.

32,608. Who first introduced his name to you?—Mr. Bainton; he had seen him in London.

32,609. And then from that interview you and others went over to him in York?—Yes, by his own appointment.

32,610. There were only three in the deputation; but Mr. McCoy happened to be in York, as the assizes were on.

32,611. And he joined you?—He joined us.

32,612. Did you explain to Captain Kennard in that interview the conditions on which he was to become a candidate for Beverley?—There were conversations.

32,613. But I mean the conditions; did you explain, without going into details, that it would be necessary for him to contribute to the local contests?—I think it would be highly probable that something was said, but I do not know that anything definite was said.

32,614. No nothing definite, but was it intimated by you what the general conditions were on which he was to become a candidate?—I think it was stated what his predecessors had done.

32,615. That is just what I should suppose; you stated what Mr. Walker and Mr. Sykes had done?—I think it was put in that way.

32,616. Most likely it would be. Who were the spokesmen on that occasion?—Mr. Barkworth, Mr. Lowther, and myself.

32,617. You explained to him how Mr. Walker and Mr. Sykes had acted, not mentioning, I suppose, the conditions on which you yourself were retained?—No, not in the slightest.

32,618. Had Mr. Lowther or Mr. Bainton known the conditions on which you were acting?—I do not know that they did.

32,619. Had you any other interviews with him, or any correspondence with him from that time till the time after the Doncaster week when he came to Beverley?—Yes; he was at that time continually moving about from place to place, and he kept advising me of his address.

20,620. He wrote to you?—Yes.

32,621. And you to him?—Yes.

32,622. Was anything of business of a definite character mentioned in those letters?—Nothing whatever.

32,623. Now we come to the autumn of '68. The week after the Doncaster week Captain Kennard was here, and you waited upon him?—He was staying at the Beverley Arms, and I waited upon him.

32,624. A number of you waited upon him at first; four or five?—Yes; several of the leading gentlemen of the town were introduced to him.

32,625. And you saw him the morning after?—Yes; he wished to see the Minster and other places, and I walked round the town with him to show him.

36,626. At that private interview with yourself, what understanding did you come to with him?—Affecting money matters?

36,627. Yes; I mean on business?—There really was no understanding whatever up to the time of his being a candidate.

36,628. But he was a candidate then?—Yes; there was nothing definite done.

36,629. Was not it arranged between you that you should write to him, if you wanted it, for money?—Well, I think I had stated to him that I had done so with reference to the other gentleman who had preceded him.

32,630. That is quite enough; it was a business transaction. You said, "I was in the habit of doing so "and so; would you accept these terms." You stated you were in the habit of receiving money from the former members for the coming contests?—Yes.

32,631. And I suppose you told him there was a contest pending in the municipal for the party?—Yes.

32,632. And at that time you attached great importance to winning the election?—It was of the first importance to win the election.

32,633. But did you tell Captain Kennard that it was of unusual importance to win that election?—Well, I do not distinctly remember whether I did or did not put the thing in that strong light before him. I wrote to him, stating that there was a municipal contest approaching, but I do not certainly remember that I put it in that light.

32,634. I am sure you would put it in a very good light before him?—I dare say I should try to make myself understood.

32,635. We will take it you told him there was a municipal contest pending that would be of importance?—Yes.

32,636. That would be about the middle of October?—Yes; it would be something about the middle of October, perhaps.

32,637. And then it must have been on the 22nd of October, or about that time, you got an answer to that?—I think it was earlier than that; I think it was about the 15th; somewhere about the middle of October.

32,638. What was the reply to that?—I received 100*l.*

32,639. Well, what were you to do with that; were any instructions given in the letter?—None whatever. I received it from his banker, and he simply stated he had been requested by Captain Kennard to remit me that sum of money.

32,640. From the tone of your letter to Captain Kennard, and from the remittance coming, did not you understand that it was to be expended for municipal purposes?—Well, I gave him to understand it would be placed in my hands at my disposal.

32,641. Gave who to understand?—Captain Kennard.

32,642. For what?—For any political purpose, I presume, that I might think it right to apply it.

32,643. Did you tell him that?—Well, I presume——

32,644. Did you tell him that you received it and held it on the understanding that you were to apply it for any political purpose you thought proper?—That was the understanding, no doubt.

32,645. Very well. Now we will go step by step. I suppose you wrote at the same time to Sir Henry Edwards; about the same time?—I did; at least to Mr. Cronhelme.

32,646. That is the same thing?—Yes; but as a matter of fact I had better put it in that way; I wrote to Mr. Cronhelme.

32,647. To the same effect?—Yes; to the same effect.

32,648. But, I suppose, more plainly to him?—I think the way I put it before him was—at that time I happened to be creditor rather than a debtor to Sir Henry Edwards—he was owing me 10*l.*, and I simply wrote to him to state that I was out of funds, and I wanted him to send me some.

32,649. Oh no, no. There is not the slightest use in that explanation; not the remotest use?—I have no doubt Mr. Cronhelme would perfectly understand what I meant.

32,650. Being out of funds, under some circumstances, is equivalent to saying give me money for a certain purpose. How much did he remit to you on that occasion?—I think in the first instance he remitted 150*l.*, and then in a few days I received another 100*l.*, as a present from Sir Henry.

32,651. Never mind about its being a present. I only want the facts?—Those are the facts exactly that I utter.

32,652. Now you have 150*l.* and 100*l.*, making 250*l.*, and 100*l.* from Captain Kennard, which makes 350*l.* in your hands in the latter end of October?—I think 250*l.* You should put it at 150*l.* from Mr. Cronhelme and 100*l.* from Kennard.

32,653. But there was the present. We shall think of that after. You had 350*l.* in your hands?—Yes, received from them; that is quite correct.

32,654. What is the last day you will give me for the last receipt of money, the last 100*l.*?—Towards the latter end of October.

32,655. Should I be right in saying about the 29th of October?—You might be, but certainly it was before the end of October.

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32,656. Now, before you had written that your funds were nearly exhausted, and before you had written to Captain Kennard, that meeting of the association called the Working Men's Association had been held ?—Oh yes, it had; it was held in the early part of October.

32,657. And the candidates had been introduced ?—Oh yes.

32,658. Now one other question, and I think you will answer it candidly. Did not you mention in any of these letters that Mr. Norfolk was become a candidate and Mr. Usher ?—Certainly not.

32,659. Why, you know Norfolk was, if I may say so, the managing of a concern that was largely infused (I do not wish to say it offensively) with Edwards' interest ?—Yes.

32,660. And Mr. Usher was the secretary ?—Yes.

32,661. And you were going to pay municipal honours to them. Now, how is it you omitted mentioning that to Sir Henry Edwards ?—Well, I did not look upon Mr. Norfolk as of any more importance than any other person in reference to the council chamber, and I did not think there would be any special reason why I should.

32,662. Nor Usher?—No ; Usher was in already.

32,663. You did not mention either ?—No, I do not think that I did.

32,664. Where was Sir Henry at this time when you wrote to him ?—I believe at Pye-nest. He had left London at that time, and would be at home, I have no doubt.

32,665. The last remittance, the 100*l.*, came from Sir Henry's own hands ?—No ; I think they both came from Mr. Cronhelme, but I have no doubt they came with Sir Henry's knowledge.

32,666. Were they notes, in the same way ?—Yes, in bank notes.

32,667. Half notes, I suppose ?—Yes.

32,668. Now, you had arranged, of course, with Mr. Norfolk and Mr. Usher, and the other men, to start them as candidates ?—Yes.

32,669. And had arranged, no doubt, before you applied for this money, to advance liberal sums of money for the purpose ?—I had intended to render assistance as usual.

32,670. And to advance larger sums, I think ; but, however, it was arranged, and it was known, that you would advance money to the party ?—That was the general impression. I do not think it would be known ; I had not stated it.

32,671. I mean the select few ?—That would be the impression, no doubt.

32,672. Had not you communicated to Mr. Lowther or Mr. Arden you had received monies ?—No ; to neither.

32,673. You did not communicate that you had received from the coming member ?—Not to anybody.

32,674. How soon before the 31st of October were you spoken to about the advance of money ?—I was spoken to by Mr. Norfolk on Friday the 30th of October.

32,675. At that time, of course, you had these monies in your hands ?—I had.

32,676. How much money did you advance to him on that day ?—150*l.*

32,677. Now that was not a usual advance ; that was a very unusual advance, was it not ?—Well, 100*l.* I had advanced before, and supplemented it with something like 30*l.* from each. I think you had a case from Mr. Walker.

32,678. I know ; but here was a first commencement for 150*l.*, to be followed by a supplement. Had you ever on any former occasion as a first instalment advanced 150*l.* ?—I do not remember that I had.

32,679. No ; we have it you had not 150*l.* on the Friday ?—Yes.

37,680. Did he ask you where you got it ?—No ; I never told anybody where I got the money.

32,681. Very well. Now how did you advance it to him ?—In bank notes.

32,682. What notes were they ; local bank notes ? No ; they were Bank of England notes.

32,683. Were they a portion of the Bank notes you received from Sir Henry ?—Yes, and Captain Kennard.

32,684. Did you see Mr. Arden upon the Friday, or Mr. Lowther ?—Neither.

32,685. When had you seen Mr. Forge, of the bank ?—I saw Mr. Forge on the 2nd of November. Monday I kept ——

32,686. Wait, wait ; we will come to that presently. We are now on the Friday or Saturday morning. How many days before that had you seen him ?—I had not seen him to have any conversation with him for several days before.

32,687. You had not ?—No, I had not indeed.

32,688. Had you seen him so as to converse with him upon the subject of the coming election before the Friday ?—No.

32,689. You know I perfectly accept your answer ?—I will give it honestly, sir, whatever may be the result.

32,690. You did not ?—I did not.

32,691. Well, you say you did not ; positively, or to the best of your recollection ?—I will say it positively I did not.

32,692. Had you seen Mr. Arden before the Friday in reference to the expenses of the election ?—No.

32,693. Nor Mr. Lowther ?—Nor Mr. Lowther. I never had any communication with Mr. Lowther on the subject at all.

32,694. When and from whom did you learn first (now consider the question well) that Mr. Forge was ready to advance money for the purpose of the election ?—I never heard that he was ready to do so. I heard that he had done so, after the election, but I never heard before the election that he was ready to do so.

32,695. Before the Monday ?—Not before the Monday.

32,696. Then do I understand you it was on the Monday you heard it ?—Yes, it was on the Monday I heard it.

32,697. While the election was going on ?—No ; it was on Monday morning, when the money was returned to me.

32,698. Before the election commenced ?—Yes ; it was the Monday.

32,699. That was the object of my question, to see whether the information reached you before the Saturday ?—It reached me about eight o'clock on the Monday morning.

32,700. Who did you see on the Monday morning ?—I saw Mr. Norfolk.

32,701. Who else ?—Mr. Arden.

32,702. Mr. Lowther ?—No ; not Mr. Lowther.

32,703. Mr. Norfolk came to your house, I think ?—No ; I went to see him.

32,704. You went to see Mr. Norfolk ?—Yes, I did.

32,705. You had advanced 150*l.* to him ?—Yes.

32,706. What time on Friday ?—It was in the afternoon.

32,707. Where ?—In my own house.

32,708. He came to you ?—He did.

32,709. For the money ?—For the money.

32,710. Then on Saturday morning you went to his house ; is that so ?—No ; I went to Hull on Saturday morning.

32,711. You saw him on Saturday ?—No ; on the Monday morning.

32,712. Did you see him at all on the Saturday ?—Well, just casually, as I was walking out of my own door to go to the railway station, he was passing home to breakfast ; there was no conversation.

32,713. Oh, I do not mean that. Did you see any of the party on the Saturday ?—Not with reference to the municipal election.

32,714. Now we know that Mr. Norfolk and some of them had consultations on Sunday about the money. Did you see any of them on the Sunday?—No, none of them.

32,715. None of them came to you?—None of them.

32,716. What time did you get back from Hull?—I think we got back early by the half-past nine train; we went there at half-past eight in the morning, and not meeting with Mr. Baxter, our business was soon over, and we returned by the next train.

32,717. And then during the entire Saturday do I understand you to say you had no communication with any of the party?—None whatever.

32,718. Nor on the Sunday?—Oh, certainly not.

32,719. Now, on the Monday morning, did you go to Norfolk's, or did Norfolk come to you?—I did not go to his house. I saw him in the street, and I went up to him.

32,720. At what time did you see him? You must have been going after him, I suppose?—Yes; it was my business; I went specially to see him.

32,721. You went after him, in fact?—Yes; in search of him.

32,722. You went in search of him?—Yes.

32,723. Might I inquire, was that in consequence of rumours you had heard or suggestions in your own mind that it would be dangerous to apply the money for the purposes of the municipal election?—Entirely from suggestions in my own mind. I had applied to nobody; I had consulted nobody.

32,724. Then it did occur to you to be possible that it would endanger the parliamentary election of the members, if they were returned, if the money advanced for the municipal election was expended so?—Yes.

32,725. And the result before Mr. Baron Martin shows you took a correct view?—Yes.

32,726. Now, when you saw Mr. Norfolk, did you ascertain from him that he had obtained some money from Mr. Forge, as we know he did, and that he was in a condition to obtain further advances?—I know that he had obtained money from Mr. Forge, because when I applied to him for the money to be returned he said I have not sufficient by me, and I must see Mr. Forge, so that in that way I ascertained he was receiving the money from Mr. Forge.

32,727. This was early in the morning?—It was eight o'clock. I observed the clock.

32,728. Very well. Now, having been in search of him, did you meet afterwards Mr. Arden?—Yes. Mr. Arden came up to me near to the Beverley Arms, and he said he wished to see me.

32,729. When?—That was eight o'clock on the Monday morning.

32,730. About eight?—Yes.

32,731. How soon after had you seen Norfolk?—Perhaps not more than five minutes.

32,732. He came up to you, and put a parcel into your hands?—He asked me to step in to the Beverley Arms passage, and said he had a parcel for me from Norfolk, and he handed it over.

32,733. Did you ascertain from him that the money had been obtained then, or did you hear anything about it from Mr. Forge?—No.

32,734. You heard the money was coming?—But Mr. Arden said nothing further then that he had received this from Norfolk, who requested him to hand it over to me. That was all the conversation between Arden and myself.

32,735. One other question. Did you tell Norfolk why it was you demanded the money back?—Yes. I laid my views before him. I said I was quite sure that I had committed an error in giving the money, and that I had placed my friends in jeopardy, and I begged that he would return the money, and he did so.

32,736. I need not go further into that; we know the result. When did you see Mr. Forge?—I saw him between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning. I had business in the bank.

32,737. Did you ascertain from him what sum of money had been advanced?—He never mentioned the subject to me at all.

32,738. Or you to him?—No.

32,739. You avoided it?—Well, I———

32,740. You intentionally avoided it; you had a right to do so?—I did avoid it, certainly.

32,741. Yes, you did; you intentionally avoided it, and you had a right to do it. Where you a candidate at the time?—No; I was in the council.

32,742. But not a candidate at that time?—No.

32,743. And I suppose you really took no part in that election?—Well, I did not take any active part. I voted.

32,744. You saw what was going on, I presume?—Well, I saw less of it than usual.

32,745. You had Captain Kennard's address?—Yes. He was at Scarborough at the time.

32,746. Had you Sir Henry Edward's?—Yes.

32,747. Did you telegraph to both the result?—I believe so.

32,748. Oh, that is not a matter of belief. You are very precise with me in other matters?—Well, I did.

32,749. Now it is a queer thing, but I think I can tell you your message; the telegraph wires sometimes speak?—That is easily ascertained, if you get a copy of the message.

32,750. Was it not something like this, "To Captain Kennard. Won. The captain's election safe"?—No, certainly not.

32,751. Do not say certainly not; tell me what your recollection of it is?—I think I can say my impression is it was not that.

32,752. Tell me what your recollection is of the telegram to Captain Kennard?—I think it would be, "The Conversatives are all in," or something to that effect; that is my impression, but I do not distinctly remember.

32,753. I only ask for your recollection. I think you will find it was to this effect, "The captain's seat is safe"?—I do not think so; I may be mistaken, but I have a strong impression it was not so.

32,754. There may have been several telegraphic messages?—Yes; it would not be from me. I should not state more than what I knew to be historically true.

32,755. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you send more than one that day?—Not to Captain Kennard.

32,756. (*Mr. Sergeant O'Brien.*) I think I may be wrong, and it may have been from somebody else. You are too prudent a general to do that, I think. I suppose Captain Kennard's address was known to a few others; that he was at Scarborough?—I am not sure of that. I hardly think it would, because he was moving about from place to place, and he had no fixed residence at this time.

32,757. I want to know how you view it. What possible interest could Captain Kennard have in this municipal election?—Well, as he was a candidate for higher honors, I naturally concluded that the smaller intelligence would be acceptable to him.

32,758. Did not you intend to convey, as you had had 100*l.* from him, that that 100*l.* had been well employed?—No, it had not been employed at all.

32,759. No; that had not been employed, but the substitute had. Did you ever explain to him afterwards that the 100*l.* had not been employed?—He asked me if it had, and I told him it had not.

32,760. When?—I do not distinctly remember, but soon after he came.

32,761. When, when?—I clearly cannot recollect; not distinctly.

32,762. When. Now look here at the condition you are in. You have in your hands from him, with his sanction, 100*l.*, to be expended for the municipal election, and you send to him a telegraphic message that all is right, and victory is secure, or something to that effect?—Yes.

32,763. He comes to town almost immediately; the day after?—Yes.

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32,764. Now will you tell me, was he in town two hours or three hours when you told him none of his money was employed?—I do not remember saying anything to him about it I do not remember his asking me such a question.

32,765. No; I thought so; he did not ask. In fact till after the election was over you left him, did you not, under the impression that his 100*l.* had been expended?—No, certainly not.

32,766. When did you explain it? I give you your option. When did you explain it to him?—I think it would be either that day or the day or two after he came he made the inquiry.

32,767. I want the date; did he inquire?—I do not remember his having done so.

32,768. Did you volunteer it and be very cautious here, both the members have stated that they never made any inquiries or said anything about the election; so be very cautious here?—I have no recollection of any conversation of the kind having taken place between us.

32,769. When did you volunteer it to him? I will take it in any way you like; in whatever way pleases you. Whether you volunteered before the election, or he never asked you till after the election, or any way you like. Give which explanation you think right, to the best of your recollection?—Having no distinct recollection of any conversation taking place between us, I should really be unable to state, with any degree of confidence or certainty, when the thing did take place.

32,770. Did it ever take place? Where you asked a single word by Captain Kennard of how the 100*l.* was spent?—I think the question would rather be whether it was spent at all or not.

32,771. No; it was in your hands, and that would be the form of the question. It was in your hands, with his knowledge that it would be expended, or his anticipation that it would be expended, in the municipal election. Now, I ask you did he ever ask you, and if so when, how the money was expended?—I really do not think he ever put any question of the kind to me.

32,772. Very well; neither before the election nor afterwards?—No, I do not remember that he did.

32,773. You had one hundred and fifty pounds from Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

32,774. I will not speak of anything else, before Baron Martin. Did he ever ask you before the election or after the election how the hundred and fifty pounds was expended?—No, certainly not.

32,775. Neither Captain Kennard or Major Edwards ever asked you, up to the time Baron Martin came here, how the 200*l.* was spent?—To the best of my recollection, they did not.

32,776. Either in writing or verbally?—No.

32,777. Now we have the election secure, I suppose the town was ringing, while the members were here with, what shall I call it, the rumours, the reports, that money had been extravagantly expended in the municipal election?—It was.

32,778. The election was about the 16th of November, the Tuesday?—The 17th of November.

32,779. Later in the month you received some money from Captain Kennard?—Yes, I did. I do not know what led him to send them. I suppose he would have an impression that there would be some after payments after the election; but I received 50*l.* in November, and I received 50*l.* afterwards.

32,780. In December?—Yes; that was to hand over to the treasurer of the Agricultural Show.

32,781. Did he send it in a letter?—He did.

32,782. Where is it?—I have it not.

32,783. What have you done with it?—It was along with the others.

32,784. Burnt?—Yes; but you can easily ascertain that by applying to the treasurer.

32,785. If we put a harsh construction upon the transaction, you must blame yourself?—Yes; I will bear all the blame, but that really is the fact, the 50*l.* was handed over to the treasurer.

32,786. It was handed over as Captain Kennard's contribution to the Agricultural Show?—Yes.

32,787. What did you receive in November from Sir Henry Edwards?—Nothing.

32,788. What did you receive in January following?—Nothing. I received no money after that from them to now.

32,789. The petition would be after that immediately presented?—Yes.

32,790. And then all payments were suspended?—No; the local payments were continued out of the money that I had in hand.

32,791. I do not care about local payments, but the payments to you?—Yes, quite. I have received nothing since.

32,792. I understood you to say that Captain Kennard gave you directions how the last 50*l.* was to be applied in a letter?—He did.

32,793. Did he give you any directions how this 50*l.* paid you in November should be applied?—No.

32,794. Did you ask him for it?—For the money?

32,795. Yes?—I do not remember having done so.

32,796. Just recollect. After the election is over no money has been expended on your part. Did you ask him for it, or did he volunteer to give it?—He volunteered.

32,797. To yourself?—No.

32,798. To whom?—He volunteered to place it in my hands.

32,799. How was the transaction carried out?—He forwarded me a cheque.

32,800. On what bank?—On Bower, Hall, and Co., in this town.

32,801 Where was he?—In London.

32,802. Was that in a letter?—It was.

32,803. What has become of that letter?—I did not think it was a letter of any importance at all; it simply stated that he had enclosed a cheque for general purposes.

32,804. Was that the word?—I believe that was the word.

32,805. Till the time you proceeded up to London, just before Baron Martin came, did he ever ask you how this 100*l.* or 50*l.* was expended?—May I state that he made a mistake in reference to that; it was after Baron Martin being here; it was on the 22nd of March, and Baron Martin was here on the 8th.

32,806. After that he called you to account?—No. I rather invited him to meet me. I wrote to him, stating that I was going up to London, and I should be happy to see him on the account. I had a detailed account, and I went through the account, item by item, and handed him over the balance, for which I received a receipt, which I now have in my pocket.

32,807. Do I understand that you voted from 1857 down to 1868?—I did.

32,808. I do not want you to give an account of the expenditure of money at all. My friends can get it from you, if they like.

32,809. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr Serjeant O'Brien wishes me to ask you about the freedoms?—Yes.

32,810. I dare say you are as well acquainted as we are with the evidence given here?—Yes.

32,811. You have been in the habit of supplying sums to people desirous to take up their freedom?—I have.

32,812. I suppose the applicant generally applies to you; the person desiring to take up his freedom applies to you?—Yes.

32,813. Have you ever looked out for anyone?—Never.

32,814. You know that we have it in evidence that on several occasions, and as stated before us, that you have said that you wished the applicants to vote your way?—I have not done so.

32,815. You can swear with sufficient confidence that you have not?—I can swear that I never on any

occasion did so, and I am prepared to furnish positive proof by other persons that were present. It was always done in my own shop, and I looked on it rather as a registration fee, knowing that those who were on the register I could not control their votes, because pretty nearly as many voted against me as the other way.

32,816. I suppose you looked on it in the light of what we call the retaining fee?—No; the persons coming to me stated their political views; that they were Conservative in principles, and had not the means of getting on the register.

32,817. I suppose, if they said they were Liberals, you would not have complied?—Well, I do not think I should, to be honest with you, but they did not come to me with that statement.

32,818. Therefore, whether they said it to you or you to them, does not seem to make much matter?—Not much.

32,819. Then you applied this money to take up the freedom of Conservatives?—Yes. That I beg to say is not a new thing. The impression made is this was a new thing invented by myself. I think on the second day a man stated that his freedom was taken up in the year 1835. It has been very commonly done in this borough, long before I knew Beverley. I do not know the date, but it is not a new thing, but it was a continuation of a thing which long existed before I knew Beverley.

32,820. It exists in many towns. Are you the inventor of the system that you have now been detailing?—Certainly not.

32,821. That existed in Beverley before you came?—I think, if we may judge of effects, I say there can be no effect without a cause.

32,822. Now do you know for a fact that it existed in Beverley before your time?—Only by rumour; not of my own knowledge.

32,823. Who was your immediate predecessor in the confidence of the Conservative members for Beverley?—Mr. John Machell, now dead. But before I took the matter up I may say the Conservative interest was dead and buried; therefore, as far it exists now, I must have a certain amount of the credit or blame, as it may be.

32,824. You can give us no information as to the mode of operations before you came?—No.

32,825. Did the other side, do you know of your own knowledge, have any person employed on the Liberal side, something like you were on the Conservative side?—Mr. Hind in his evidence has stated that they found 50*l.* for the Minster Ward and 20*l.* for St. Mary's, so some person must have had the money; I always understood Mr. Boyes.

32,826. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you aware of the transaction of the 500*l.*?—Not the slightest. I heard of it from Mr. Sykes in March last. I called upon him, and he told me it privately, but I never mentioned it to any person.

32,827. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It does not much matter; but you are wrong in the amount. Mr. Hind, I think, said 25*l.* he found; and he also told us he found it out of his own pocket?—Yes; but I think I am right; I will read you the evidence out of the newspaper. Mr. Hind said that the Liberals spent 50*l.* in the Minster Ward and 20*l.* in St. Mary's.

32,828. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When did you go over to Sir Henry Edwards' place?—I went over the following Monday; on the 29th of March. I was in on Monday the 22nd, and the following Monday I went to Halifax.

32,829. It was known then that a Commission was likely to be sent down?—It was thought that there was some danger.

32,830. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is another very little matter that I will ask you; I mean the election of churchwardens. You contributed money for that?—In one instance I think I did, to Mr. Vickers; that was not an invention of mine; but Mr. Vickers stated to me that he had expended some money in getting in for churchwarden, and stated that he could not afford to lose it, and he asked me to refund it.

32,831. Mr. Vickers first stated it to you after the election was past, and you recouped him?—Yes, to the amount of 5*l.* I understood that he had spent considerably more than that.

32,832. What was the object?—I really had no interest at all, and never have taken any active part whatever in connection with the churchwardens. That was quite an isolated case, you may say, and it just occurred in that way.

32,833. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I forgot one thing, which I wish to give you an opportunity of explaining, with reference to yourself personally. At present I speak for myself. You received 8*l.* due to you from Glover, which you never had the slightest chance of getting unless you were paid by Sir Henry Edwards; can you give me any explanation of that?—Yes, I can.

32,834. Because, let me tell you, that is a mode, and a very usual mode, of bribery, for one member coming in under the pretence of paying the debts of another; it is literally making a present. In 1859 you received 180*l.* I shall hold that you were a bribed man, unless you explain. You voted at every election down to that time. The meaning of bribery is that no man shall have a pecuniary interest for the giving of his vote?—I always understood that bribery meant to give a person money to induce him to vote or to refrain from voting.

32,835. Perfectly true?—And if that be the definition, and that is what is given in the dictionary, then I consider that I was not a bribed man, because it was never to induce me to vote.

32,836. Could not any man who received 2*l.* say the same thing? I want an explanation?—I consider I rendered services for the money that I received, and I did not look upon anything in that light. If a person receives money, having done nothing for it, I should consider he was bribed; if he has rendered services, and which are satisfactory to the party employing him, I do not consider that as a bribe.

32,837. I want your explanation?—I have no further explanation.

32,838. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And if the services are paid for by the proper person, and the account rendered to the election auditor, then you are quite right?—That, perhaps, might have been an error in my friend on my left (*pointing to Mr. Bainton*).

32,839. (*Mr. Cox.*) I want to ask you a question for the purpose of getting your evidence clear, and that is with respect to the payment on the morning of the municipal election. You said that you met Mr. Arden about five minutes after you saw Mr. Norfolk, and that he handed you a parcel from Norfolk?—Yes.

32,840. But I understood you to say previously that you had seen Norfolk, and Norfolk said that he must get the money. He handed it to you?—He had been to get the money, and then transmit it to me, through Arden. The money was not directly supplied from Norfolk, but it was supplied from Norfolk to Arden, and Arden to me.

32,841. There was only an interval of five minutes; that was not sufficient to carry the transaction out?—Quite so; for the Beverley Arms is very little further off than the length of this room to the bank.

32,842. Then within this five minutes the money was fetched?—Yes.

32,843. Fetched and brought within the five minutes?—Yes; so I understood it.

32,844. You said also that you went to Mr. Forge at the bank some two hours after?—Ten o'clock.

32,845. What was that for?—To transact my ordinary business, to take some money in, and order some bills to be advised which were due on the 4th.

32,846. Your own commercial affairs; nothing to do with election matters?—Nothing whatever.

32,847. I understood you to say that Captain Kennard, when he came here a day or two after the election, had some conversation with you about the

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100*l.*?—I do not remember any direct conversation about his own money; he had some about the municipal election.

32,848. As I have it on my note, I understood you to say in the first instance, that he had a conversation with you about the 100*l.*?—I think I said I could not distinctly call to mind having any such conversation, and I really cannot call to mind having any conversation immediately on that subject.

32,849. Did he mention his money?—No.

32,850. Because there is a little discrepancy in your evidence. But you say that it did not refer to his money?—I have not the slightest recollection of his having done so.

32,851. With regard to Major Edwards who sent you 150*l.*, did you say that he did not or he did refer in any manner to his money?—I say that he did not.

32,852. Not from that time to this?—I went over to settle with him on the 29th of March.

32,853. I say from that time till the time Baron Martin came?—None whatever.

Mr. Wreghitt inquired if he could have a certificate of protection, when the Chief Commissioner informed him that from anything they knew at present he could have one.

Mr. Wreghitt stated if the Commissioners required any further explanation he should be most happy to give it.

The witness withdrew.

HULL BANKING COMPANY, BEVERLEY.

CHEQUES received from W. S. WREGHITT, for which he was paid cash.

When received.	Date of Cheque.	Drawer.	To whom payable.	On whom drawn.	Amount.
1859.	1859.				£
February 7th -	February 4th -	Henry Edwards - -	W. S. Wreghitt -	Halifax and Huddersfield United Banking Co., Halifax.	10
1860.	1860.				
January 2nd -	January 2nd -	Do. - -	William Wreghitt -	Do. do. -	50
May 9th -	May 3rd -	Pr. pr. John Edwards and Son, to W. Cronhelmn.	Do. -	Do. do. -	20
1861.	1861.				
January 1st -	January 1st -	Henry Edwards - -	W. S. Wreghitt -	Do. do.	50
February 18th -	February 13th -	Do. - - -	Wm. Wreghitt -	Do. do. -	20
	February 14th -	Do. - -	Do. -	Do. do. -	10
1862.	1862.				
January 1st -	January 1st -	Do. - - -	Do. -	Do. do. -	50
1866.	1866.				
January 6th -	January 3rd -	Do. - -	Do. -	Consolidated Bank, Limited, London.	50
1867.	1867.				
January 2nd -	January 1st -	Do. - - -	Do. -	London and Westminster Bank, Lothbury.	50
1868.	1867.				
January 1st -	December 28th	Do. - -	Do. -	Do. do. -	50
					360

R. C. LOWSON,
Manager.

Mr. P. Jobson.

PETER JOBSON called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

32,854. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

32,855. How long have you been a freeman?—About 14 years.

32,856. And you voted at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

32,857. Did you get anything?—No.

32,858. Did you ever get anything at any election?—Yes.

32,859. What was that?—I got something at Edwards and Sykes' election.

32,860. Any one before that?—No.

32,861. Is that the only one?—That is the only one.

32,862. That you swear to?—Yes.

32,863. On whose part?—Edwards and Sykes.

32,864. How much?—2*l.*

32,865. From whom?—Charles Arnott.

32,866. Did you get anything at the last council choosing?—Yes.

32,867. How much?—17*s.* 6*d.*

32,868. Who did you vote for?—For the Conservative party.

32,869. Who did you vote for at the last election?—I voted for Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. H. Loft.

HENRY LOFT called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

32,870. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

32,871. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1852.

32,872. Have you taken an active part in some of the elections or any of them?—No.

32,873. You have voted?—Yes, sir, I have voted.

32,874. Did you vote when Denison, Glover, and Wells put up?—No; Mr. Walters was my first election.

32,875. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Walters.

32,876. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes; 2*l.*

32,877. Were you employed in any way in that election?—No.

32,878. Did you have any money pass through your hands?—No.

32,879. In the election of 1860, did you vote for Gridley?—Yes; I voted for Gridley.

32,880. Did you get anything?—Yes; 2*l.*

32,881. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; did you vote for Keane?—No. I did not vote at all; I was away from home. I was away from Beverley.

32,882. At the election in 1860, when you voted for Gridley, did you have any money?—No more than the 2*l.*

32,883. That was for yourself; but did you have any money to give away?—No.

32,884. Were you employed in any way?—No.

32,885. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes; Maxwell and Trollope.

32,886. Did you vote at the municipal election?—No.

32,887. Have you read the evidence before this Commission?—Part of it.

32,888. Do you remember your name being mentioned in the evidence?—No.

32,889. Is it another person of the name of Loft?—I am sure I do not know.

The witness withdrew.

P. Jobson.

PETER JOBSON, in consequence of a communication made by him, was recalled.

32,890. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get anything from Keane's side at Edwards and Sykes' election?—I got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall.

32,891. You ought to have told us. It seems that you are conscious that you have done a very wrongful thing. I am glad you have so much grace in you. You ought to have told us all?—If you had asked me I should, I came here to tell you the truth.

32,892. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I asked you what you got———

(*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You should tell the whole truth.

32,893. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I asked you what you got?—You asked me who I voted for, and I said for Edwards and Sykes, and you asked me how much did you get for voting, and I said 2*l.*

32,894. I asked you if you ever got anything at any election. So it was put to you in two ways. Well did you get anything at Mr. Walters' election?—No, not a farthing. I never got any money at any parliamentary election but one, and I believe I have voted at six.

32,895. At that time you got it on both sides, to make up?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

B. Ross.

BENJAMIN ROSS called, and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

32,896. What are you in business?—A printer.

32,897. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

32,898. How long have you been a freeman?—28 years.

32,899. Do you recollect the first election in 1857, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were candidates?—Yes.

32,900. Did you vote?—I voted for Denison and Wells.

32,901. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.

32,902. Did any money reach your hands?—No.

32,903. You got nothing?—I got nothing.

32,904. In respect to the election, for any services rendered?—No, nothing at all. I am not certain. I was employed as a clerk, perhaps, at that election. I am not certain whether it was at that election or in 1852.

32,905. Clerk to what?—In the committee-room on the election day.

32,906. What did you get?—1*l.*

32,907. How long had you been employed?—On the election day.

32,908. One day?—One day.

32,909. Which election was it?—I am not certain whether it was at that election or in 1862. I believe it might be Denison's election. I would not be certain.

32,910. Did you vote in 1852?—I voted in 1852 for Lawley and Wells.

32,911. Do you recollect whether you got anything at that election?—I got 3*l.* at that election.

32,912. Did you vote for Gordon and Hastings?—I did not vote at that election.

32,913. You got 1*l.* at the next election, as a clerk, for one day's work?—Yes.

32,914. What were you doing?—Checking off the lists as they were sent from the hustings.

32,915. You were set to work after you voted?—I went to vote the first thing in the morning.

32,916. Were you told you would get a day's work?—I was sent for the day before.

32,917. And told you would get a day's work, and get 1*l.* for it?—I was paid afterwards.

32,918. In the second election of 1857 (Edwards and Wells)?—I got nothing at that election. I voted for Wells.

32,919. Were you employed in any way?—No.

32,920. You got nothing after the election?—I got nothing after the election.

32,921. Were not you promised something?—No.

32,922. In 1859 (Walters, Edwards, and Walker) for whom did you vote?—For Walters.

32,923. Money was going then, as we know?—I got 1*l.* then.

32,924. From whom?—At a house in Toll Gavel; Mr. Taylor's, I believe.

32,925. You had really no employment then, had you?—Yes, I was employed then, but I never got paid for it. I was employed in the same capacity as before.

32,926. What were you promised?—I had no promise.

32,927. They never paid you for the work?—They never paid me for the work.

32,928. Did you apply for it?—I applied to Mr. Boyes.

32,929. How much did you ask for?—For the same pay as before. I expected it would be 1*l.*, the same as at the other election.

32,930. Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—I voted for Gridley.

32,931. Were you employed at all?—I was employed the same at that election.

32,932. How much did you get?—1*l.*

32,933. The last; Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall.

32,934. For whom did you vote?—Keane and Edwards.

32,935. You got 2*l.* on Keane's side. What did you get from Edwards' side?—Nothing.

32,936. Did you vote at the municipal election?—The last one; yes.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

B. Ross.

23 Sept. 1869.

32,937. Did you vote at council choosing before?—I am not certain whether I did; sometimes I voted, and sometimes I did not.

32,938. Did you get money at the last election?—I got money at the last election.

32,939. How much?—1*l.*

32,940. From whom?—Mr. Kempley.

32,941. That is nearly as good as at the parliamentary. Had you been doing anything?—No.

32,942. Not at all occupied?—Not at all.

32,943. For whom did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

32,944. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary?—Maxwell and Edwards.

32,945. Did you expect to get more upon the Denison and Wells' election?—No; I expect that was the usual pay of the clerks.

32,946. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who paid you in Denison and Wells' election?—I do not recollect.

32,947. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you paid after the election?—I was paid some time after the election.

32,948. How long; two or three months?—It might be two or three months. Mr. Clark perhaps may have paid me, but I have no recollection of it; I am not certain.

The witness withdrew.

T. R. Botterill.

THOMAS RELPH BOTTERILL called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

32,949–89. How long have you been a freeman?—24 years.

32,990. Did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election?—Yes.

32,991. For whom did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

32,992. For Mr. Glover?—Yes. In fact I may as well tell you that I have voted that way ever since I started.

32,993. Did you get anything?—No; not at that election.

32,994. The next was the election of Edwards and Wells; did you get anything then?—Yes; I was employed at that election.

32,995. Are you quite sure you got nothing at Edwards' election?—Yes, quite certain.

32,996. You remember there was plenty of money going?—I heard of that, but I did not get anything then. I did not require it. I did afterwards, perhaps.

32,997. What did you get at the election of Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I received 2*l.* 10*s.* I received a sovereign after the election, and 1*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Vickers afterwards, perhaps 18 months.

32,998. You voted for Edwards and Walker?—Yes.

32,999. What employment had you?—I was employed as a messenger and watcher; anything where we could get any information.

33,000. Watching against bribery?—Anything of that description. If we could find any votes, or anything of that sort.

33,001. After the petition was decided you were paid?—No. I got 1*l.* after the election, and I got 1*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Vickers afterwards. I do not remember about any petition in that affair. It was 18 months afterwards. Mr. Vickers will remember it better than me.

33,002. The next election was in 1860; you voted, I suppose, for Walker?—Yes.

33,003. What did you get?—Nothing.

33,004. Nothing at all?—No.

33,005. The next was in 1865; Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes; I got paid at that election again; it was the same sort of work.

33,006. What did you get paid?—3*l.*

33,007. Was it all from one side?—It was all from one side. Mr. Nutchey paid me at that election.

33,008. You voted for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

33,009. What services did you render that you conceived entitled you to 3*l.*?—I had always been active in running about, and getting voters, and such like, being used to it, the same as all other electioneerers.

33,010. In 1868 I suppose you voted the same way?—I did. I voted Conservative again.

33,011. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

33,012. What did you get?—15*s.*

33,013. Who paid you?—Mr. Watson.

33,014. Do you know a man named Greenhough?—Yes.

33,015. Which Greenhough?—All the Greenhoughs there are in the town.

33,016. Is there a Thomas Greenhough?—Yes, I know him perfectly well.

32,017. Had you ever any conversation with him about Keane's election?—Yes.

33,018. Did he tell you about receiving any money?—Yes, he did.

33,019. When had you the conversation with him?—It was in the month of the last election. It was about the time of Mr. Hayworth (the county member) coming down here. I cannot say exactly the time, but that was about it.

33,020. At the time of the last county election you had some conversation with Greenhough about the election of 1865, Keane's election?—Yes.

33,021. Where was this conversation? At the Beckside.

33,022. What did he tell you about money?—We were together, and the conversation came on about different elections, and the way things had gone on, and he told me that he had got 50*l.* which had been given to him to get some voters with.

33,023. What did he tell you he did with the 50*l.*?—He took it the Mechanics' Hall.

33,024. Did he tell you further what he did with it?—Paid it for voters.

33,025. He said he took it to the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

33,026. Did he say that he paid it away there himself?—Yes; him and another gentleman together.

33,027. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What is he?—A bricklayer.

33,028. A master bricklayer?—Yes. He has been in the council before to-day.

33,029. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you on Edwards and Sykes' committee in 1865?—No.

33,030. Were you at the Cross Keys in 1865?—No; I did not resort to the Cross Keys. I was never in the house at the election; not on the election day. I might on the day before.

33,031. Not on the election day?—I was not.

33,032. Did you see anyone paid at the Cross Keys or elsewhere on that election day?—I did not.

33,033. What are you?—I am a smith and gasfitter.

33,034. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say you had 3*l.* from Nutchey; how long were you employed?—All the time of the election.

33,035. How many days?—I cannot say how long it lasted, particularly.

33,036. Two or three days?—More than that.

33,037. Do you say you were employed in the same way at the last borough election?—At the last borough election I did not interfere.

33,038. I thought you said you were running about?—At the last election I did not interfere at all.

33,039. Not the parliamentary?—Not the parliamentary.

33,040. You were running about at the municipal election?—No; I did not run about at the municipal; I did not interfere with that more than voting.

33,041. Did you not get up voters?—There was only one I took up with me when he came up to the town to work.

33,042. Do you mean that when you voted for Edwards and Kennard you took up some one to vote?—At Edwards and Kennard's election I got nothing.

33,043. Were you employed then; were you getting up voters?—No; I did not interfere with it.

33,044. (*Mr. Barstow.*) On your oath, have you told us every sum of money that you have received at any election at which you have voted since 1857?—To the best of my knowledge.

33,045. Will you, without reservation, say that, to the best of your knowledge?—Yes; to the best of my knowledge. If you can bring anything to my memory I shall be glad of it.

33,046. Have you paid anybody any money at any election?—No.

33,047. Never?—Never.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN SANDERSON called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Sanderson.

33,048. What are you?—A bricklayer.

33,049. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

33,050. Did you vote at the election between Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes; I polled for Glover; that was his first election.

33,051. Did you get any money?—Not a farthing.

33,052. Did you pay any?—No.

33,053. Neither before nor after the election?—No.

33,054. Were you employed in any way?—No.

33,055. In 1857, did you vote for Edwards, when he came here the first time?—No.

33,056. Did you vote at all?—I think not. There were two or three elections that I did not vote at all.

33,057. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker; did you vote for Edwards and Walker?—No.

33,058. For Edwards?—No.

33,059. Did you vote at all?—No.

33,060. You did not?—No.

33,061. Were you away?—No.

33,062. Why did you not vote?—I did not think it worth my while going from my work. There were two or three elections I did not vote at.

33,063. In 1860, Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—I polled for Gridley.

33,064. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a farthing.

33,065. Did you have any money pass through your hands?—No.

33,066. Were you employed in any way?—No.

33,067. At Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election, did you vote?—Yes; I voted for Keane and Sykes.

33,068. Did you go to the Mechanic's Hall?—No.

33,069. Did you have any money?—Not a farthing.

33,070. Neither for yourself nor to pay away?—No.

33,071. Neither before nor after the election?—No.

33,072. Nor were you employed in any way?—No.

33,073. In 1866, did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

33,074. Did you get anything?—Yes; I got a sovereign.

33,075. Who gave you that?—Mr. Kemplay.

33,076. For whom did you vote?—For the Conservative party.

33,077. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

33,078. Have you told us everything about money that you have received, either for yourself or for other people, to be paid by you? Have you told us everything about money, having reference to any of the borough elections?—I paid one man 2*l.*

33,079. When was that?—At Glover's first election.

33,080. In 1852 you paid one man?—I paid one man from Hull.

33,081. Now have you told me everything about money matters in any way relating to the elections from 1857 downwards?—All that I know, I am perfectly sure.

33,082. You are the person to know and to tell?—I do not know of anything that ever passed through my hands. I have not received a farthing since Towneley's last election from anybody.

33,083. You said at the last municipal you received something?—Yes; at the municipal I received a sovereign.

33,084. We accept your answers, but with this reservation, that sometimes after an answer has been given some one comes to contradict it, and then the consequences are serious to the person who made the general denial?—I do not think that they can contradict my statement at all.

33,085. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When Edwards first came to the town, were you at work?—I was not at work just then; I was out of work.

33,086. Then, I suppose, you applied to be employed at the election?—No.

33,087. You were out of work?—Yes.

33,088. Did you not get any employment at the election?—No, I did not.

33,089. Did you borrow any money?—No.

33,090. Did anybody lend you any money on your "I O U," or anything of that sort, at Edwards' first election?—No.

33,091. Just recollect. You were out of work?—I was out of work.

33,092. Who canvassed you at Edwards' first election?—I did not poll at Edwards' first election; I mean Glover's election. I did not poll at Edwards' first election.

33,093. Were you out of work then?—I was out of work, very possibly.

33,094. Did anyone ask you not to vote?—No.

33,095. On either side?—No.

33,096. Why did you not vote? Money was going on both sides?—I did not look for it.

33,097. Why did you not vote?—It did not suit me. I did not vote at all elections.

33,098. Why?—Because I did not think it worth my while going.

33,099. Why not? Did you inquire what money was going?—I knew there was money.

33,100. Did you inquire what money was going?—I knew there was money.

33,101. Did you inquire what money was going?—No.

33,102. Then how did you know?—Because I heard rumours that there was money.

33,103. How much?—I cannot tell. Only small sums. I cannot recollect.

33,104. How much did you hear was going?—I cannot recollect; only small sums, 1*l.* and 2*l.*

33,105. You were not at all employed?—No.

33,106. Did you get any loan?—No.

33,107. Did you receive any loan during any of these elections at which you did not vote?—No, I did not.

33,108. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know whether your wife received any money at the election of Edwards and Wells?—No, she did not.

33,109. You are sure she did not?—I am sure she did not.

33,110. Or any child or relation of you?—No.

33,111. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are you by trade?—A bricklayer.

The witness withdrew.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

J. Fidler.

23 Sept. 1869.

JOHN FIDLER called, and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

33,112. What are you?—A warder in the House of Correction.

33,113. Are you a freeman?—No.

33,114. A voter?—A municipal voter.

33,115. Are you a parliamentary voter?—I voted the last time.

33,116. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

33,117. You voted at the municipal election?—Yes.

33,118. Did any money pass through or into your hands?—10*s.*

33,119. Who paid you the 10*s.*?—Mr. Burrell.

33,120. You are a warder?—Yes.

33,121. A warder, I suppose, of the county gaol?—Yes; I have been a voter 14 years for the municipal.

33,122. Did you receive money more than once?—I have received money three times in the 14 years, 5*s.*, I believe I received from Mr. Vickers, in 1856 or 1857, and in 1860, I believe, I received 5*s.* from Mr. Kemplay, and this time 10*s.*

33,123. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am very sorry to hear this of a person filling a public office.

The witness withdrew.

A. Richardson.

ANTHONY RICHARDSON called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

33,124. How long have you been a freeman?—30 years.

33,125. Then you voted at the election between Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

33,126. What did you get?—Nothing.

33,127. In the following election, between Major Edwards and Mr. Wells, how did you vote?—For Edwards.

33,128. Did you get anything?—No.

33,129. That you swear?—I swear.

33,130. What are you?—A joiner.

33,131. The next election was in 1859 (Walters, Edwards, and Walker); what did you get then?—Nothing.

33,132. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

33,133. But you know you could have got something for asking?—I did not ask.

33,134. You knew, I suppose, you could have money if you liked?—I had polled before I knew there was any money.

33,135. You knew very well, after you had voted, you might have got it?—No, I never applied for it.

33,136. You pledge your oath to that?—I will.

33,137. The next election was between Gridley and Walker; for whom did you vote?—Walker.

33,138. Did you get anything then?—No.

33,139. The election after that was between Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

33,140. Did you get anything?—No.

33,141. You say upon your oath in all these elections you got nothing. Have you paid anything?—No.

33,142. You have not paid anything all this time?—No.

33,143. At the last council choosing you voted?—Yes.

33,144. You got something then?—Yes.

33,145. What did you get?—15*s.*

33,146. Who paid you?—Watson.

33,147. For whom did you vote at the council choosing?—The Conservatives.

33,148. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary elections?—Edwards and Kennard.

33,149. At these parliamentary elections, from the election of 1857 to the present time, have you received no money for any vote?—No.

33,150. Have you paid any money?—None.

33,151. You have never paid any?—No.

33,152. Has anyone ever been paid on behalf of you?—No.

33,153. Has your wife or any relation received any money?—No.

33,154. To the best of your knowledge and belief, no money whatever has been paid to any person in consideration of your giving a vote?—None whatever.

33,155. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had you spoken to anybody, or had anybody spoken to you, about the evidence you are giving here?—No.

33,156. Reflect?—No one.

33,157. Was 15*s.* then the great temptation that you could not resist?—It was no temptation at all to me.

33,158. Why did you take it?—Because the man gave it into my hand.

33,159. Who was he?—Watson, the painter.

33,160. Had he spoken to you before?—No.

33,161. Did he give it to you before you voted?—Yes; as I was coming down to vote.

33,162. Did he say anything?—No.

33,163. I dare say you did not know what it was for?—It was to come to vote, I expect.

33,164. But if he said nothing to you, how could you know what it was for?—It was to come to vote, I suppose.

33,165. How could you know?—Because they were giving to other people.

33,166. Did you see him going to other people?—No, I did not.

33,167. Who came down with you?—Myself.

33,168. Did you hear that money was going?—Yes.

33,169. I mean before you started from home?—Yes.

33,170. Then you came down and met this man?—Yes.

33,171. We know that you got this 15*s.*, and you know that we know it, because it was so stated?—Yes.

33,172. Therefore you are very willing to admit that. You cannot deny it. Did you hear that money was going at Keane's election?—Yes.

33,173. On both sides?—Yes.

33,174. Who canvassed you at that election?—Edwards and Sykes.

33,175. I do not mean the gentlemen themselves?—They did themselves.

33,176. Who else spoke to you about voting; who took you up to vote;—I took myself.

33,177. Who went with you?—I went with myself.

33,178. Who asked you to go?—What, that morning? Do you mean the morning when I voted?

33,179. Yes?—No one.

33,180. Who asked you the day before?—No one.

33,181. Who asked you at all?—Edwards and Sykes.

33,182. Apart from those gentlemen?—No one else; not that I can recollect.

33,183. Did you know Mr. Kemplay?—Yes.

33,184. Did you see Kemplay at that election; Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—No; I had no talk to him.

33,185. Had you no conversation with him?—No.

33,186. You know him?—Yes.

33,187. When had you a conversation with him? At what other election had you a conversation with him?—What, about money?

33,188. I did not say about money. When had you a conversation with him?—I cannot say.

33,189. Yes, you can. When had you a conversation with Mr. Kemplay?—Some time during the day after I had voted.

33,190. At the Edwards, Sykes, and Keane election?—Yes.

33,191. After you had voted?—Yes.

33,192. Where did he meet you?—Standing in front of the hustings.

33,193. Where did he tell you to go to?—He did not tell me to go anywhere.

33,194. What did he say?—Nothing; nothing about that.

33,195. You had a conversation with him after you had voted. Now what did he tell you? Come?—Come what, sir?

33,196. What did he say to you?—I do not know. I cannot say what he said. He did not say anything about money.

33,197. Did I suggest that he did?—That is what you want me to say.

33,198. Where did he tell you to go?—He did not tell me to go anywhere.

33,199. What did he say?—I cannot say what he said.

33,200. You know him, do you?—Yes.

33,201. Did you see him before you voted?—I do not know whether I did or not.

33,202. Why were you standing in front of the hustings after you voted?—To see what there was to see.

33,203. Were there many there?—Yes.

33,204. Tell me what Kemplay said to you?—I cannot tell you; I do not know what he said.

33,205. Do you know that he went by the name of the briber general?—No; I did not know anything about that.

33,206. Where did you go to after you had voted on that occasion?—From one side of the market place to the other.

33,207. What house did you go to?—I went home, I think; I do not think I was in any other house.

33,208. There was money paid?—Yes.

33,209. Did you see any money paid?—No.

33,210. You knew that money was going?—I heard so.

33,211. Did you apply for any money?—No.

33,212. You got money?—When?

33,213. I cannot tell you. Why should you accept 15*s.*, and not take money at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election; can you tell me that?—Because I did not know there was money till afterwards.

33,214. Did you ever apply for money in respect of that election?—No.

33,215. To anybody?—No.

33,216. Did you owe any money at the time?—No.

33,217. Any debts to set off or anything of that kind?—No.

33,218. Or any loan?—No.

33,219. Was Kemplay ever at your house?—No.

33,220. Not that you know of?—Not that I know of; I cannot recollect that he was.

33,221. Have you never heard that Kemplay was at your house about the time of the election?—No.

33,222. Just recollect?—I cannot recollect that he ever was.

33,223. Where did you live at that time?—At Albert Terrace.

33,224. Who was keeping house for you; your wife?—Yes.

33,225. Will you tell me that to your knowledge Kemplay was not at that house during, at, or after that election?—I do not know that he was.

33,226. Upon your oath do you not know from your wife that he was, or some one on his behalf?—Upon my oath I do not know.

33,227. That he or some one on his behalf?—Was at my house?

33,228. Yes—Doing what?

33,229. Do you not know that he or some one on his behalf, or some one in reference to the election, was at your house; called at your house and saw your wife?—Not that I know of.

33,230. Have you not heard it?—Never.

33,231. From your wife?—No.

33,232. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were you in the town on the nomination day?—Which nomination day?

33,233. At the election of 1865?—Yes.

33,234. Did you see the people going to the Mechanics' Hall?—I did not; I heard that they went there.

33,235. You knew there was a mill?—I heard so.

33,236. Did you go to it?—No.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS SCRUTON called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

T. Scruton.

33,237. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

33,238. What are you by occupation?—A miller.

33,239. You work at somebody's mill?—Yes.

33,240. For whom do you work?—I am not in a mill now; I do not follow my trade now.

33,241. What do you do?—I do anything that I can get to do.

33,242. You call yourself a labourer?—I chop a few sticks, and sell them for firewood.

33,243. Have been a freeman long?—36 years.

33,244. Did you vote as long ago as Denison, Glover, and Wells' last election?—Yes.

33,245. Which way?—I voted for the Liberal party ever since I could poll.

33,246. You voted for Denison and Wells?—Yes.

33,247. Did you get anything?—No.

33,248. Did you pay anything?—No.

33,249. Were you employed in any way?—No.

33,250. Not as a runner or anything of that sort?—No.

33,251. You say you are a labourer ready to do any sort of work?—Yes.

33,252. You did not do any work at that election?—No.

33,253. Not chopping sticks?—No, I did not get so much as a glass of beer.

33,254. In 1857, Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote; for Wells?—Yes.

33,255. Did you get anything? No.

33,256. Have you not anything at any election?—Yes.

33,257. I mean from 1857 to the present time?—I got 2*l.* for Walters.

33,258. In 1859 you voted for Walters; is that so?—I voted for Walters; I do not know when it was.

33,259. You got 2*l.*?—Yes.

33,260. From whom?—I do not know who gave it to me.

33,261. Where did you get it?—I think I got it at the committee-room here.

33,262. At Walters's committee-room?—Yes.

33,263. Were you employed as a runner or a watcher, or anything of that kind?—No.

33,264. Did you not have any employment at that election?—No.

33,265. Did you vote for Mr. Gridley at the next election?—Yes.

33,266. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

33,267. Who gave you that?—I am sure I cannot tell you who gave it.

33,268. Where did you get it?—I got it at the Pack horse.

33,269. Did you vote for Mr. Keane when he was here?—No.

33,270. Did you not vote at the election of 1865,—Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I did not poll.

33,271. Why not?—Because I was not on the poll book.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

T. Scruton.

23 Sept. 1869.

33,272. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,273. Were you employed at the last election?—No.

33,274. Did you not have any employment?—No.

33,275. You voted for Maxwell and Trollope, I suppose?—Yes.

33,276. Were you employed at Mr. Keane's election?—No.

33,277. You were not employed in any way at the last election?—No.

33,278. Not as a runner or a watcher, or anything of the kind?—No, never in my life.

33,279. Did you give any money away at any of these elections?—No.

33,280. No money passed through your hands to give to other people?—Not a halfpenny piece; never in my life.

33,281. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

33,282. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

33,283–4. Who gave you that?—A person they call John Doncaster.

33,285. What is he?—He works at the foundry; he is a sort of under foreman in the wood yard.

33,286. Whom is he under?—Under Mr. Thirsk. I expect. Mr. Thirsk is foreman.

33,287. Have you been working at the old foundry?—No.

33,288. Did Doncaster give you the money in the street, or how was it he came to give it to you?—He met me in the street, and asked me if I had voted. I told him I had not. He said he could get me 17*s.* 6*d.* if I would go and vote for him.

33,289. For Norfolk and his party?—For that party.

33,290. You were to vote for Mr. Norfolk and his friends, and you got 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

33,291. Used you to supply any goods to the old foundry, or have anything to do with them?—No.

33,292. You did not work for them, or have any dealing with them?—No.

33,293. You had no dealing with them in any way?—I got a bit of wood there sometimes to split up for fire wood.

33,294. Did they give it to you for nothing?—I had to buy it.

33,295. Have you been buying wood there lately?—Yes; I got a load in about a fortnight since.

33,296. Did you buy any from them about the time of the election?—No, I do not think so; no I did not.

33,297. I mean the latter end of last year?—No, I did not. I did not buy any wood then.

33,298. Where do you live?—I live in Walkergate at present.

33,299. Did you vote for Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

33,300. Are you Thomas Scruton of Charlton Yard, Lairgate?—Yes.

33,301. You used to live at Charlton Yard?—Yes.

33,302. When did you begin to buy wood from the waggon company?—It would be just after last Christmas.

33,303. Did they agree to let you have it cheap?—It was not cheap for me; I could have done with it cheaper.

33,304. Did you get cheaper there than anywhere else?—I do not know. I never tried anywhere else.

33,305. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you had Walker's gift lately?—Yes.

33,306. When?—Last back end.

33,307. When was that, in October?—Yes; the latter end of October.

33,308. How much did you get?—I had 30*s.*

33,309. What was the ground of your application? Had you lost anything?—I lost a horse.

33,310. When?—I have lost two or three.

33,311. How long before you got this 30*s.* had you lost your horse? How long do you think?—Seven or eight months.

33,312. Was it within 12 months?—Yes.

33,313. You swear that?—I should say it would be.

33,314. Are you sure it was?—Yes.

33,315. That you swear; that it was within 12 months?—Yes.

33,316. They gave you 30*s.*?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Ford.

JOSEPH FORD called, and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

33,317. You are a foreman at an establishment here?—No; I am the clerk.

33,318. Are you the timekeeper?—Yes; I take the time.

33,319. A number of the men at that establishment are voters, and a number are not voters?—Yes.

33,320. Had they all holiday upon the election day or nomination day?—Yes; I believe they all go to the nomination, all that like to go.

33,321. Do you stop any time from them?—No, not for the nomination.

33,322. Do you stop any time on the voting day?—No.

33,323. Are you a freeman?—No.

33,324. Are you an occupier?—Yes, I am.

33,325. How long have you had a vote?—I should think about five years. I could not say for certain.

33,326. Have you voted?—Yes.

33,327. For whom?—I have always voted for the Conservative party.

33,328. That is, you mean since you had a vote?—Yes.

33,329. Did you vote for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

33,330. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.

33,331. Any money reach your hands?—No.

33,332. You were not employed to pay any one?—No.

33,333. Are you a municipal elector?—Yes.

33,334. Did you vote at the council choosing?—I did.

33,335. Did you pay any money on that day?—I did not.

33,336. Did any money pass through your hands? Were you aware that there was any money passing at your establishment?—No; I never made any enquiry.

33,337. Were you aware yourself?—No I was not aware.

33,338. The men did not tell you?—The men did not tell me.

33,339. And in respect of any of these elections, have you ever received any money or disbursed any money in any way connected with them?—Not in any way.

33,340. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did I understand you to say that all the workmen in your establishment had a full day's holiday?—No; they just go during the time at the nomination; they just go when it is likely to commence, and come away immediately after.

33,341. And they are allowed their full wages just as if at work all the time?—Yes.

33,342. Every one of them?—Yes, I believe that is the custom in the town, as far as I know, in the different yards.

33,343. To give a man full wages for half the day?—Well, they wont be away half a day.

33,344. And the same on the election day?—No. Only the voters go on the election day.

33,345. Then if any others went away they would not be allowed the time?—No; because they have no occasion to go.

33,346. (*Mr Sergeant O'Brien.*) What we really wanted to know is, that there is no distinction in allowing men time as to how they vote?—No; it was

publicly said in the yard that they might vote as they liked. There was no distinction made. I may say that Mr. Cussons made inquiry on the morning of the election, or before the nomination of the mayor, and at the different yards in the town to see how they were going to do; and it was arranged that they should be allowed their wages in the usual way.

33,347. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It was a matter of arrangement in the town that they should have a holiday in the way you say?—Just as they always had.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN CONSTABLE called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Constable.

33,348. How long have you been a freeman?—Nine years.

33,349. What was the first election you voted at?—1865.

33,350. For whom did you vote?—The Conservative.

33,351. What did you get?—2*l.*, and 1*l.* from the Mechanics'.

33,352. 3*l.* altogether?—Yes.

33,353. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No; I had no vote.

33,354. Now is 3*l.*, of which you have told us, all the money that you ever received at any election?—That is all.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM CATTLE called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

W. Cattle.

33,355. You are a freeman?—Yes.

33,356. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

33,357. Did you get anything?—Half a sovereign.

33,358. What is your occupation?—A confectioner.

33,359. You keep a confectioner's shop of your own?—Yes.

33,360. Who gave you the 10*s.*?—Mr. Kemplay.

33,361. Did you vote at the parliamentary?—Yes.

33,362. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

33,363. Did you vote for Edwards and Sykes at the former election?—Yes.

33,364. Did you get anything?—No.

33,365. You did not get anything?—No.

33,366. Or pay anything?—No.

33,367. Did you vote at the election before that for Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker.

33,368. Did you get anything?—No.

33,369. Have you got anything at any previous election?—Yes; I got 2*l.* at one of Edwards's elections; the first, I believe.

33,370. I will come to that presently. 1859, the next election before the one I asked you about, (Walters, Edwards, and Walker,) did you vote for Edwards and Walker?—Yes.

33,371. Did you get anything?—No.

33,372. Then, I suppose, it was the election of 1857 (Edwards and Wells)?—Yes; I got 2*l.*

33,373. You voted for Edwards?—Yes.

33,374. Who gave you 2*l.*?—Mr. Larcom. He is dead now.

33,375. Did you vote at Denison, Glover, and Wells' election?—Yes; I voted for Glover; I voted for him twice.

33,376. Did you get anything?—No.

33,377. Are those the only sums you ever got?—That is the whole I ever got.

33,378. The only sums you ever got at any election?—That is the whole.

33,379. Or after it?—I got none after.

33,080. You were in no way connected with any election? Have you told us all you know about money dealings?—I have told you all that I know.

33,381. You knew that money was freely distributed?—Yes; I heard tell of it.

33,382. I mean at the election of 1865?—Whose election was that?

33,283. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane. You see you had taken money before?—I only took it once.

33,384. But you were willing to have 10*s.* put into you hands by Mr. Kemplay at the last municipal election?—Yes; that is the whole I took.

33,385. Now at that election when Walker and Gridley were the candidates; just remember?—I got nothing. I can remember the election.

33,386. You told me you voted?—I voted for Walker.

33,387. Are you sure that money did not come into your hands in some way?—Not any.

33,388. Not either for yourself or to pay to other people?—Not in any shape whatever.

33,389. Have you been long in the occupation of a confectioner?—Turned 19 years.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM SUDDABY called, and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. Suddaby.

33,390. What are you?—I am a labourer at the iron works.

33,391. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

33,392. How long have you been a freeman?—16 years.

35,393. Have you often voted?—Yes; every election.

33,394. Do you recollect Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

33,395. For whom did you vote?—For Glover.

33,396. Any money?—No; I never received anything.

33,397. Glover was a stranger to the town?—Yes; but still he was a very popular man.

33,398. And you got nothing?—Got nothing.

33,399. Who canvassed you?—Glover himself.

33,400. You got nothing afterwards?—Nothing afterwards for that election.

33,401. For what election did you get money afterwards?—I got money at the next election.

33,402. That is Edwards and Wells?—Edwards and Wells.

33,403. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards, and received 2*l.*

33,404. From whom?—David Nutchey.

33,405. After the election, I suppose?—No; on the election day.

33,406. After you had voted; not before?—Before I had voted.

33,407. Where did he pay you; in the streets?—In the market place.

33,408. Was Nutchey the man that was paying in the market place?—Yes; he paid me there; put it into my hand in the market place.

33,409. Came up, and put it into your hands as you were standing there?—Yes.

33,410. Now the next election would be 1859; for whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Walters.

33,411. How much?—3*l.*

33,412. 2*l.* from Edwards?—No; 2*l.* in 1859.

33,413. Bnt were they divided?—They were not divided at all. I received 2*l.* on behalf of Walters.

33,414. Who paid you?—Robert Taylor.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

W. Suddaby.

23 Sept. 1869.

33,415. Did you get anything for your vote for Edwards?—Nothing.

33,416. 1860?—I voted for Gridley.

33,417. How much?—3*l.*

33,418. Who paid you?—I was paid at the Packhorse.

33,419. The next in 1865?—I voted for Keane.

33,420. How much?—3*l.*

30,421. Where did you get the 2*l.*?—I got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' and the 2*l.* from Mr. George Bird at the George and Dragon.

35,422. The last council choosing, whom did you vote for?—The Conservatives.

33,423. How much?—I received 15*s.*

33,424. From whom?—Thomson the barber.

33,425. Did Thomson the barber say anything to you at all when he gave you the 15*s.*?—Not a word.

33,426. Did not he tell you what it was for?—No; because he expected I knew what it was for.

33,427. Whom did you vote for at the parliamentary?—Edwards and Maxwell.

33,428. Do you know Richardson, who was examined here to-day?—Yes; I know the man.

33,429. Did you see him in the market place?—No; I cannot say I did. I do not recollect seeing him.

33,430. You did not see Nutchey there?—Yes; I saw Nutchley.

33,431. Talking to him?—No; never exchanged words with him.

The witness withdrew.

G. Grant.

GEORGE GRANT, sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

33,432. You are a warder at the House of Correction here?—Before I am examined, I ask for my protection. I was examined in London in 1859.

33,433. You were then a painter?—Yes, I was, sir.

33,434. (*Mr Barstow.*) For all that I can see here there is nothing that you need claim protection for at law. I have only just glanced at the Report. You are a warder here?—Yes.

33,435. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

33,435a. How long have you been a free man?—Perhaps ten years.

33,436. What was the first election you voted at?—1859.

33,437. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Walters and Mr. Edwards.

33,438. What money did you get?—Twenty-two shillings and sixpence.

33,439. Was that all the money you got?—That was all the money I got.

33,440. All?—Yes.

33,441. Who did you receive it from?—Mr. Watson drawed it for me.

33,442. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He drew it for you, did he?—Yes.

33,443. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Walters, Walker, and Edwards; did you get nothing from Walker?—No.

33,444. Can you tell us what you received this 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for?—I was a messenger.

33,445. How many days were you employed as a messenger?—To the best of my recollection, I was engaged four days.

33,446. Was that all the money you received at that election?—Yes.

33,447. Did you pay anyone?—No.

33,448. You did not pay any money during that election?—I never did.

33,449. And no money touched your hand?—Not for election business.

33,450. You say not for election business?—Well, I got wages for following my own occupation.

33,451. You say you got some wages for following your own occupation; what do you mean?—I was working four days in the week as a messenger, and I got two days pay for my own profession.

33,452. As to the election, was this 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* all you got?—Yes.

33,453. The next election would be Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

33,454. Whom did you vote for?—I voted for Gridley.

33,455. What did you get?—2*l.*

33,456. Then the next election was that of Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865?—Yes.

33,457. What did you get then?—Nothing.

33,458. Do you mean to say you got nothing at all?—No, never no more; nothing else.

33,459. For whom did you vote?—Oh, that election I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

33,460. You voted for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

33,461. And you got nothing from them?—No.

33,462. Did you get anything at the last municipal election?—No, not a farthing; I never saw any.

33,463. Do you know Nathaniel Kemplay?—Oh yes, very well; I have known him all my time.

33,464. Did he give you anything?—He never gave me a farthing in my life, I never had any transaction with him.

33,465. Do you know of any other George Grant?—No; I believe I am the only one.

33,466. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

33,467. How long have you been a warder?—Six years.

33,468. Was your place of warder given you upon any condition as to your voting?—No.

33,469. Tell me this: who canvassed you in 1865, besides the members?—That I am sure I cannot say now.

33,470. Did anyone accompanying the members canvass you?—No.

33,471. Will you swear that?—Yes, I will; I do not remember seeing anyone.

33,472. You say, at the election of 1860, Walker and Gridley, you voted for Gridley?—Yes.

33,473. After you are appointed a warder, you voted for the other side?—It was not for that.

33,474. The visiting justices appoint you, I suppose?—Yes.

33,475. These twe sums of 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* from Walker at his election, and 2*l.* from Gridley, were they the only sums you have received in respect to any election?—Yes.

34,476. You say you got 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for two days work?—No; four days work as a messenger, and the wages I received for the two days was from my master, the man I worked for; he *axed* me if that was the whole of the money I got.

34,477. Those two days have nothing to with what you received as a messenger? Who recommended you to be a warder?—Several parties that I had worked with. There was a vacancy, and I applied for the situation. A good character was given me, and that is how I got it.

The witness withdrew.

J. Ellerker.

JEREMIAH ELLERKER called, and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

34,478. What is your occupation?—Assistant to a bookseller and stationer.

33,479. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

33,480. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

33,481. Did you get anything?—The last council choosing?

33,482. Yes?—Yes.

33,483. What did you get?—10*l.*

33,484. Who paid you?—William Bielby.

33,485. Which side did you vote ?—Conservative.

33,486. How did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—For Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

33,487. Did you vote at the election in 1865 ?—Yes; Sykes and Edwards.

33,488. Yes. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Yes.

33,489. How much ?—*2l.*

33,490. Who gave you that ?—Train.

33,491. Walker and Gridley, 1860 ; did you vote ?—Yes ; for Mr. Walker.

33,492. Did you get anything ?—No.

33,493. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in 1859 ; did you vote ?—Edwards and Walker I voted for.

33,494. Did you get anything ?—No.

33,495. You did not ?—No.

33,496. Never before or after the election ?—No.

33,497. Edwards and Wells, in 1857 ; did you vote then ?—Yes.

33,498. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

33,499. Did you vote for Edwards ?—Yes.

33,500. What did you get ?—*3l.*

33,501. From whom ?—Kemplay.

33,502. David Kemplay ?—Nathaniel Kemplay.

33,503. Denison, Glover, and Wells; did you vote then ; that was in 1857 ?—Yes, I did ; I voted for Glover.

33,504. Did you get anything ?—No.

33,505. Now have you given me a full and complete account of all the sums that you have ever received at any of the elections that I have asked you about ?—Yes, I have.

33,506. Has any money ever passed through your hands in any way whatever for election purposes ?—No.

33,507 (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Nor for any services rendered ?—No.

33,508. (*Mr H Cox.*) That is what I mean ; have you ever been employed ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

EDWARD CLARKSON HUTCHINSON called, and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

E. C. Hutchinson.

33,509. What are you ?—A blacksmith.

33,510. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

33,511. How long have you been a freeman ?—About seven years.

33,512. Then I suppose you voted at the election of Keane, Sykes, and Edwards ?—Yes.

33,513. For whom ?—Keane.

33,514. How much ?—*2l.*

33,515. In one sum or two sums ?—In two sums.

33,516. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Tes.

33,517. For whom ?—The Conservatives.

33,518. How much did you get ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

33,519. From whom ?—J. D. Thompson.

33,520. Thompson the barber ?—Yes.

33,521. Did he say anything to you when he gave you it ?—He said he would give me as much as he had given to the other men.

33,522. Did he say for what ?—For my vote ; he came with me to vote.

33,523. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

OSWALD WILSON called, and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

O. Wilson.

33,524. How long have you been a freeman ?—Ten years.

33,525. Which is the first election that you voted at ?—Edwards, Walters, and Walker.

33,526. Did you get anything ?—No.

33,527. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Walker.

33,528. You got nothing ?—Nothing.

33,529. The next election ; Gridley and Walker ?—Walker.

33,530. Did you get anything ?—No.

33,531. Nothing, you say ?—No.

33,532. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865, for whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Sykes.

33,533. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

33,534. At last your virtue was overcome ; what did you get ?—*3l.*

33,535. Was it all from the same political party ?—Yes.

33,536. All for Edwards and Sykes ?—Yes.

33,537. Did you get anything from Keane's side ?—No.

33,538. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

33,539. Did you get 17*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

33,540. Who paid you ?—Thompson.

33,541. How did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

33,542. You have only told us of *3l.* ; is that all that you ever received at a parliamentary election ?—Yes ; the 17*s.* 6*d.* and the *3l.* is all that I ever received in any way with reference to political matters.

33,543. Did you ever pay anyone ?—No.

33,544. Then this *3l.* and this 17*s.* 6*d.* is the only thing that you can give us an account of ?—Every shilling.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON called, and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

W. H. Harrison.

33,545. What are you ?—A painter.

33,546. Are you a freeman ?—No.

33,547. What are you ?—A householder.

33,548. Have you a vote ?—Yes.

33,549. You are an occupier ?—Yes.

33,550. How long have you had a vote ?—At the last municipal.

33,551. You voted at the last municipal ?—Yes.

33,552. Did you get 17*s.* 6*d* ?—No.

33,553. Did you get anything ?—7*s.* 6*d.*

33,554. Who gave it you ?—John Dales.

33,555. Did you vote for the Liberals ?—Yes.

33,556. How did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Liberal.

33,557. Are these the only times you have voted ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM RAMSHAW called and sworn, examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. Ramshaw.

33,558. What are you ?—A wheelwright.

33,559. You are a freeman, I think ?—Yes.

33,560. How long have you been a freeman ?—30 years.

33,561. They you recollect Towneley's election ?—Yes.

33,562. Did you vote at that election ; the famous election ?—Yes.

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33,563. How much ?—I could not get anything.

33,564. Towneley, you know. This is a very promising task if Towneley escaped you ? Come, come ?—I do not recollect.

33,565. 12*l.* is what you got at Towneley's. Were you in the band ?—No.

33,566. Then 12*l.* is the sum, is it not ?—At Glover's first election I polled.

33,567. Well then we will come to that. How much ?—2*l.*

33,568. That was in 1852. Did you poll in the second election in 1857, in Glover's second election, Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—I voted for Glover.

33,569. What did you get ?—2*l.*

33,570. Now 1857 again ; that was a good year. there were two elections. How did you poll ; Edwards and Wells ?—Yes.

33,571. For whom ?—For Wells.

33,572. How much ?—I do not know what I got then.

33,573. Recollect. I am afraid there was not much money going. How much ; 2*l.* or 1*l.* ?—1*l.*

33,574. Who paid you, do you recollect ?—I do not know.

33,575. Where were you paid, do you recollect ?—In the Packhorse, I believe.

33,576. Now we will come to 1859. Walters, Edwards, and Walker ; for whom did you vote ?—I voted for Walters.

32,577. How much did you get ?—2*l.*

32,578. Who paid you ?—I was paid at the Mechanics' Hall.

32,579. I thought it was the Reform Rooms. In 1860, Walker and Gridley ; Walters was unseated ?—Yes.

33,580. For whom did you vote ?—Gridley.

33,581. How much ?—I do not think I got anything that time.

33,582. Are you sure ?—Yes.

33,583. Now we will come to 1865. For whom did you vote ; it was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I voted for Keane.

33,584. How much ?—30*s.*

33,585. No ; 2*l.*, I think ?—No.

33,586. How was that ; you got 1*l.* the day of the nomination ?—No ; 30*s.*

33,587. The day of the polling was it ?—Yes.

33,588. Who paid you ?—I am sure I cannot tell you who it was.

33,589. Cannot you recollect who paid you ?—No.

33,590. Where were you paid ; cannot you recollect that ? Why, on looking at the poll book I see you voted for Walker in 1860, not Gridley ; how is that ? What did you get when you voted for Walker ?—I think it was 2*l.*

33,591. For whom did you vote in 1857, Edwards and Wells ?—Wells.

33,592. Is there any other person of your name ?—Yes.

33,593. There are ?—Yes.

33,594. In 1865 you only got 30*s.* ; did you get nothing on the other side ?—No.

33,595. Cannot you tell us who paid you ?—No.

33,596. Where were you paid ?—I do not remember getting anything.

33,597. You told me you got 30*s.* for voting for Keane ?—I got that at the Mechanics' Hall.

33,598. Now we have come down to the last election ; you are a freeman ?—Yes.

33,589. You have often voted for the pasture masters and council choosing ?—Yes.

33,600. How much were you in the habit of getting at the council choosing ?—7*s.*

33,601. And how much for the pasture masters ?—I did not get anything for the pasture masters.

33,602. At council choosing what did you get last time for voting ?—7*s.*

33,603. Only 7*s.* ?—No.

33,604. For whom did you vote ?—Crimson.

33,605. Who paid you the 7*s.* ?—Thompson.

33,606. Thompson the barber ?—Yes.

33,607. That was shaving you close, I think ? Very well ; then for whom did you vote at the parliamentary, the last election ?—I voted for orange.

33,608. You mean Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

The withness witdrew.

ROBERT THOMPSON called, and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

R. Thompson.

33,609. Are you a freeman ?—No, I am not.

33,610. What are you by trade ?—A journeyman wheelwright.

33,611. And you are an occupier ; are you a voter ?—Yes, for this last municipal.

33,612. Did you vote at the parliamentry election ?—Yes.

33,613. What did you get in the municipal election ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

33,614. Who paid you ?—I forget his name.

33,615. Where were you paid ?—At the Golden Ball.

33,616. You got 17*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

33,617. You voted for the Conservatives at the council choosing ?—Yes.

33,618. And how did you vote at the parliamentary ?—Edwards and Kennard.

33,619. That is the only election you have voted at ?—That is the only election I have voted at.

Mr. Forde here came forward, and said he wished to correct a statement he had made with respect to the men having a holiday on the election day, and that he was confounding it with the municipal election. At that time the men and boys altogether had a holiday from 8 o'clock in the morning.

33,620. (*Mr Sergeant O'Brien.*) At the parliamentary ?—At the parliamentary election, I said it was the custom of the different yards in the town, I mean tan yards.

The Chief Commissioner observed that they so understood it at the time.

Adjourned till Tomorrow at half-past 10.

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Friday, 24th September 1869.

WILLIAM SMALES WREGHITT further examined.

33,621. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There is only one question I wish to ask you, it is simply with respect to a date. Do you recollect the circumstance of paying an Irishman named Patrick Lyons the sum of 3*l.*?—I do most distinctly.

33,622. Give me the date of that?—I think it would be about the middle of the year 1866.

33,623. Can you give me the exact date, have you any book where it is in?—I have not, but it was a year and a half at least after the 1865 election.

33,624. The 1865 election was in July?—Then it would be in 1868, but I gave him the money most decidedly, and that amount of money. I beg your pardon, it would be 1867.

33,625. Early in 1867?—Yes.

33,626. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I have one question to ask you, Mr. Wreghitt with reference to fetching the money on the morning of the municipal election. Do you know who went for it to the bank? You said it only occupied five minutes to fetch the money from the bank which Norfolk said had to be got from Mr. Forge?—I can only say what I know, but I have reason to believe Mr. Norfolk would fetch it himself as he handed it to Mr. Arden.

33,627. Then from the time of Mr. Norfolk's coming from you and getting the money from the bank to the time when you received it from Mr. Arden occupied only five minutes?—I think that was so.

33,628. You saw him go there, in fact?—Well, he left me to go there; I saw him going in that direction and I anticipated he would come back himself, but instead of coming back himself he placed the money in the hands of Mr. Arden.

33,629. He did not place it in the hands of any other person besides Mr. Arden, no person intervened between him and Mr. Arden?—Not that I am aware of.

33,630. And the whole transaction occupied five minutes?—I do not think more.

WILLIAM HENRY COOKE, Esq., sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

33,631. What are you?—I was counsel, or at least I was down here during Mr. Walker's election.

33,632. You are a barrister?—I am a barrister, and I was down here at the election of 1860, at the request of Mr. Walker, sen., to advise as far as it was possible to have an election conducted very differently to that which had been disclosed in the petition against Mr. Walters.

33,633. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do not make those statements, Mr. Cooke, the less that is said of that the better.

33,634. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What we have done with all the witnesses has been for them to answer the questions, and then afterwards for them to give any explanation that they may wish to give. Now, Mr. Walker's son has given evidence that you advised him to take a certain sum of money to———?—Kemplay.

33,635. Yes, to Kemplay?—I did.

33,636. 200*l.*?—200 sovereigns.

33,637. That was money that was in the bank?—No, that was money in Mr. Frederick Walker's possession. Mr. Frederick Walker on the Monday, the day of the nomination, intimated to me that he had got 200 sovereigns, and I said, Very well, keep those, do not part with them without speaking to me, or something of that sort.

33,638. Did Mr. Frederick Walker say where he got them from?—I heard something about some money of his grandmother's.

33,639. Did he say what bank he obtained them from?—The Hull bank, I believe. I will not swear that it was, but it was the Hull bank, I understood. I think on his return from Hull, if I recollect right, he came to me and said, "I have got 200 sovereigns, what shall I do with them?"

33,640. You knew he was going to get the 200*l.*?—No.

33,641. Were you not aware he was going to get these 200 sovereigns?—Not that I am aware of; I believe nothing passed between us that would lead me to believe we should require such a sum of money.

33,642. Were you aware from what passed before he got these 200 sovereigns that he was going to get them?—I should not like to pledge my oath one way or the other, he may have said so. I do not know.

33,643. He may have said he was going to get it?—Oh, exactly; and for a reason that I am going to give you, I think he may have said so.

33,644. No, never mind the reason, I only want the fact. After he fetched them he told you he had them in his possession?—Certainly.

33,645. And you gave him some advice?—Yes, I told him not to part with it without my knowledge, without my instructions, certainly, because I could not allow him to be spending money in any way without my knowing it.

33,646. Of course we are to infer you wished the money to be spent for election purposes?—He had it for the purpose, and I wished him to keep it and not to dispose of it until I gave him directions.

33,647. Then he was to have it because you wanted it?—No, no; I did not say that. I say that after he got the money I said to him, "Do not part with the money without speaking to me."

33,648. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You advised him not to dispose of it without your instructions?—Yes; for aught I knew, lots of people might have come and asked him for money, and he might have given it, he being a young man.

33,649. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How was it you came to dispose of the money?—I found he had got 200 sovereigns for the purposes of the election, and anybody exercising common sense would know it was there to be disposed of if it was necessary.

33,650. For the purposes of the election?—Yes.

33,651. That is for paying voters?—That is according to how it was applied.

33,652. Then you considered it was within your authority that the 200*l.* should be applied for the payment of voters?—Certainly, if I had chosen to corrupt voters; but I certainly had no intention to do so.

33,653. He was to retain it for a time, until you made up your mind how he was to dispose of it?—I had no intention at the time he spoke of it, of any disposing of it at all.

33,654. You have just now said he was to retain it for a time, and not to part with it without your direction?—Yes, I believe those were my words. When he told me that he had got the 200 sovereigns

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I used words which I cannot pledge my recollection exactly to, but the substance of them was, do not part with the money without speaking to me.

33,655. Without instructions. That is to say, you were to give him some further advice?—That is assuming what I did not intend to do; I did not want a single sovereign to be parted with.

33,656. Without his speaking to you?—Exactly. I did not know what a young man at his time of life might do with all these Beverley people, they might have asked him for money, and he might have given 20*l.* or 50*l.* away, and then I should have been held responsible. Therefore I said, "Do not part with the money without speaking to me."

33,657. Now, we have got the fact that he was not to part with the money without speaking to you?—Yes.

33,658. Did you afterwards speak to him?—Yes.

33,659. In what terms?—I told him to take the money down to the "Cross Keys," and to ascertain whether a person named Kemplay was there, and if he found Kemplay was there he was to give him the money. That was between 10 and 11 o'clock on the polling day.

33,660. You knew who Kemplay was?—I did not. I had never heard of Kemplay, except that his name was mentioned to me in the course of the afternoon before.

33,661. By whom?—Mr. Bainton had told me the evening before of Mr. Kemplay's existence. If you will allow me I will tell you exactly the facts.

33,662. If you will excuse me, we have had 26 days of it, and we find it is necessary to put questions?—Then I am quite willing to answer them.

33,663. Who told you the day before about Kemplay?—Mr. Bainton.

33,664. Mr. Bainton told you what about Kemplay?—That Kemplay was the person who agreed to do what I had desired Mr. Bainton to send a person to do.

33,665. And what was that, pray?—To pay the travelling expenses of the out-voters.

33,666. You thought his was a proper hand to receive this money?—Well, I was obliged to appoint somebody. I did not want men to be going all over Beverley, all over the town, and so I went to Mr. Bainton and spoke about the expenses. Finding there were a number of persons who had come into the borough without waiting for their railway passes, a difficulty arose as to how we could give them their travelling expenses, as we could not comply with the Act of Parliament by sending them passes. I asked Mr. Bainton to send me one trustworthy man who knew the out-voters and the distances they had come, the places they had departed from, and then he could pay to them some ascertained amount; and I said he must be in some convenient place on the polling day, so that he can pay the expenses of the men, for I would not allow them to be paid over night. At 10 o'clock on the polling morning I was at Mr. Bainton's office, superintending the returns of the poll; all the returns were brought to me at Mr. Bainton's office. At 10 o'clock I was called out of the room by somebody. I did not know who it was, though I daresay I had seen him before in the committee room. Well, I suspected him. He said, "I am come from the 'Cross Keys,' from Mr. Kemplay; he wants something to pay the out-voters' expenses." I thought it was a trick passed upon me to get money from me by somebody who found that no money was going; but at the same time I had asked Mr. Bainton to appoint a man to pay the voters, and I expected Mr. Bainton to advance the money to Kemplay.

33,667. Was all this after you had sent to Kemplay?—Oh no, before I had sent to Kemplay at all I desired Mr. Bainton to appoint a person as paymaster, but I did not know who Kemplay was. As Mr. Bainton was busy it seemed to me quite probable, he being a young man, that he might have appointed a paymaster without providing him with any money. Therefore, knowing that Mr. F. Walker had 200*l.*, and was in the inner room watching the poll, I called him out, and said, Here is a hitch about the out-voters' expenses, go down to the "Cross Keys" and see if Kemplay is there (I did not know whether it was a trick or not); I said, Go and see if Kemplay is there, and if you find Kemplay there give him this money. He said, What am I to tell him, and I said, He knows perfectly well what to do with it. I sent him down there to pay the expenses.

33,668. How did you know Kemplay would know what to do?—Because Mr. Bainton told me he had selected Kemplay for the very purpose; I had asked him to select a person, and he selected Kemplay.

33,669. Then the directions to Kemplay were given by Mr. Bainton?—Yes.

33,670. Not by you?—No, I never saw him in my life before, I never knew his name except that he was the man chosen.

33,671. And I suppose Mr. Walker came back and said he had given the 200*l.* to Kemplay?—I said, Have you found Kemplay, and he said yes, he was there, and I thought it was all right; I thought the money was paid for the out-voters.

33,672. Before you allowed this money to be committed to Kemplay's charge you must have ascertained what the instructions to him were. What were they?—Pardon me, you are assuming that.

33,673. I confess it is only an assumption, but I assume you do not give 200*l.* to a man without knowing what he is going to do with it; it is not an unreasonable assumption?—I have already said there was a difficulty with respect to all these out-voters in Beverley. Knowing by the Act of Parliament they ought to have railway passes, it was a difficulty to know how to give them their railway fares without infringing the law, without making an illegal payment. I did not wish to make it a corrupt payment, and I therefore asked Mr. Bainton to select one man to be the paymaster, and not to have half a dozen people to come, each to state they had paid this or that man.

33,674. Is not all this an elaboration and extension of what I have just now said, you asked Mr. Bainton what were the directions?—I did not ask Mr. Bainton what he had said to the man; I only told Mr. Bainton what to do.

33,675. It simply comes to this, you knew what the man was to do with the money, that seems to me to be very much the same thing?—Certainly, I expected what he was to do with it.

33,676. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You knew what were his instructions. Were a part of those instructions that he was to ascertain what the exact amount of the travelling expenses of each person was?—Most certainly it was. That was the reason I asked that there should be selected for the purpose a suitable man who knew all the out-voters, and knew where they came from. I expected a petition.

33,677. Did you take any means afterwards to know whether the man executed his instructions?—No, it was nothing to me; I went away from Beverley the next day, and I have never come here since.

33,678. Well, I do not know whether it had nothing to do with you. You were the trustee of 200*l.*?—Kemplay was to my mind a respectable man, and Mr. Bainton was the election agent, and Mr. Bainton and Mr. Kemplay were to account to each other. I may say that in London when the petition took place I was speaking to Mr. Bainton about Kemplay's expenditure, which I understood was the salient point of the petition, and I heard that Kemplay had given Mr. Bainton back 50*l.*, and I thought it was 50*l.* out of the 200*l.*

33,679. Did you take any means to ascertain whether Kemplay dispensed the money with reference to the travelling expenses, and the different distances the voters had come?—No, I did not.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

33,680. There was 100*l.* down to you in Sir James Walker's book ?—Oh yes, Mr. Walker gave me 100*l.* for my time and expenses here; that was after the election.

33,681. Oh, I beg your pardon, I thought it was the same date ?—Oh, dear no.

33,682. The explanation of my asking about it is that it was under the same date ?—Oh no.

33,683. I mean in the book it is the same date. I do not say he paid you then ?—I should not like to be certain of the time to say positively, he may have given it me before I left the town, but my impression is he did not.

33,684. It is only this, the entry is attached to the other entry, both the 200*l.* and 100*l.* make one item ?—That I was not aware of.

33,685. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You received a present from Sir James Walker ?—I did not during the election, but after I did.

33,686. There is nothing objectionable or any objection suggested with regard to that. As a matter of fact, however, you received 100*l.* as a present from Sir James Walker ?—I did.

33,687. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You know, Mr. Cooke, you were counsel in the petition of '59 ?—I was.

33,688. Well, you knew that bribery was prevalent in Beverley ?—Yes.

33,689. And that Kemplay's name was mentioned as one of the bribers ?—Is it ? Well, I did not know it; I have never read the evidence since.

33,690. I think so, I think it is ?—It is 10 years ago, and I do not usually take much interest in reading those things when they are over. Besides they went into a petition charging Mr. Walker with bribery, and the committee negatived that.

33,691. But they did not know the fact of your having been down here; they did not know then that Mr. Cooke was down here and supplied that money to Kemplay ?—No; I am speaking of '59; you asked me about '59.

33,692. Yes, that is so. But their decision went to the fact of agency, not bribery. They asserted the fact of bribery, and they negatived the fact of agency ?—Well, it is 10 years ago, and I do not remember distinctly.

33,693. I will read it over to you if you like ?—Oh no; it may be so; but after you have been working hard upon a petition you do not care about reading over the notes; I never did; it is a kind of literature that I do not indulge in.

33,694. Now, Mr. Cooke, I must ask you this question, if that was intended only for legitimate expenses, why should not it find its way into Mr. Bainton's account for legitimate expenses ?—I can only give you a suggestion. I had instructed Mr. Bainton to advance to Kemplay for the purpose of those payments whatever money Kemplay wanted.

33,695. But why should not the money pass into Mr. Bainton's accounts ?—I was not to make up those accounts.

33,696. Why should not the money contained in this bag be returned to the auditor; if you paid away 200 sovereigns in a bag, why should not that be handed over to Mr. Bainton, who was the conducting agent, if it was intended by all the parties to it that it should be all regular ?—You must ask those who are concerned.

33,697. You are a man well used to these matters ?—I thought I had answered the question before. The 200 sovereigns were there, and if I had chosen to use them for any improper purpose there was nothing to prevent my doing it.

33,698. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I should not suggest that there had been, but we have got it proved as a fact. Did you take any means that that money should come into Mr. Bainton's account, to have the money expended brought into the regular account ?—No; it is not a part of my business, as counsel, to trouble myself with accounts after the election. I had forgotten all about it; it is only since this Commission has sat that I have been trying to remember what the facts really were.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

33,699. You say that you sent these 200 sovereigns to Kemplay for the purpose of paying the travelling expenses of the out-voters ?—Yes.

33,700. Had you taken any means to ascertain the number of the out-voters ?—No.

33,701. You did not ?—No.

33,702. Or the distances they had come ?—No.

33,703. Or the total sum that their travelling expenses were likely to come to ?—Certainly not.

33,704. You made no inquiry about the matter at all ?—Not the slightest.

33,705. But on an election day, and in Beverley, knowing well what Beverley was, you entrusted 200 sovereigns to an unknown person ?—No; I asked Mr. Frederick Walker to go down and find a known person, Mr. Kemplay, who had been by the recognized agent selected. I never gave it to an unknown man.

33,706. Then since you have put it to me, I will say to a very well known person ?—He is well known to you who have been sitting on this Commission, but not to me, and I had had no investigation in the matter. I assure you I no more knew about Kemplay or his antecedents than I knew about a person I had never heard of. It was a very sudden thing. I never expected any man to come. It came on the spur of the moment, and the question was what was to be done.

33,707. This election was in 1860 ?—It was.

33,708. Had you looked to see what the cost of out-voters had been in any previous election ?—Not in the slightest.

33,709. Were you aware that in Sir Henry Edwards' election, Edwards and Wells' election in '67, the total travelling expenses of absentee voters was 37*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* ?—No; I never intended to pay out-voters. I left that to Mr. Bainton to settle with Kemplay.

33,710. You were engaged in the petition of 1859 ?—I was.

33,711. Can you charge your memory to say whether you heard the election auditor's expenses put in ?—Oh, dear no; those things are put in and taken as read.

33,712. Then perhaps you are not aware on that occasion the sum expended in the purchase of railway tickets, and the hiring of conveyances for out-voters was 13*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* ?—Certainly not, and I do not suppose anybody else did; but whoever cross-examined might ask some questions about them. I never took any notice.

33,713. You were quite aware that the expense of out-voters was a proper charge to be carried into the auditor's accounts ?—No, it is a charge against the Act of Parliament. It was just this difficulty: these men had been promised their railway passes, but they had come in, as far as I remember, on the Saturday, with return tickets, and wanted to go back on the Monday, and I agreed to recoup them the wasted ticket, and that they should have a ticket for the Tuesday morning. It was an extra payment. It was a wasted return ticket with which they were entitled to go back on the Monday morning, and they had to have one for the Tuesday morning. In my mind it is an item that ought not to have been put in the election auditor's accounts, because it was against the Act of Parliament.

33,714. Was it against the Act ?—Yes, it was

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against the statute by which you are obliged to give them their railway tickets, but not money.

33,715. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Hear also what we have now, conveyance of absentee voters, 24*l.*?—But this was for conveyances; it was a different thing. It was told me that there were a number of freemen living in the neighbourhood and district around Beverley, within seven miles, but not within railway distance.

33,716. But here it is also conveyance of out-voters?—Yes.

33,717. That would mean the voters living in the neighbourhood?—Yes, I daresay.

33,718. Why did not you make some inquiry as to their expenses?—At that time of the day I could not go into the question of how much money to give them. I thought it was much better to send them to a man who was a trustworthy person.

33,719. That is your explanation?—That is my explanation. You know, if you were to stop and hesitate, you would lose your election.

33,720. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Yes, that I believe is the secret of it?—It is like all sorts of warfare, the man who hesitates is lost.

33,721. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You did not stop to hesitate?—I had no choice; here I was at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the man up there without any money to pay with, and I thought it better to give the money. I suppose Mr. Kemplay, from being the paymaster appointed by Mr. Bainton, would return to Mr. Bainton any amount of surplus there was.

33,722. Did you ascertain whether he returned anything to Mr. Bainton?—I ascertained it in this way: in London, when we were talking of Mr. Kemplay's expenses, Mr. Bainton stated that Kemplay paid him back 50*l.*, and I concluded it was 50*l.* out of the 200*l.* I never heard Mr. Bainton had given him any money till this Commission sat.

33,723. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I thought you came down on Sir James Walker's suggestion that the matter should be perfectly pure and legal?—So I did; but it was this difficulty arose: you will find from Mr. Bainton, if he is called, that Mr. Walker, on my instruction, went to look for the out-voters, and we agreed that they should have their railway passes. But they beat us. They came into Beverley with tickets on Saturday night, to return on the Monday. They were all willing to vote, but if they went back on the Monday they might not have come to vote on the Tuesday; and the only difficulty was in giving them the wasted ticket and their fare on Tuesday morning; and I thought it better to have some person who knew the persons and the distances they came. I thought it better to have such a person selected, and Mr. Kemplay was the person selected for that purpose.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. T. F. Champney.

Mr. T. F. Champney presented himself for the purpose of making an explanation.

33,724. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You will make your explanation subject to all the consequences.

33,725. (*The witness.*) Do you wish to ask me questions, or to hear any statement of my own?

33,726. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I want the shorthand writer's notes of the evidence to be read of your examination.

33,727. (*The witness.*) If as a matter of form you wish that to be done I have no objection, but I have read my evidence several times over.

(The shorthand writer's notes of the evidence of Mr. T. F. Champney were accordingly read by the Secretary.)

33,728. (*The witness.*) The statement that I have to make to-day is the same statement which you will remember I volunteered on Tuesday morning, and I only regret that the prior engagements of the Commission have protracted so long the interval betwixt the time Mr. Cronhleme gave his evidence and the time I am called upon to make my statement; however, I am quite sure the Commissioners could not avoid that. I am very sorry, as far as Mr. Cronhelme is concerned, to have to make any allusions to him; but there is no other course—I am forced to do it.

33,729. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We really do not want to go into that.

33,730. (*The witness.*) Well, sir, I merely say I will not speak of him with any feeling of resentment or vindictiveness, though by his evidence he has put me in a very painful position. When here before I stated to you, and I stated it advisedly, that no money passed through my hands in the election of '57, or any subsequent election. To that statement most conscientiously made then I now most rigorously adhere. Mr. Cronhelme first states that on the evening of the nomination day he had some conversation with me as to the expediency or policy of bringing corruption to bear on the Beverley election. That is the first grave error into which he has fallen. I never had any such conversation as he has given; he never consulted me. If he had done so, I am quite certain, from my knowledge of the circumstances at the time, I should have utterly repudiated it, for I know no money was necessary for the return of Sir Henry at that election.

33,731. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do not make unnecessary statements; you cannot know whether it was or not?—That is my view. The next statement he makes is that I was the medium of communication betwixt himself and some other person who might be found in Beverley to distribute money.

33,732. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He said plainly you introduced him to Kemplay.

33,733. (*The witness.*) That I utterly deny. I deny that I ever introduced him to any individual in Beverley for any corrupt purpose.

33,734. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Never mind the corrupt purpose. What he says is you introduced him to Kemplay?—I certainly did not, I had no conversation with Kemplay. I certainly did not. The next thing he says is that he made a payment to me of 1,500*l.*

33,735. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No, 800*l.*?

33,736. (*The witness.*) Yes, 800*l.* now, but he first said he had paid me 1,500*l.*, and to the extent of 700*l.* or 800*l.* that is shown to be utterly unfounded by his letter of yesterday morning, in which he reduces the amount to 800*l.* But I state this most positively and conscientiously I never received 1,500*l.* or 800*l.*, or any sum whatever, from Mr. Cronhelme either directly or indirectly, or by direct payment or remittance, in the election of '57. And I, standing here in this town, say it publicly that I challenge any person in this town to come here and say that in the election of 1857 they received any money whatever from me for the purposes of the election, with the reservation that has already been made with regard to Nutchey. You asked me at the close of my last evidence whether I had anything else to say, whether I had any statement to make. I think I said I had considered the matter, since Mr. Collier had told me I might be called upon, and I then said advisedly I had none. I say now if it had not been for Mr. Cronhelme's own disclosures his name would never have suggested itself to me as a name I ought to tell, and I hope that the respect I have for a court like this is such that if I had thought it would throw any light on the inquiry, or assist the inquiry, I should certainly most happily have told you. So far did I think Mr. Cronhelme was perfectly aloof from the election, that I thought he had come here as a mere friend of Sir Henry Edwards, and from the demeanour of the man himself I should never have thought he had any connexion whatever with the election. He came over here with a host of people from Halifax. It is perfectly notorious that he came here with a number of other people who were great supporters of Sir Henry

during the time he represented Halifax in '42–'52, '53, and '57. All these men were utterly unknown to me, but it was well known they were here. I looked upon Mr. Cronhelme simply as a man who had such a regard for the Edwards' family that he could not stop at home but was obliged to follow the fortunes of his patron. That was the light in which I looked upon him, and should have continued to look upon him but for his own disclosures. I do not know that there is anything else. I am ready to answer any questions.

33,737. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I have only one question to ask, and you need not answer it unless you like. Did you know Mr. Cronhelme before he came here?—I knew him before he came here simply from my relations with Halifax; my brother-in-law resides there and is member there. I have known Mr. Cronhelme for 30 years.

33,738. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When did you first hear he was coming?—I never knew he was coming till I saw him here, and I was very much astonished to see him here at his advanced age. As I have said, I think he came as a warm admirer of Sir Henry Edwards.

33,739. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No, no; he says himself he came with a bag of gold.

33,740. (*The witness.*) I think it is due to me to say what I have done.

33,741. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You may say what you like about it, but do not mix it up with what you think of others.

33,742. (*The witness.*) You check me in my observation when speaking with respect to Mr. Cronhelme. When people are so entirely antagonistic as we are, I cannot say more than that I merely want to give you the impression he is simply mistaken, that his evidence with regard to me was a misstatement.

33,743. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) If you want my impression, I must say, as you have drawn it out, that I do not think it was a misstatement.

33,744. (*The witness.*) Very well, sir.

33,745. Have you any other explanation to give?—Oh, no; it is a matter of perfect indifference to me. You remember, sir, in his evidence he says his memory is not what it used to be; my memory serves me as it used to. At the conclusion of his evidence he says his memory is not what it used to be; my memory, sir, is what it used to be.

33,746. Oh, we heard it all. I suppose you were at the "Cross Keys?"—No, not at the "Cross Keys."

33,747. At the "Beverley Arms"?—Sir Henry used to speak from the balcony of the "Beverley Arms."

33,748. Were you there?—I have been at the "Beverley Arms" when he was speaking from there.

33,749. Did you see Kemplay there?—Certainly not.

33,750. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You saw Mr. Cronhelme more than once, we understood?—I do not think I should see him more than twice, because he did not canvass with us. I might see him on the nomination day and the day of election.

33,751. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Just consider the purport of this question well. Did you ever receive a letter from Mr. Cronhelme from Halifax, after the election; consider it well?—I believe I received a letter from Mr. Cronhelme a considerable time after the election.

33,752. How long after?—I could not speak to months, but it was many months. I daresay it may have been six or 12 months; I could not say to a week or month.

33,753. Have you the letter?—No, but I can tell you its contents.

33,754. No, we cannot have that?—It had nothing to do with the election.

33,755. Had you ever received a letter from Sir Henry Edwards?—Never touching the election.

33,756. Did I ask you touching the election? Did you receive a letter from Sir Henry Edwards after the election?—I cannot remember; I have received lots of letters from Sir Henry. I have known him intimately.

33,757. Were you his solicitor?—No, but I have known Halifax so long. I have met him in society for 30 years.

33,758. I am not asking about your meeting him in society. I ask you, you residing here, did you receive letters from Sir Henry Edwards after the election of '57?—I do not remember that I did, touching the election.

33,759. I did not ask you touching the election?—I really cannot say, it is 12 years since.

33,760. Did you receive any letters from him?—I am perfectly unable to say.

33,761. Did his letters cover any remittance?—I never received any letter from Sir Henry covering a remittance.

33,762. Did Mr. Cronhelme's letter or Sir Henry's ever cover any remittance?—Mr. Cronhelme's did. I was going to say it did. I was prepared to tell you it did cover a remittance.

33,763. What was it?—It was many months after the election he sent me a sum of 100*l.*, and the reason of it was this——

33,764. I simply want the fact, when we have the circumstance you can explain. I want now the date of the letter?—That I cannot tell you, but it was several months after the date of the election.

33,765. Was it in the same year?—That I could not say, I really could not say, but I did receive a letter from him within 12 months I should say certainly, covering a sum of 100*l.*

33,766. I see the election was in August, "Edwards and Wells;" that letter then was at the end of that year or the beginning of the next?—I could not say, but it would be some months after the election, I think I may fairly say it would be within 12 months.

33,767. Within 12 months of the election?—Yes, I think I may fairly say that.

33,768. Had you written to him?—Yes, I had.

33,769. How was the remittance made?—I could not be sure about that; I could not say.

33,770. I am not asking you to be sure?—I am not sure whether it was a cheque of Mr. Cronhelme's or money, but it was not Sir Henry's.

33,771. Did I ask you about Sir Henry? I asked you, was it a cheque (if so we can trace it), or was it in half notes?—I could not say, I am sure I could not.

33,772. Where is your bank?—The East Riding bank.

33,773. Have you a banking book?—I have now, but I had not at that day.

33,774. Now, I ask you, to the best of your belief was it in half notes?—I am sure I could not tell you, I would if I had any impression about it.

33,775. You have an impression about it, because you were going to tell me the contents of the letter, and yet you will not tell me what the enclosure was?—I received the 100*l.*, which was the only satisfactory part of the letter, I do not know in what shape it reached me.

33,776. Did you acknowledge the receipt of it?—I have no doubt of it.

33,777. You had written to him before?—I had either written to him or seen him, I am frequently over at Halifax every year.

33,778. Had not you written to him?—I might have done both, I may say I had written to him.

33,779. Well, you may give any explanation?—My explanation is purely this. Having known Sir Henry Edwards for many years previous to '57, and having been the first person to introduce him here, the first person to broach to him the subject of his coming to Beverley at all, and in my own person having been a warm supporter of the Conservative party for many years, I did think when he came here that I ought to be appointed the agent. But I was not, I was entirely ignored, and that is the reason why I would have nothing to do with any future election. I then told Mr. Cronhelme that having been the successful means of Sir Henry Edwards coming, I thought I was entitled to a douceur, and he then gave me the 100*l.*

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Mr. T. F. Champney,

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33,780. What you got the 100*l.*, by way of gift, why did not you tell me that before?—I was going to tell you about it, but you would not hear what I had to say.

33,781. Did you tell me till I asked you that you had received a letter?—I said it had no connexion with the election, that is what I said.

33,782. That is for us to decide; by your own evidence it has connexion with the election?—No, not in the slightest, as far as Sir Henry Edwards was concerned; whether I got 100*l.* or not, made no difference. It was merely a douceur by Mr. Cronhelme.

33,783. I will not argue with you. Did you receive any other letters?—No, I will not say that I received any other letter, I may have done.

33,784. Did you receive any other remittance?—No, certainly not.

33,785. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you keep a letter book?—Yes.

33,786. Is there a press copy of this letter?—I do not think at that time, in '57, I did keep press copies. I kept copies of letters, but I should not enter anything in my letter book that had not connexion with business. My letter book is perfectly open of that date for your inspection, but I should not, I am sure, keep anything that was not in connexion with the office but merely a private matter.

33,787. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you really mean to tell me, Mr. Champney, that you put forward the facts you have told us to Mr. Cronhelme as the groundwork of your application for money?—I have no doubt I should, I felt so exceedingly annoyed I was not appointed as an agent.

33,788. What services had you rendered for which you could claim to be entitled to remuneration?—I had always been a strong friend to the Conservative party, and therefore I thought I ought to be appointed the agent.

33,789. No, I do not ask about your being agent, but about pecuniary remuneration. What services had you rendered for which you thought yourself entitled to pecuniary remuneration?—I think so in this way; I had been in the first instance the medium of Major Edwards' name being introduced to the borough purely in a private capacity.

33,790. Purely in a private capacity?—Perfectly so among my own friends; I never would join with the Working Men's Association in any shape or way, it was purely in a private capacity that I mentioned his name, and I think when in Halifax and I called upon Sir Henry.

33,791. That made you think you were entitled to receive pecuniary remuneration?—After the event, after all was done and Major Edwards had got in I thought that I had been the means.

33,792. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And you made an application?—I did.

33,793. Was that before or after the election?—After the election, a long time.

33,794. I put it distinctly to you, "before, at, or after the election"?—It would be after the election.

33,795. I put the question to you whether you had received any money at that very election, before, at, or after the election?—Yes, but for the purpose of the election. I cannot be caught in that way, I was very straightforward in what I had to say, and I am not to be caught like that.

33,796. Very well, we have done with you?—Yes, if the Commissioners are courteous to me I will be courteous to them.

33,797. You had better not say anything?—I wish to be perfectly courteous, but I do not want to be caught in that way.

The Chief Commissioner said he had nothing further to ask the witness.

33,798. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were there any other services which you had rendered for this remuneration that was given?—I think not, it was an *honorarium*.

The witness withdrew.

W. Hobson.

William Hobson called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

33,799. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

33,800. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since Towneley's second election.

33,801. Did you vote at the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes, I believe I did, to the best of my belief.

33,802. Whom did you vote for?—I believe I voted for Mr. Wells.

33,803. Did you get anything for your vote?—I really cannot bear it in mind.

33,804. I wish you would?—I would if I could, sir, I would tell you in a moment.

33,805. Did you vote when Sir Henry Edwards first came here, when Edwards and Wells put up together, did you vote then?—I cannot say that I did.

33,806. Do you remember whether you voted when Walters, Edwards, and Walker put up?—Yes, I think I voted then, I believe I voted for Walters and Edwards.

33,807. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes, I believe I got to the best of my recollection 1*l.* of Taylor, in Butcher Row.

33,808. Which party was that, Walter's?—I polled Walters, I believe.

33,809. Taylor gave that you?—Yes.

33,810. Where did he give it you?—In the place in the Reform Rooms. To the best of my knowledge that is the place, but I have a very bad memory.

33,811. Did you get anything from the Edwards' party?—No, I cannot remember ever getting a farthing from that party, not to the best of my recollection.

33,812. But you voted for them?—Yes.

33,813. Had you ever voted that side before?—Yes.

33,814. You had?—Yes.

33,815. Did you get anything after the election?—No, I never got nothing after.

33,816. Did they employ you in any way?—No, I never was employed in any shape.

33,817. Did you vote for Gridley the next election, when Gridley and Walker were up?—I believe, to the best of my memory, I polled for Mr. Walker, but I cannot say.

33,818. Do try and think; you voted for Walker?—Yes.

33,819. Did you get anything?—To the best of my knowledge I did not get a farthing.

33,820. You should try and remember; it is no use coming here giving us such a lame story?—I want to give you the truth.

33,821. Yes, and the whole truth?—Yes, as far as my ability goes I will.

33,822. Now you can tell us about 1860, that is not so long ago. Did you get anything for your vote when Walker and Gridley were up?—I believe Gridley's was the last election but one.

33,823. No, there was another election in 1865, when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up. Let us go to that, perhaps we can work backwards; Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, that was 1865?—I polled that election for Edwards, if I be right, for Edwards and Keane.

33,824. You split your vote?—Yes.

33,825. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—No; I got a sovereign of Thomas White, to the best of my memory.

33,826. For which party?—For Keane.

33,827. Thomas White?—Yes, to the best of my knowledge.

33,828. Was that all you got from Keane's party?—Yes.

33,829. Was that the day before the election?—Yes, it was on the nomination day.

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W. Hobson.

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33,830. What did you get the election day?—I did not get a farthing for no one.

33,831. Did you not go and look after White again?—Well, as far as that went, I took a walk and came into the town, and I thought perhaps I should see him again, and if I could have got any more most likely I should have took it; that is the fact of the matter.

33,832. Do you know who gave the money to White?—He told me Hind, at the Mechanics'.

33,833. Mr. Luke Hind?—Mr. Luke Hind he told me he got it of. He wanted me to go for it, and I said I would not.

33,834. You did not like going to the mill?—I did not know anything about it as well as other people as to looking after it.

33,835. It is a very simple process?—What little I got I got the same as other people.

33,836. Did you get anything from the Edwards' party; you voted for Edwards?—No, I did not.

33,837. Now let us go back, that was in 1865. Now go back to the election of 1860 that I was asking you about just now, Walker and Gridley, that was the election before?—I cannot remember, but if you look at the poll book you will see.

33,838. Come, you can think now whether you voted for one or other; did you vote for Walker?—Yes, I believe to the best of my knowledge I voted for Walker.

33,839. When he was up against Gridley; Walker and Gridley put up together, you know?—Yes.

33,840. Do you remember Mr. Walters was unseated?—Yes; I polled for Mr. Walters.

33,841. And he was unseated, and then directly after that there was another election, when Mr. Gridley put up; did you vote then?—I cannot say, not exactly. I want to speak the truth as far as I can.

33,842. You voted for Walker?—I did one election, but I cannot say the one. I think you will find it in the polling book that I did.

33,843. Yes; then what did you get for your vote?—To the best of my knowledge I did not get a farthing.

33,844. Just think, you know?—I have thought since I got the summons.

33,845. Where do you work?—At the Iron and Waggon Company.

33,846. You work with White that gave you the 1*l.*?—No, I work in the fitting shop. Daniels is my foreman; I do not work with White.

33,847. But White works at the foundry?—Yes, he works at the same place.

33,848. Did he give you the 1*l.* there?—No, he gave it me at the "Golden Ball;" that is where he gave it me.

33,849. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

33,850. What did you get then?—I got 15*s.*

33,851. Who gave you that?—I believe to the best of my knowledge it was one they called Watson, to the best of my memory.

33,852. Which side did you vote at council choosing?—I voted for the crimson side; for Mr. Usher, Mr. Catterson, and Mr. Lowther, to the best of my memory.

33,853. Which way did you vote for the parliamentary election?—Major Edwards and Captain Kennard, to the best of my memory.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS SUGGITT called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. Suggitt.

33,854. What are you by business?—A baker.

33,855. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

33,856. How long have you been a freeman?—About 38 years.

33,857. You recollect Towneley's and all the elections from then. Did you vote for Towneley?—I voted at the Towneley election.

33,858. How much did you get?—I got 12*l.*

33,859. 1857, did you vote in the Denison, Wells, and Glover election?—Yes.

33,860. For whom?—Glover.

33,861. How much did you get?—Nothing.

33,862. Did you vote in the succeeding election of 1857, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

33,863. For whom did you vote?—For Major Edwards.

33,864. He was a stranger to the town then, was not he? It was his first appearance?—He had not been long in the town.

33,865. There was money going, was not there?—I did not see any.

33,866. Did you inquire about any?—No, I did not.

33,867. Did you get any?—No.

33,868. Did any money pass from your hands?—No.

33,869. Before or after or at the election?—Not at the election.

33,870. My question is much larger, before, at, or after the election. I think you got a little after?—I do not recollect.

33,871. Yes?—I do not, indeed.

33,872. Not having anything to do with the election, that is the usual explanation, but some time afterwards?—What year did you say?

33,873. 1857, at Major Edwards' first election?—No, I did not.

33,874. You had done some services for him, had you not?—I voted for him.

33,875. Did not you work hard for him?—I cannot say that I did.

33,876. Reflect. You answered me very clearly as to not having any at the election, did you get any money before the election?—No.

33,877. Did you get any money after the election?—No, I did not.

33,878. Are you sure?—Yes.

33,879. Not three or four months afterwards?—Not that I know of.

33,880. When did you last touch money?—This last municipal election.

33,881. For whom did you vote at the municipal?—For the Conservatives.

33,882. How much did you get?—15s.

33,883. Who paid you?—David Nutchey.

33,884. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

33,885. At Keane's election of 1865 for whom did you vote (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane)?—Edwards and Sykes.

33,886. How much did you get?—I did not get any.

33,887. Why?—I never applied for it.

33,888. Did you apply to Nutchey for the municipal money?—They gave it to me as I was coming.

33,889. Do you mean you got no money at the election?—No, I did not.

33,890. Before the election?—No.

33,891. Nor after the election?—No.

33,892. Just think?—Not for the parliamentary election.

33,893. I mean for the parliamentary election of 1865. We shall have you coming up again making some explanations if you do not recollect yourself. Just recollect whether you got any money in 1865?—I do not recollect I did.

33,894. Will you swear you did not at the election, before the election, or after the election. Will you swear no money reached your hands?—I got the Walker's gift. Is that what you mean?

33,895. When did you get Walker's gift?—In 1864 I think it was.

33,896. How soon before the election?—A good bit before the election.

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T. Suggitt.

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33,897. How much?—4*l.*

33,898. What were you then?—A baker.

33,899. Had you a bakery?—Yes.

33,900. A shop?—Yes.

33,901. What did you pay a year for your shop?—12*l.*

33,902. When did you apply for Walker's gift? You connected Walker's gift with the election yourself?—I applied to Mr. Monkman for it.

33,903. When? In 1864 I suppose?—Further back than that. I have had it twice. First I got it in 1860.

33,904. In 1864 you applied to Mr. Monkman?—In 1860 I applied to Mr. Monkman first.

33,905. I am speaking of the last time you got it. You said it was 1864?—I think it was 1864.

33,906. Had you ever met with any pecuniary misfortune, or anything of that kind?—I had a horse that was strangled.

33,907. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who strangled it?—It got its hind foot in the halter.

33,908. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was a horse to take out your bread, I suppose?—Yes.

33,909. You have a good business, I suppose?—Not very.

33,910. How many horses had you at the time?—Only one.

33,911. When before had you got it?—I got it in 1860.

33,912. How much did you get?—4*l.*

33,913. How soon after the election? There was an election in 1860. You voted, I venture to say, in that year for Mr. Walker?—I voted for Walker. I have voted for the Conservatives ever since Hogg and Fox.

33,914. Did you get any money in Walker and Gridley's time than the 4*l.* you speak of?—I did not get any other.

33,915. You got no other money?—I got none.

33,916. You lived in the same house, I suppose?—Yes.

33,917. What accident had occurred then in 1860?—My horse got strangled; it was in 1860 the horse was strangled.

33,918. What had occurred in 1864?—The horse fell lame.

33,919. What has become with the horse that fell lame?—I sent it to the tanyard.

33,920. How long had you had him?—For four years.

33,921. Do you recollect in 1859 voting for Edwards, Walters, and Walker?—Yes.

33,922. How did you vote?—For Edwards and Walker.

33,923. Did you pay any money?—No.

33,924. Did you receive any money?—No.

33,925. Did you in your own mind connect your getting Walker's gift with the election?—Not that I know of.

33,926. Did you get Walker's gift a third time?—No.

33,927. Only twice?—Only twice, and very thankful I was to get it.

The witness withdrew.

J. Hoggard.

JOHN HOGGARD called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

33,928. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

33,929. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1852.

33,930. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

33,931. For whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells.

33,932. What did you get?—4*l.*

33,933. Where were you paid?—I cannot say at present.

33,934. Do you mean to say you do not remember where you were paid? Think a little?—In some of the rooms I was paid.

33,935. That is to say you were not paid in the street. In what room?—The rooms right abreast here.

33,936. The Reform Association room?—Yes.

33,937. Who paid you?—I cannot say who gave me the money, I forget now; I do not remember the man who gave it.

33,938. Who took you there?—I do not remember now who took me; I came from London.

33,939. Who took you?—I do not remember; it was some party. I got paid there.

33,940. Whom did you see there?—I saw Boyes there.

33,941. Whom besides?—I do not remember the other gentleman.

33,942. You do not remember the name of any other?—No.

33,943. You are a Beverley man, I suppose?—Yes.

33,944. You know Boyes quite well?—Yes.

33,945. Did he pay you?—No, he did not pay me.

33,946. What was he doing there?—I do not know what he was doing there.

33,947. Was he sitting at a table?—Yes.

33,948. Had he a book before him?—Yes, he had a book.

33,949. Pen and ink?—Yes.

33,950. What sort of a book was it?—I do not remember.

33,951. Do you not remember at all?—No, I did not take any notice.

33,952. Did you see him write in the book?—No, I cannot say whether I did or not.

33,953. Did you see him make any mark?—No.

33,954. When this person, whoever he was, took you into the room what took place? Was your name mentioned?—Yes, I had voted for that party, and I went and got paid.

33,955. The man mentioned your name and said you had voted for that party, and that you had come to get paid?—Yes.

33,956. Who spoke then? who answered him?—I do not remember. I went in when there were three or four of them, and I got paid; that is all I know.

33,957. Do you remember who paid you?—I do not remember the man who gave me the money.

33,958. Some one gave you the money?—Yes.

33,959. How did he give to it you?—He gave me the 4*l.* for voting for Denison and Wells.

33,960. Were they sovereigns?—Yes.

33,961. Did you see a bag?—Yes, he had a bag.

33,962. A bag with gold in it?—Yes.

33,963. How many men were in the room?—Three or four.

33,964. You swear that Boyes was one?—He was in at the time.

33,965. The next election was in August the same year, Edwards and Wells; what did you get then?—I got 2*l.*

33,966. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards.

33,967. The next election was in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Walters at that election.

33,968. Do you remember who paid you at Edwards' election?—Yes.

33,969. Who was it?—A man called James Baker.

33,970. In 1859 you voted for Walters?—Yes, for Walters.

33,971. And you got 2*l.*?—Yes.

33,972. The next election was in the following year between Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote then?—Mr. Gridley.

33,973. What did you get then?—3*l.* 15*s.* I came from Stockton.

33,974. Were you paid at the "Pack Horse?"—Yes.

33,975. For whom did you vote at the next election, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Sykes and Edwards.

33,976. What did you get?—*2l.*

33,977. Did you get anything on Keane's side?—Yes.

33,978. What did you get from him?—I had *2l.*

33,979. Have you a vote for the council choosing?—I have not had lately.

33,980. You did not vote in 1868?—No.

33,981. Are you a seafaring man?—I have been.

33,982. Is that all the money that you have received from the Denison, Wells, and Glover election, down to the present time?—Yes.

33,983. You received no other money whatever?—No.

The witness withdrew.

The Secretary stated that Sir Henry Edwards desired to make a statement.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien said that the Commissioners, after anxious consideration, had come to the conclusion that they would not examine Sir Henry Edwards as a witness, but that Sir Henry Edwards might, if he desired to do so, make a statement not upon oath.

Sir Henry Edwards then attended and made a statement.

S. Newby.

Stephen Newby called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

33,984. Are you a freeman?—No.

33,985. Have you a parliamentary vote?—Yes.

33,986. How long have you had a vote?—Only this last election.

33,987. Have you voted for the town council?—Yes.

33,988. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

33,989. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

33,990. How much?—18*s.*

33,991. From whom?—Thompson the barber.

33,992. Which side did you vote, crimson or orange?—I voted crimson.

33,993. Did you vote at the election for members of parliament?—Yes.

33,994. Which way?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

H. Ushaw.

Henry Ushaw called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

33,995. Are you a freeman?—No.

33,996. Are you a voter?—Yes.

33,997. When did you become a voter?—At the last parliamentary election.

33,998. You only voted the last time?—No.

33,999. Did you receive any money at the municipal election?—Yes, I got 10*s.* at the municipal election.

34,000. From whom?—From Thompson the barber.

The witness withdrew.

J. Smelt.

Joseph Smelt called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

34,001. Are you a freeman?—No.

34,002. Have you ever voted before the last election?—No, never. I should like to make an explanation. Mr. Groves said I gave him 10*s.*; I got that 10*s.* from Thompson the barber.

34,003. You are the Smelt that gave Groves the money?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Procter.

John Procter called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

34,004. How long have you been a freeman?—About 15 years. I voted first for Mr. Gordon.

34,005. Go to the next election, Denison, Glover, and Wells; for whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells.

34,006. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

34,007. At the election of Edwards and Wells for whom did you vote?—Mr. Wells.

34,008. Did you get anything?—No.

34,009. Neither before nor after the election?—No.

34,010. Have you got anything at any election?—Yes.

34,011. At the election of Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walters and Glover at that election.

34,012. Did you get anything?—*2l.* for Mr. Walters. I was a messenger.

34,013. How long were you employed as a messenger?—Only one day, the election day.

34,014. What are you by occupation?—A bootmaker.

34,015. In 1860, the election of Walker and Gridley, for whom did you vote?—Mr. Gridley.

34,016. Did you get anything?—*2l.*

34,017. In 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Edwards and Sykes.

34,018. Did you get anything?—No.

34,019. Neither before nor after the election?—Neither before nor after.

34,020. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

34,021. Did you get anything?—No.

34,022. Have you told us all the moneys you have received at any parliamentary election?—Yes, I have been paid twice; I have voted seven times, and been paid twice.

34,023. Never more than twice?—Never more than twice.

34,024. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are down in the list as having been paid at the municipal election of 1868?—It is not me. I was in Hull till 1 o'clock that day. I was not paid at all.

34,025. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is there any other person in the town of your name?—There is a druggist, and there is another young man of my name, but not John.

The witness withdrew.

M. Shearsmith.

Marshall Shearsmith called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

34,026. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

34,027. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1852.

34,028. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes.

34,029. For whom?—Lawley and Wells.

34,030. Did you get any money?—Yes.

34,031. How much?—*2l.*

34,032. You recollect the Denison, Wells, and Glover election, in 1857?—Yes.

34,033. Did you vote?—Yes, for Denison and Wells.

34,034. Now much did you get?—Nothing.

34,035. Do you recollect when Sir Henry Edwards came, at the Edwards and Wells' election?—Yes.

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34,036. For whom did you vote ?—For Wells.
34,037. Did you get anything ?—No.
34,038. Were you employed in any way ?—No, I was at work at the foundry.
34,039. Were you employed about the election ?—No.
34,040. Now come to the election of 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker. For whom did you vote ?—For Walters.
34,041. How much did you get ?—I got 1*l.*
34,042. Only 1*l.* ?—No, that is all.
34,043. You got it at the Reform Club, I suppose ?—Yes.
34,044. For whom did you vote at Walker and Gridley's election ?—Gridley.
34,045. How much did you get ?—1*l.*
34,046. Then there was the Edwards, Sykes, and Keane election ?—I polled for Keane.
34,047. How much did you get ?—1*l.*
34,048. Did you not get any on the second day?—No.
34,049. How was that ?—I had to go to Hull. I lived at Hull then.
34,050. You got your expenses, I suppose ?—No, 1*l.* altogether.
34,051. You got it at the Mechanics' Hall, I suppose ?—Yes.
34,052. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—Yes.
34,053. How much did you get ?—*5s.*
34,054. From whom ?—The Liberals.
34,055. For whom did you vote ?—For the Liberals.
34,056. Who paid you ?—Mr. Green, at the "Turf Inn."
34,057. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote for Maxwell and Trollope ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Hudson.

JOHN HUDSON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

34,058. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
34,059. How long have you been a freeman ?—13 or 14 years.
34,060. Did you vote at Denison and Wells's election ?—No, only the last one.
34,061. Did you not vote in 1865 ?—No, 1868.
34,062. Why ?—Because my name was not on the freemen's roll.
34,063. I mean the parliamentary election ?—No, I did not vote.
34,064. Did you ever vote at a parliamentary election before the last time ?—Only the last time, 1868.
34,065. That is all ?—That is all.
34,066. What did you get at the council choosing ?—A sovereign.
34,067. From whom ?—Kemplay.
34,068. When was your name put on as a voter for the parliamentary election ?—I voted as a householder.
34,069. When did you vote as a householder?—Because my name was not on the freemen's roll.
34,070. When ?—The last time.
34,071. Is that the first time you ever voted ?—That was the first time.
34,072. Why were not you on the register, do you know ?—I never put it on.
34,073. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Edwards and Kennard.
34,074. How long have you been in your present situation ?—Five years, I should think.
34,075. Where did Kemplay see you ?—In the streets.
34,076. Who told you to come down ?—No one. I came to vote at the municipal; I was coming to vote.
34,077. Had you ever voted before for the municipal election ?—No; he put a sovereign into my hand as I came out.
34,078. And said nothing ?—No.
34,079. After you had voted ?—No, before.
34,080. In the street ?—Yes.
34,081. He must have said something to you ?—Well, he said "Here, I will give you this." That was all he did say.
34,082. To do what ?—I do not know, I am sure; for a present, I suppose.
34,083. Why should he give you a present ?—I suppose, like everybody else, he gave me one to vote for the council choosing.
34,084. Did you know the parliamentary election was coming on then ?—There was some talk about it.
34,085. Did he say anything to you about it ?—No.
34,086. Who had talk about it ?—A lot of people in the town.
34,087. Were you canvassed at that time ?—No.
34,088. Did anyone speak to you about voting ?—No.
34,089. Neither municipal nor parliamentary ?—The municipal candidates was at our house, but I did not see them.
34,090. Where do you live ?—Willow Grove.
34,091. Who were they ?—Norfolk, Whitton, and Denton.
34,092. Did they leave a message ?—Yes, they said they would leave a card.
34,093. With your wife, I suppose ?—Yes.
34,094. Did you make any appointment with them ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

W. Robinson.

WILLIAM ROBINSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

34,095. You are a freeman ?—No.
34,096. How often have you voted ?—This last time.
34,097. Only ?—Only.

The witness withdrew.

R. Skinner.

RICHARD SKINNER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

34,098. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
34,099. Did you vote at the last parliamentary election ?—Oh yes, years before that.
34,100. Did you vote at Denison, Glover, and Wells' election ?—Yes.
34,101. Which did you vote for (1857) ?—Mr. Denison.
34,102. What did you get ?—Nothing.
34,103. Have you got anything at any election ?—Oh yes.
34,104. I mean after that election in 1857, Edwards and Wells in 1857; did you get anything then ?—I voted for Wells and got my running money.
34,105. How much did you get ?—From 1*l.* to 30*s.*, some time after the election.
34,106. For running ?—Yes; I was stationed at the polling place.
34,107. How long were you stationed there ?—Only on the election day.
34,108. 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I voted for Walters.
34,109. Did you get anything ?—Yes.
34,110. What did you get ?—2*l.*
34,111. Who gave it you ?—I cannot say; a stranger to me; I got it at the "Pack Horse."
34,112. Just go back for a moment to that election

of 1857, when you voted for Wells; when you got that 30*s.* for running, who paid you?—I was paid at the Reform Rooms; I cannot call to mind who it was, but Mr. Boyes and company they formed a committee.

34,113. Did Boyes himself pay you?—I could not say that.

34,114. Who else was in the room?—Mr. Whitton, the stonemason, and several of the Liberal party, but I cannot call them to mind.

34,115. Can you mention any other names?—No. It was some time after the election that I got paid.

34,116. Now go on to the election of 1860 (Walker and Gridley)?—I voted for Gridley.

34,117. What did you get?—2*l.*

34,118. Where was that?—At the "Pack Horse."

34,119. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865?—I voted for Sykes and Keane.

34,120. Did you get anything for Keane?—Yes.

34,121. What?—2*l.*

34,122. At the Mechanics'?—Yes.

34,123. And Sykes?—Nothing. They would not pay me anything excepting I polled for Sir Henry as well.

34,124. Who told you that?—Oh, several of the parties that canvassed me on the election day.

34,125. Then you would have got 2*l.*?—Oh, I could have got more than that.

34,126. Who told you that?—Mr. Dickson the nurseryman and Langdale was together, and Mr. Smelt of the "Globe."

34,127. Did they all tell you you could have the money if you voted for both?—Yes, and Bishoprick as well.

34,128. You are sure that everyone of them told you that?—Oh yes. I had it from all parties besides them. I could have had from 4*l.* to 5*l.*, but I said, "I promised Mr. Keane, and I shall poll for him."

34,129. Where was that, that that conversation took place with Dickson?—Partly in the market place and partly at the "Globe" inn.

34,130. Was that early in the day?—Yes, the polling day.

34,131. Before you had voted, of course?—Yes, some time.

34,132. And you told them that you would not?—I told them I had promised Mr. Keane and should poll for him.

34,133. But why did you vote for Sykes?—Well, being a sort of partially connected with him, because he being a magistrate and attended quarter sessions, and I being a waiter I always had to wait at the quarter sessions. Of course I had met with him several times, and he had been a very good friend to me.

34,134. What are you by occupation?—A waiter.

34,135. Where are you a waiter?—Oh, various places; not particularly any fixed place at present.

34,136. You do not wait at any hotel?—Yes, I do.

34,137. No regular employment at any?—Not regular.

34,138. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

34,139. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

34,140. How much?—17*s.* 6*d.*

34,141. Who gave you that?—Mr. Watson the auctioneer.

34,142. And for whom did you vote at the borough election?—I voted for Mr. Maxwell and Sir Henry Edwards.

34,143. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why did you vote for Sir Henry Edwards?—I took it in this light. I considered he had been a very good friend to the town; not that I was particularly attached to the party, but I thought he had spent a good deal of money.

34,144, Well, there was a good deal of money spent?—Yes; it was on that footing I voted for Sir Henry. Of course I was in the habit of meeting with Mr. Maxwell and his father.

34,145. But you did not think that when you voted at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—Oh no, of course I did not. I never hardly supported that party, never since 1826, when I first voted.

34,146. Anything else you would like to tell us?—Oh no. I can tell you something about my friend Sir J. Goldsmid.

34,147. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is so long ago we do not care to hear about it.

The witness withdrew.

DANIEL NEWTON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

D. Newton.

34,148. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

34,149. How long have you been a freeman?—Upwards of 40 years.

34,150. You recollect Towneley's election?—Yes.

34,151. Did you vote and take part?—I voted for Mr. Hogg.

34,152. How much?—12*l.*

34,153. You were in the band, I suppose?—Yes.

34,154. Now we will come to 1857 (Denison, Wells, and Glover)?—I voted for Glover.

34,155. How much?—Nothing.

34,156. There was not much money going then?—No.

34,157. The second election (Edwards and Wells)?—Edwards.

34,158. How much?—Nothing; I got nothing.

34,159. Oh?—I have not got anything for voting.

34,160. Nothing since then do you say?—Not since Hogg's election.

34,161. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

34,162. How much?—15*s.*

34,163. From whom?—Mr. Watson.

34,164. For whom did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

34,165. Why should you accept 15*s.* for that election if you received it in no other case?—I do not know; money was plentiful and I took it the same as the rest.

34,166. Well, it was plentiful in other elections. In 1865 it was plentiful enough; for whom did you vote then?—What were the members? I voted for the Conservatives.

34,167. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Edwards and Sykes.

34,168. Now we knew you had got the 15*s.* in that other case; did you receive any money at that election?—No.

34,169. Be cautious?—I have not.

34,170. Did you receive any money in respect of any person at that election?—No.

34,171. Did you receive any money from Mr. Keane's party?—No, I have not, I am sure.

34,172. Were you in the Mechanics' Hall?—No.

34,173. Your name is down on the list?—It is false. I never go to that party.

34,174. But did you get any money?—No.

34,175. Were you promised?—No.

34,176. Were you employed?—No, never employed at anything.

34,177. What are you?—A joiner.

34,178. Master joiner?—No, a journeyman joiner.

34,179. Did you vote in 1860?—I voted in 1860.

34,180. Did you get anything?—No, never got anything.

34,181. It is very surprising why a respectable man should take 15*s.* at the municipal and get nothing at the parliamentary. How do you account for it?—That is the truth.

34,182. You knew money was going at Keane's election; they were paying in all directions?—I have never taken any since.

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D. Newton.

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34,183. You knew it was going. Did you apply for it?—No.

34,184. Do you know Nutchey?—Yes.

34,185. What time did you vote?—I always voted as soon as the poll was open, 8 o'clock.

34,186. How soon before the election day had you seen David Nutchey?—I do not know, I am sure. I had nothing to do with Nutchey.

34,187. Nor with anybody else?—No.

34,188. You have got no money in respect of any election?—None since Hogg's.

34,189. Have you a son a freeman?—Yes.

34,190. What is the son's name?—I have two sons.

34,191. Two sons freemen?—Yes.

34,192. What are their names?—John and Pearson.

34,193. How did they vote in 1865?—They would vote for Conservatives; only one, one was not free then.

34,194. And they vote Conservative, do they?—Yes.

34,195. The man that was free did?—Yes.

34,196. Do you know from him what money he got?—I do not know, I am sure.

34,197. Do you know if he got any money or not?—He would get his expenses from London, but nothing else.

34,198. Do you know how much?—No.

34,199. *5l.*?—It was not so much as that.

34,200. Did you not hear from him?—I think it was between *2l.* and *3l.*

34,201. He told you that?—Yes.

34,202. He came to your house?—Yes.

34,203. How long did he remain at your house?—Three days.

34,204. Was it paid to himself or to his mother?—To himself.

34,205. Was it left at your house for him?—No, he got it himself. I do not know where he got it.

34,206. Where is he now?—In London.

34,207. Did they come to you, and did you tell them where he was? Did they come to you to know his address?—I am sure I do not know.

34,208. How could they know he was in London if they did not come to you?—They knew where he was.

34,209. Who applied to you to know his address?—I do not know that anyone did.

34,210. Did you write to him to come down?—No.

34,211. How did he come down then?—Some of the party would write to him.

34,212. Was he a freeman in 1860?—Yes, he was a freeman. In 1860? I do not know. He only came once from London.

34,213. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You said you were employed in the band in 1841; have you ever been employed in any other election?—Once.

34,214. Which was that?—It was for the next, but I did not get anything for it.

34,215. Have not you been employed at any of these elections as a runner or messenger?—No, not anything since.

The witness withdrew.

B. Musgrave.

BENJAMIN MUSGRAVE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

34,216. You are a freeman?—Yes.

34,217. How long have you been a freeman?—Six years.

34,218. Did you vote at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—Yes.

34,219. What did you get?—Nothing.

34,220. Nothing at all?—No.

34,221. Then last election did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I have not a vote.

34,222. Very well. Now for whom did you vote at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—Edwards and Sykes.

34,223. Do you mean to say you got nothing?—No.

34,224. Were you employed in any way?—No.

34,225. Did you get anything from Keane's side?—No.

34,226. Quite sure?—Yes.

34,227. Were not you at the Mechanics' Hall?—No.

34,228. You knew, I suppose, that you could have money for asking?—I heard about it, but could not find any.

34,229. You looked about for it?—Yes.

34,230. Were you particular on which side you took it?—Oh yes; I wanted it on the Conservative side.

34,231. How did you look about for it?—I tried to get to know where there was any.

34,232. I should think that was pretty easily done?—Well, I could not find it, else I should have taken it, I am sure.

34,233. What are you?—I am a groom.

34,234. Do you know William Skinn?—Yes, well.

34,235. Did you apply to him?—No.

34,236. You knew he was in the habit of giving money on such occasions?—I did not know at the time.

34,237. Do you know Lowther?—Yes.

34,238. You knew that he used to give money away on that side?—No, I did not know then.

34,239. Do you know Nutchey or Kemplay?—Yes, I know them all well.

34,240. Both?—Yes.

34,241. Did you apply to either of them?—No.

34,242. Whom did you apply to?—No one particular. I asked several people, but I could not get to know about it.

34,243. You were very unlucky. You swear to us you got nothing?—Yes.

34,244. Did you get anything, after the election?—No.

34,245. Did you have anything, either before, or after, or at the election of 1865?—No.

34,246. You got nothing whatever?—No.

34,247. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When was your freedom taken up?—Six years since.

34,248. Are you a freeman by birth?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

G. Mercer.

GEORGE MERCER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

34,249. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

34,250. Do you remember the election of 1857, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were here?—Yes.

34,251. Did you vote then?—Yes.

34,252. Did you get anything?—No, I think not.

34,253. But I wish you would think whether you did or not. Did you?—No.

34,254. Not before the election?—No.

34,255. Nor after it?—Not from anybody.

34,256. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

34,257. Were you employed?—No.

34,258. Not as a runner or anything?—No.

34,259. The election next to that, when Edwards and Wells were here, did you vote then?—Yes.

34,260. Did you get anything?—No, I think not.

34,261. Did you or did you not?—No.

34,262. Now do be cautious. 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, did you vote then?—Yes.

34,263. Did you get anything? You voted for Walters, did not you?—Yes.

34,264. Did you get anything?—No, I do not recollect.

34,265. Have you got anything at any of the elections?—Yes.

34,266. Which ?—I got some at Towneley's.

34,267. I mean the recent elections, within the last 10 years or so ?—I got 2*l.*, I think, at Gridley's.

34,268. Now that is a starting point. In 1860 you got 2*l.* from Gridley's side; is that so ?—Gridley's.

34,269. Now think of the election before that (Walters, Edwards, and Walker) ; you voted for Walters ?—Yes.

34,270. Did you get a couple of pounds when you voted for Walters ?—No, I think not.

34,271. Did you go to the Toll Gavel ?—No. If I went anywhere I should go here to the Mechanics' Hall.

34,272. How much ?—1*l.* I think I got the night before the election.

34,273. Now this is not answering properly. Just now you said you did not, and now you say you did. When did you get that 1*l.* ?—I got it the night before the election.

34,274. Before what election ?—Before Gridley's, I think.

34,275. You told me just now you got 2*l.* at Gridley's election ?—No, 1*l.*

34,276. Then what did you say 2*l.* for ? I took it down as you told me. Where did you get the money at Gridley's election ?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

34,277. The money was not paid at the Mechanics' Hall at Gridley's election. What did you get at Keane's election ? You voted for Keane, did not you ?—2*l.* I believe.

34,278. Well, let us stick to it when you have said it. You voted for Keane and got 2*l.* ?—Yes.

34,279. Where did you get that ?—At the Mechanics' Hall, I believe.

34,280. Now let us go back to the election before that, Gridley's. Where did you get your money then when you voted for Gridley ?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

34,281. You got the money both times at the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

34,282. Now go to the election before that. When you voted for Walters, you told me you got 1*l.* ?—Yes.

34,283. Did you ?—Yes.

34,284. Where did you get the 1*l.* ?—I am sure I do not know where we got that.

34,285. Did you vote at the last council choosing ; that is not long ago you know ?—No.

34,286. You did not vote ?—No.

34,287. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

34,288. For whom ?—No, the last election I should not vote.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES RICHARDSON called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Richardson.

34,289. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

34,290. What are you by business ?—A plumber and glazier.

34,291. How long have you been a voter ?—Better than 22 years.

34,292. Did you vote at the last municipal election ?—Yes.

34,293. Did you get anything ?—10*s.*

34,294. From whom ?—Watson the painter.

34,295. Did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

34,296. For whom ?—Edwards and Kennard.

34,297. Did you get anything ?—No.

34,298. Had you voted in 1865 ?—Yes.

34,299. For whom ?—Edwards and Sykes.

34,300. How much ?—Nothing.

34,301. Did you vote at the election before that (Walker and Gridley) ?—Yes.

34,302. For whom ?—Walker.

34,303. How much ?—Nothing.

34,304. Did you vote in the election of 1860 ?—Yes.

34,305. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom ?—Edwards and Walker.

34,306. How much ?—Nothing.

34,307. You voted in 1857 ?—Yes.

34,308. For whom, Edwards and Wells ?—Edwards.

34,309. How much ?—Nothing.

34,310. I am sorry to be obliged to put these questions, but I cannot help it ?—I will swear I never got anything at a parliamentary election in my life.

34,311. Are you a ratepayer ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN WATSON called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Watson.

34,312. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

34,313. How long have you been a freeman ?—Since 1847.

34,314. And you voted in 1857 ?—Yes.

34,315. Denison, Wells, and Glover ?—Whom did you vote for ?—Wells and Glover.

34,316. What did you get ?—Nothing.

34,317. Nothing at all ?—No.

34,318. Walker and Gridley ?—I voted for Gridley.

34,319. Nothing ?—2*l.*

34,320. In Walters's election what did you get ?—2*l.* for Mr. Walters.

34,321. Then Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ? — I got 3*l.*

34,322. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Keane and Edwards.

34,323. How did you get the money ?—I got 2*l.* at the Mechanics'.

34,324. And where did you get the other 1*l.* ?—From Mr. Whitton.

34,325. Did you vote at the last municipal election ?—Yes.

34,326. What did you get ?—10*s.*

34,327. From whom ?—Mr. Nutchey.

34,328. You voted for the Conservatives ?—Yes.

34,329. How did you vote at the last parliamentary election ?—Edwards and Kennard.

34,330. Now you know you got this money from Walters and Gridley; did not you get any from Denison, Wells, and Glover ?—No ; I got at Glover's, one election.

34,331. That was the first, perhaps ?—I believe it was to the best of my recollection. I got 3*l.* at Glover's first election; then his next election I did not get anything.

34,332. And when Edwards and Wells stood are you quite sure you got nothing ?—I got nothing at that election.

34,333. How came that about ?—I did not know there was anything going.

34,334. Is this all the money that you got, these three times ?—Yes, that is all.

34,335. You are quite sure ?—Yes.

34,336. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you expect to get more than the 10*s.* ?—No, I did not look for anything.

34,337. But did you expect to get more ?—No.

34,338. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—A tinner.

The witness withdrew.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

H. Ridley.

24 Sept. 1869.

HENRY RIDLEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

34,339. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

34,340. Did you vote at the election when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up?—Yes.

34,341. Whom did you vote for?—For Glover at Lawley and Wells's election.

34,342. I mean the second time Glover came, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—I voted for Glover.

34,343. That was the second time?—Yes.

34,344. Did you get anything?—No.

34,345. Did you get anything for voting afterwards at any of the other elections after that?—I got 2*l.* at one of Glover's elections.

34,346. But afterwards, at any other later election?—No, not later.

34,347. When Major Edwards came here did you vote then?—Yes, I voted for Glover the last time Major Edwards was here. In 1857 I voted for Glover.

34,348. But the election after that, when Edwards and Wells stood?—I voted for Edwards.

34,349. Did you get anything?—No, I did not at Edwards and Wells's election.

34,350. You did not get anything?—No.

34,351. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, did you vote then?—Yes, but I won't swear whether I voted for Edwards or not. Edwards and Walters, I voted for Walters.

34,352. How much did you get?—2*l.* I do not know whether I voted for Glover or not; I could not be certain.

34,353. Who gave you the 2*l.*?—I got it at a house in Toll Gavel.

34,354. You voted for Edwards at the same election?—Yes, I think I did.

34,355. Did you get anything for that from Edwards' side?—I did not.

34,356. You did not?—No, not to my knowledge.

34,357. Of course you know?—I cannot say I did if I did not.

34,358. But you know whether you got it or not?—I cannot remember getting anything before the last election. I got 2*l.* at Keane's election.

34,359. Now we will come to that, 1865; you voted for Edwards and Sykes?—Edwards and Sykes I voted for.

34,360. What did you get?—2*l.*

34,361. Where did you get it?—Of a man in the street, but I did not know his name. I never saw him before or since.

34,362. When did you get it?—Election day.

34,363. Whereabouts?—Outside the "Dog and Duck" in the street; and I got a pound at Keane's, but that was the amount of my bill, not for voting, what they owed me.

34,364. What did they owe you the bill for?—They owed me a sovereign for a flag, and if I had not got it then I should never.

34,365. What for, making flags?—For painting one.

34,366. Are you a painter?—Yes.

34,367. You had painted flags for them?—I painted one.

34,368. And got 1*l.* for it?—Yes.

34,369. For Keane's side?—Yes, for Keane's, when they were paying sovereigns.

34,370. Where did you get the 1*l.*?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

34,371. Was it a very large flag?—An orange one.

34,372. A good deal of paint on it?—Yes, a good bit.

34,373. A pound's worth of paint?—Yes, for election time.

34,374. Did you vote at the last council choosing, last year?—Yes, I did.

34,375. Did you get anything then?—17*s.* 6*d.*

34,376. There was no paint that time?—No, that was the municipal.

34,377. Which side did you vote at the council choosing?—Crimson.

34,378. And how did you vote at the borough election that came on after that; the last borough election for members of parliament?—Edwards and Sykes.

34,379. I am talking of the last election; think about it?—I voted for the crimsons.

34,380. That will be Edwards and Kennard?—Yes, Edwards and Kennard. I did not get anything.

34,381. Do you know who painted the flags that time?—No.

34,382. There were some flags, were not there?—No.

34,383. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Tell me, how many years ago did you paint the flag?—When Keane was here.

34,384. You painted it before. There was no flag in Keane's time, was there?—A day or two before they came, and they sent for us to send our bills in. There was no money for us then.

34,385. You were paid for it then, but when did you paint the flag? Had the flag been made at Walters' election?—No, there was not one for me then; there was for some people.

The witness withdrew.

J. D. Smith.

JOHN DUNCAN SMITH called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

34,386. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

34,387. How long have you been a freeman?—About 11 years.

34,388. Freeman by birth?—Servitude.

34,389. When was the first time you voted?—At Walters' election.

34,390. For whom did you vote?—Walters.

34,391. What did you get?—2*l.*

34,392. Were you in any way employed?—No.

34,393. Did you pay for your own freedom?—Yes.

34,394. The next election would be Gridley and Walker; for whom did you vote?—Gridley.

34,395. How much did you get?—2*l.*

34,396. Were you employed at all?—No.

34,397. The next would be in 1865?—Yes.

34,398. For whom did you vote?—Keane.

34,399. How much did you get?—3*l.*

34,400. Where did you get the 2*l.*?—At the "George and Dragon."

34,401. And then Keane's at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

34,402. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

34,403. How much did you get?—15*s.*

34,404. From whom?—Thomas Green.

34,405. Did you vote for the Liberal candidates?—Yes.

34,406. Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

34,407. Green gave you the money, and you voted for the Liberal candidates at the council choosing?—Yes.

34,408. Had you ever been paid before for voting for the council choosing?—No, it was my first vote.

34,409. Who told you you would get 15*s.*?—I do not know anyone told me.

34,410. How came you to get it?—I seed Green in the square, and he told me he would give me 15*s.* for my vote.

34,411. For supporting them?—Yes, for supporting the Liberals for the council choosing.

34,412. What time in the day was it?—About 10 o'clock, as near as I can say.

34,413. Did you not expect that was a part of what you would get for voting for the borough?—Not anything of the sort was mentioned to me.

34,414. Why should you not expect it; you were paid for every vote you gave from the time you ever

became a freeman till you come down to this election; why should you not expect to be paid?—I was not aware it had anything to do with the parliamentary.

34,415. Did you not expect to be paid for the parliamentary?—No, I cannot say I did.

34,416. Why should you not be paid for that?—I never was canvassed for the parliamentary vote.

34,417. Were you canvassed when you were paid the 2*l.* for Gridley and Walker's for Walker, and 3*l.* for Keane?—Yes.

34,418. Were you promised it before you received it?—No.

34,419. Did you not accept the 15*s.* as a part of what you were to get for voting both times?—No, not at all.

34,420. Have you ever heard what they have received for council choosing?—I have heard they have had different sums not so large as that.

34,421. 2*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.*?—Yes.

34,422. What did you think when you got so large a sum as that?—I do not know.

The witness withdrew.

HENRY SPIVEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

H. Spivey.

34,423. How long have you been a freeman?—Eight years.

34,424. What was the first election you voted at?—Edwards, Sykes, and Keane.

34,425. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

34,426. What did you get?—2*l.*

34,427. Was that all you got?—I got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall.

34,428. That is to say you got 2*l.* from Edwards and Sykes, and 1*l.* from Keane?—Yes.

34,429. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

34,430. Not?—No.

34,431. Are you sure?—No, I did not.

34,432. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—No one.

34,433. At the borough election?—No.

34,434. Were you in the town?—Yes.

34,435. Why did you not vote?—Because I was run over the night before.

34,436. You were not able to vote?—No, I could not walk a week.

34,437. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

34,438. Had you promised to vote?—Yes, for Maxwell and Trollope.

34,439. What were you to get if you voted?—Nothing.

34,440. How was it you did not vote at the council choosing?—Because I had not a vote.

The witness withdrew.

NATHANIEL KEMPLAY recalled; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

N. Kemplay.

34,441. You handed in a list, but there are some wrong names in it, which one is not astonished at. Will you look at the list and tell me, are you sure of all the names? (*The list was handed to witness.*) Is that your writing?—Yes, it is.

34,442. There are some of the men who have denied it; did you pay them all yourself?—No.

34,443. You only gave money?—Yes.

34,444. Mr. Proctor has denied it; you will see his name there?—Yes, I see his name; it is a mistake of mine, the putting his name down; but as I told you before I did not take any names down on the day; I sat down and looked at the register. I think there is another, there is Mr. George Grant; them is the two that I know of.

34,445. Now we know the old gentleman that you saw in 1857 from Halifax, you recollect him?—I never knew him; I have not seen him this time.

34,446. You have not been here?—No.

34,447. You know him now?—Yes, but I did not then.

34,448. I think it was he that put the money in your hand?—It was.

34,449. Do you recollect who introduced him to you?—I do not, as I have stated before, and I must state the same now, that it was at the "Beverley Arms"?

34,450. Somebody introduced him to you?—He came to me; if somebody told him previously I know nothing about that.

34,451. He came to you and he said, is your name Kemplay?—Yes.

34,452. Where was it?—It was the nomination day.

34,453. Yes; but in what room was it; in a public room?—It was Mr. Morley's room, at the "Beverley Arms."

34,454. I know it was in Mr. Morley's room, but in what room was it?—It was in the room where the balcony was where Mr. Edwards had been speaking.

34,455. The room was full of gentlemen?—It was.

34,456. Did you see Mr. Champney there that morning?—No, I did not.

34,457. You did not notice him?—No.

34,458. Can you say whether he was there or not?—I cannot.

34,459. It is very strange; do you not know perfectly well that he came with Sir Henry Edwards?—This gentleman, sir?

34,460. Yes?—No; I knew nothing about him.

34,461. Nonsense! you know perfectly well?—I saw him that day and I never see him after.

34,462. He was in the town all the time?—That may be, I never knew him.

34,463. Who brought you there?—Like a great many men, I went up.

34,464. Who brought you there?—I went myself.

34,465. Who advised you to go there?—Nobody.

34,466. What took you there?—I went to see as other people; I went upstairs.

34,467. The whole of Beverley did not go upstairs; who advised you to go upstairs?—Nobody.

34,468. Had you seen Sir Henry Edwards that morning?—No.

34,469. Who had you seen that morning to speak to?—I do not know.

34,470. You must know; who had you seen that morning to speak to?—I saw many. I saw nobody to invite me to go up there.

34,471. Who had you seen that morning that you spoke to about going to the "Beverley Arms"?—I cannot say; I saw a great many.

34,472. You went for the purpose of receiving the money?—I did not, sir. I did not know till I got upstairs.

34,473. Did you receive any other sum except that 300*l.* that day?—I fancy I got some from Mr. Cooke some part of the day.

34,474. What Mr. Cooke?—I think he was from London.

34,475. The gentleman who was down here to-day?—I do not know; I have not been here since I have been examined.

34,476. How much did you get from Mr. Cooke?—Perhaps most of 100*l.*

34,477. You got most of 100*l.* from Mr. Cooke?—Yes.

34,478. What time of the day?—It would be about noon perhaps.

34,479. Where did you get it?—I got it at Mr. Bainton's office.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

N. Kemplay.

24 Sept. 1869.

34,480. 100*l.* from Mr. Cooke at Mr. Bainton's office ?—Yes.

34,481. About noon ?—I think it was.

34,482. Who told you to go to Mr. Bainton's office ?—I went to see him myself; I had seen Mr. Cooke previously that morning.

34,483. Had Mr. Cooke told you to go up to Mr. Bainton's office ?—I think he said if I wanted him again I was to go there.

34,484. Had he given you money then ?—No.

34,485. What did you want him for ?—The young gentleman brought me the money.

34,486. You are speaking of a different time I am afraid; you are speaking of a different election ?—I am speaking of Walker's election.

34,487. I was talking of 1857; Walker's election was 1860; that was when the young gentleman brought you the 200*l.* ?—Yes.

34,488. Then Mr. Cooke told you that if you wanted more you were to see him at Mr. Bainton's office ?—Yes.

34,489. And then at Mr. Bainton's office he gave you the 100*l.* ?—I think he did, sir.

34,490. You are speaking and I am speaking of the election of Walker and Gridley in 1860 ?—Yes.

34,491. The same election that the young man, you mistook his age, but that is nothing, came down and gave you the 200*l.* Were they all sovereigns in the bag ?—Yes.

34,492. And then on the same morning you saw Mr. Cooke, had you seen Mr. Cooke after you got the sovereigns ?—No.

34,493. It was before you got the sovereigns Mr. Cooke spoke to you, was it not. You got the sovereigns from the boy and they were in a bag ?—Yes.

34,494. Was it before that Mr. Cooke spoke to you to meet him at Bainton's ?—No.

34,495. I want to know when he told you "if you want me again come to Mr. Bainton's ?"—I think it would be previous to my getting the money.

34,496. And then you went up to Mr. Bainton's office about noon ?—Yes.

34,497. I think he gave you 100 sovereigns ?—Yes.

34,498. Was it in a bag, or how did he count it ?—It would be in a bag, I think.

34,499. Did he say what you were to do with them ?—No, he did not say.

34,500. Then I suppose you spent it as you did the other 200*l.* advanced ? What did you do with the 100*l* ?—I paid it to the voters.

34,501. Did you pay it with your own hand ?—No, I should divide it.

34,502. Can you tell me to whom you gave it ?—There would be Wilkin.

34,503. About how much ?—I cannot say.

34,504. Who else ?—Mr. Vickers, Mr. Padget, the painter; you have had them before you.

34,505. Anyone else ?—I cannot say particularly anybody else.

34,506. Who was there at Mr. Bainton's office when he gave you the 100*l.* ?—Nobody but Mr. Cooke and myself.

34,507. Was Mr. Bainton there ?—No.

34,508. Was it in the private office of Mr. Bainton ?—It was upstairs.

34,509. He took you upstairs ?—Yes.

34,510. It was not in the office at all, it was in an upstairs room ?—Yes.

34,511. He took you upstairs ?—I went up to him upstairs in a room he was in.

34,512. How did you know he was upstairs ?—I do not know whether I asked the clerks whether he was there or not.

34,513. But you were shown up to him ?—Yes.

34,514. I suppose he had a desk before him ?—Yes, there was a desk in the room.

34,515. And pens and ink and paper ?—Yes, I should think there would be, but I did not notice anything particularly.

34516. You did not tell us this before; had you forgotten it about Mr. Cooke ?—I think I had not thought of it at the time.

34,517. The 1857 election is rather more remote. Do you recollect whether you received any money except from the old gentleman ?—No, I think not, from no person.

34,518. Did any other monies pass through your hands after the election ?—No, except what I told you previously.

34,519. I mean in 1857, do you recollect paying any bills after ?—No.

34,520. Did you tell me what you got yourself ?—I said I got 5*l.* I got two 5*l.*, one of them was for bills I was paying.

34,521. You paid a great deal of money at the council choosing ?—No, I did not pay so much; parties brought parties to me to pay, and I gave them the money, I think I had not above 60*l.* or 70*l.*

34,522. In 1857 you had been engaged in distributing money, how many elections before that had you been engaged ?—None, I believe.

34,523. In 1859 were you engaged ?—I never was engaged in no election till I came to Sir Henry Edwards.

34,524. In 1857 there was Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—No.

34,525. Were you engaged ?—No, that was a pure one I consider for the Conservative side.

34,526. You were not engaged ?—No, I was not.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

34,527. Who first spoke to you about paying the voters in 1860 ?—Mr. Bainton asked me to pay the expenses of the out-voters.

34,528. When was this ?—It would be the morning of the election.

34,529. About what time ?—Perhaps 8 o'clock.

34,530. Did he give you any directions where you were to go ?—Yes, I was to go to the "Cross Keys."

34,531. How soon after you were there did you receive any money ?—I think 9 o'clock, I should think.

34,532. At the time that Mr. Bainton spoke to you, had you seen Mr. Cooke ?—I cannot say particularly, I had not seen him.

34,533. When did you first see Mr. Cooke ?—That morning, I cannot tell exactly.

34,534. About what time ?—Betwixt 8 and 9 I should say.

34,535. Where ?—I fancy it was near the office door going in to Mr. Bainton's office.

34,536. How did he know who you were ?—That I cannot say, I do not know.

34,537. Did he address you at once ?—No, I think he did not.

34,538. Did he speak to you then ?—That I cannot answer; I think I followed him into the office.

34,539. You followed him into the office, and who did you see in the office ?—I should see Mr. Bainton for one.

34,540. And then were you and Mr. Bainton and Mr Cooke together ?—No, I think not.

34,541. You saw Mr. Bainton ?—Yes, and he gave me the 50*l.* to pay the out-voters.

34,542. Were you and Mr. Cooke together in Mr. Bainton's office ?—I do not recollect seeing anybody but him until I got upstairs to get some more money.

34,543. What I want to know is, how did Mr. Cooke know you, or you Mr. Cooke ?—I am sure I cannot tell you that; perhaps I had been mentioned to him by some party; I should suppose so.

34,544. Mentioning you to him would not make him know you ?—No, I should think he scarce knew me yet.

34,545. He must have known who you were. You say you received this 200*l.*, and I presume, paid it away ?—Yes.

34,546. About what time did you go again to Mr. Bainton's office ?—I should think it would be about noon.

34,547. You went upstairs ?—Yes.

34,548. Did you go direct into the room ?—Yes.

34,549. When you got into the room, what took place ?—I said I wanted some more money.

34,550. Whom did you say that to ?—Mr. Cooke.

34,551. Mr. Cooke was alone ?—He was.

34,552. What did Mr. Cooke say upon that ?—He gave me some more money.

34,553. Did he say anything ; how much ?—I should say it would be about 100*l.*

34,554. I want to know what he said to you ?—I do not know he said anything particular to me.

34,555. Had you no conversation ?—No, I do not think I had. I said I wanted some more money to circulate out.

34,556. Not a word had passed between you ?—No.

34,557. Were those your words, "I want a little more money to circulate out ?—Yes.

34,558. And you used those words to Mr. Cooke ?—Yes.

34,559. Do I understand that he made no answer to you ?—I do not know whether he said, "Mind and be careful ;" he might say something of the kind.

34,560. Did he say so ?—He said a something ; it was something similar to that.

34,561. And then when he told you to mind and be careful, what did he do ?—He gave me the money.

34,562. How did he give it you ?—In a bag.

34,563. Did you count the money ?—I did not.

34,564. You had been handling gold before that morning ?—I had.

34,565. How much money do you suppose there would be ?—I partly understood there would be about 100*l.*

34,566. From whom did you partly understand it would be about 100*l.* ?—I thought Mr. Cooke said there would somewhere about 100*l.*

34,567. I asked you what he said, and you were very chary of answering it. Then we have it now, that when he delivered the bag to you, he said at the same time there was somewhere about 100*l.* ?—I think he did.

34,568. Now, you took the money, and what did you do with it ?—I gave it to them.

34,569. You went about circulating it ; you gave it to Wilkin, Vickers, and Padget ?—Yes.

34,570. And did you give to Mr. Skinn ?—Yes, Mr. Skinn too.

34,571. And to a man named Dales ?—Yes, Dales got something,

34,572. Did Dales give an account to you ?—Some of them did.

34,573. Who, for instance ?—Dales.

34,574. Did Vickers give you an account ?—No.

34,575. What account did Dales give you ?—I think a very fair account ; he got 40*l.* and he gave a pretty fair account.

34,576. He gave you an account ?—For a good deal of it.

34,577. How many men had he paid ?—I cannot say now, he brought a list.

34,578. A list of what ?—The men that he had paid.

34,579. That was a list of voters, I suppose ?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

34,580. What o'clock did you get the 200*l.* from the young gentleman ?—I think betwixt 9 and 10 in the morning.

35,581. Then you got 300*l.* altogether ?—I should say I should.

34,582. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I should say you got something more ?—With the 50*l.* from Mr. Bainton.

34,583. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) 300*l.* besides the 50*l.* from Mr. Bainton ?—Yes.

34,584. Did you pay any voters with your own hand ?—Very few I paid, two or three. I did not pay many myself.

34,585. Did you keep an account ?—I had then, but I have it not now.

34,586. What did you pay these out-voters ?—According to the distance they came. There was one man I gave 6*l.* to, a man of the name of Whitfield.

34,587. How many men did you pay yourself ?—I should think I did not pay above 10 or 12.

The witness withdrew.

William Henry Cooke, Esq., recalled ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. H. Cooke, Esq.

34,588. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. Cooke, you hear that ?—Yes ; I am glad I just looked in. I beg to tell you that I did not see this man, and did not give him a farthing of money, and I should like you to ask Mr. Bainton, because I am as certain as possible that it was on the Monday evening that I asked Mr. Bainton to engage this person. I have told you that Mr. Bainton told me on the Monday evening I did it, and since my examination I have spoken to Mr. Bainton and he tells me it was so, and that he gave this man this 50*l.* on the Monday evening though I did not know it. I did not see him on the Tuesday morning. I never was in a room alone with him and the only money that I had any control over was the packet of 200*l.*, money which Frederick Walker had brought, which was originally intended to pay for the railway passes. I should like you to examine Mr. Frederick Walker about it. I never was alone, I was at Mr. Bainton's office with Mr. Walker, remaining there to check the slips of the poll. This man did not come to me there. A man came to me who I had a suspicion of, who told me that some man was at the "Chequers" waiting for money that I had authorized, and I got Mr. Walker to go and see if Kemplay was there, and he brought me word back that he found Kemplay there and that he gave him the 200*l.* It was merely the accident of Mr. Walker having the 200*l.* that induced me to send the money down to the "Chequers." I desired Mr. Bainton to pay all the expenses. It is entirely a fable of this man, I never spoke to him in the office.

34,589. You deny it ?—I do. I went into the office between 7 and 8 o'clock, having promised Mr. Walker, senior, that there should be a correct statement of the poll, and there should be no false statement, and from half-past 7 to the last, I never was alone, and as to this man I do not know him from Adam. It was a disagreable snowy day and there was no temptation to go out, and though you say he was a notorious briber I did not know and did not trouble myself about that. It is entirely a fable. I am quite prepared to admit anything I did wrong, but I cannot take on myself anything I did not do, and I hope you will call back Mr. Walker and Mr. Bainton on these two points, because I do feel convinced that Mr. Bainton spoke to this man and gave him the money on the Monday evening, the 50*l.* I never saw him. This is quite an invention.

34,590. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien to Mr. Kemplay.*) What do you say ?

34,591. (*Mr. Kemplay to Mr. Cooke.*) I beg your pardon, do you deny giving me money that day ?

24,592. (*Mr. Cooke.*) I do, or giving anybody money.

34,593. (*Mr. Kemplay.*) It is a falsity, if you be the Mr. Cooke you are the man that gave me the money.

34,594. (*Mr. Cooke.*) Will you ask Mr. Frederick

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Walker? I never had any money but from Frederick Walker.

34,595. (*To the Commissioners.*) I ask you to recall Mr. Frederick Walker and question him as to the matter.

34,596. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I should like to ask you one question. When did you first see this man?—To the best of my belief I never did see him; if he found his way into the "Beverley Arms," where I was for four days, I do not know.

34,597. But at Bainton's?—I never saw him to the best of my knowledge.

34,598. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien to Mr. Kemplay.*) Look at him, when did you see Mr. Cooke?

34,599. (*Mr. Kemplay.*) I cannot say, but Mr. Cooke has seen me after this time.

34,600. (*Mr. Cooke.*) Where?

34,601. (*Mr. Kemplay.*) In London.

34,602. (*Mr. Cooke.*) Yes, he was brought up on the petition in London.

34,603. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was the same gentleman that you saw in London the same you saw here?

34,604. (*Mr. Kemplay.*) Yes.

34,605. (*Mr. Cooke.*) He might have seen me here, but I had no dealings with him. I am prepared to admit what I have done, but I never paid him any money.

34,606. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There is a very suspicious entry in Mr. Walker's book.

34,607. (*Mr. Cooke.*) What is it?

34,608. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Paid Cooke 100*l.*

34,609. (*Mr. Cooke.*) That was paid after the election.

34,610. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What was that for?

34,611. (*Mr. Cooke.*) For my coming down here.

34,612. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I thought barristers took their fees in guineas.

34,613. (*Mr. Cooke.*) I could not help the way in which Mr. Walker sent the money. I was not retained in the usual way. I pledge my oath that this money was not paid me till long after the election, and if you have got Mr. Walker's pass book I should like to see what it was; how it was paid. I say the 100*l.* never was in my possession till weeks after the election.

34,614. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This came out suddenly in another examination altogether. (*To Mr. Kemplay.*) Well, was the gentleman you saw in London the same as you saw in Mr. Bainton's office.

34,615. (*Mr. Kemplay.*) I think it was; it is a long time since, but if he is the same Mr. Cooke, it is the man that gave me the money in Mr. Bainton's office.

(*Mr. Cooke.*) Wherever I was Mr. Frederick Walker and others were there; there were other gentlemen there, and I never was alone.

34,616. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You deny it, Mr. Cooke?

34,617. (*Mr. Cooke.*) I do, I never had any money but the 200*l.*, and that I did not count.

The witness withdrew.

GILBERT DOVE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

G. Dove.

34,618. How long have you been a freeman?—At Towneley's first election.

34,619. Did you poll in Denison, Wells, and Glover's elections?—Yes, I did.

34,620. Who did you vote for?—I polled for Denison and Wells.

34,621. What did you get?—I am sure I cannot tell you exactly what I got then.

34,622. You got something?—Yes, I believe I got something.

34,623. How much?—I believe it was 1*l.*

34,624. Where did you get it?—James Crosskill gave it to me.

34,625. Where?—In Well Lane.

34,626. In a house?—No, in the street.

34,627. In the street did you say?—In the lane.

34,628. Is James Crosskill alive?—Yes.

34,629. In the next election, Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote?—Mr. Wells.

34,630. What did you get?—Nothing.

34,631. Nothing at all?—No.

34,632. Then the next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

34,633. You got something then?—Yes, I did.

34,634. What did you get?—3*l.* I believe.

34,635. Who paid it you?—A man of the name of Kirkman.

34,636. Was it all one side?—Yes.

34,637. Which side was it you were paid on. Were you paid by Walker and Edwards people or by Walters?—By Mr. Edwards.

34,638. And you voted Walker and Edwards?—Yes.

34,639. Who paid you?—Edward Kirkman.

34,640. Where did he pay you?—It was in the market place.

34,641. The next election was in 1860, Walker and Gridley, who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.

34,642. Not at all?—No.

34,643. Did you get anything?—No.

34,644. Then the next election was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865?—Yes.

34,645. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

34,646. What did you get?—I got 2*l.* from them.

34,647. And you got a trifle from Keane?—Mr. White came to me the nomination night and he said, "Have you got any money?" and I said "No." He said, "Why do you not go and get it?" I said I did not like to, and he said, "Will you have it if I fetch it," and I said "Yes," and he said, "If you will call at my house you shall be all right." I went next day to look for him, and somebody told me that White had voted for Sykes and Edwards, so I polled the same way.

34,648. However, you got you 2*l.* for polling for them?—Yes, but he gave me a sovereign, I expect, for Mr. Keane, and told me that I should see him in the morning.

34,649. Did he tell you where he got the sovereign at the time he gave it you?—He did not; he said he fetch it if I wanted it, but I expect where he got it though he did not tell me.

34,650. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I did not.

34,651. You got 1*l.* in Denison and Wells' election, and 3*l.* for Walker and Edwards from Edwards. You got 2*l.* from Edwards and Sykes, and 1*l.* for Keane, is that all the money you got at these elections?—I got 12*l.* the first election I voted.

34,652. We do not want that, but that is all you got?—Yes, it is.

34,653. Where do you work?—I work at the Old Foundry.

The witness withdrew.

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W. W. Crompton.

24 Sept. 1869.

WILLIAM WALTER CROMPTON sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

34,654. Are you a freeman?—No.

34,655. Have you a parliamentary vote?—Yes.

34,656. How long have you had it?—Only the last time.

34,657. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Then I will not trouble you to answer any other question.

The witness withdrew.

W. W. Bielby.

WILLIAM WILSON BIELBY sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

34,658. What is your occupation?—I am a printer.

34,659. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

34,660. Have you voted at several elections?—I have voted twice.

34,661. '65 was your first election?—Yes.

34,662. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

34,663. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

34,664. Did you receive anything?—2*l.*

34,665. Where did you get it?—I got it from Mr. Nutchey in the market place.

34,666. Did you get anything from Keane's party?—No.

34,667. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—No.

34,668. In the municipal election of 1868, we heard that money did pass through your hands?—Yes.

34,669. At the council choosing?—Yes.

34,670. How much was it?—I did not get it all together.

34,671. You got it in several sums?—Yes.

34,672. How much in the first sum?—I think it was a sovereign.

34,673. Who gave it you?—Mr. Kemplay.

34,674. He gave you a sovereign first of all?—I do not know it was first of all. I got 10*s.*, 15*s.*, and 1*l.*

34,675. How much did you get altogether?—I can tell you who I gave it to.

34,676. Have you got a paper?—No; but I can tell you.

34,677. How much do you think you got altogether?—4*l.* or 5*l.*; 5*l.* perhaps.

34,678. About 5*l.*?—Yes.

34,679. Kemplay gave you that?—Not altogether; he gave it at various times.

34,680. At various times in the day?—Yes.

34,681. To whom did you give that money?—To the men who voted.

34,682. Who were there?—I gave a sovereign to a man named Sykes, and 10*s.* to Mr. Shaw.

34,683. Who is he?—A serjeant in the militia.

34,684. Who else?—10*s.* to Mr. Ellerker, and there is a man named Barrett, I believe I gave him a sovereign; he says not, but I could almost swear I did.

34,685. Well, any other?—A man of the name of Mead, Elias Mead. 15*s.* to Goode, formerly of the militia band; that is all.

34,686. 5*l.* 10*s.*?—That is all.

34,687. Did you have anything for yourself?—I got a sovereign from Mr. Nutchey.

34,688. This 5*l.* 10*s.* you got from Kemplay?—Yes.

34,689. Mr. Nutchey gave you a sovereign for yourself?—That was the first thing in the morning that Nutchey gave me the sovereign.

34,690. Which way did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

34,691. And which way did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

T. Spivey.

THOMAS SPIVEY sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

34,692. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

34,693. How long have you been a freeman?—Sixteen years.

34,694. Did you vote in 1857 when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up?—I voted for Denison.

34,695. Singly?—No, Denison and Wells.

34,696. Did you get anything?—Yes.

34,697. How much?—Either 2*l.* 15*s.* or 3*l.*

34,698. Where did you get it?—My brother gave it me the election day.

34,699. Before you voted?—No, he gave it me after I voted, he had got it before.

34,700. He divided it with you?—Yes.

34,701. He got the same I suppose?—Yes.

34,702. What is his christian name?—Samuel.

34,703. The next election of 1857, there was another election?—I polled for Wells.

34,704. How much?—2*l.*

34,705. Do you recollect who paid you on that occasion?—I got it at the "Packhorse."

34,706. Did you get it after you voted or before?—I got it after.

34,707. Who told you to go?—A man I knew, William Dickinson.

34,708. We now come to 1859, when there was Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote?—Walters.

34,709. How much?—2*l.*

34,710. At the "Park Horse" I suppose?—Yes.

34,711. Now we come down to Walters, Walker, and Gridley. You voted for Gridley. It was the year after if you recollect?—I believe it was Gridley.

34,712. How much?—I think 2*l.* then.

34,713. Do you recollect where?—No, I am sure I do not.

34,714. Now we will come down to a more recent election, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I polled for Edwards and Sykes.

34,715. How much?—3*l.*

34,716. Who paid you?—An uncle of mine.

34,717. Mr. Spivey?—Yes.

34,718. What is his name?—Charles, he lives at Beckside.

34,719. Was he paying other people at the same time?—No.

34,720. You told him to go and get it?—Yes, he went for four of us.

34,721. Do you know where?—Benjamin Robinson gave it.

34,722. That was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

34,723. Did you get anything on Keane's side?—Yes.

34,724. How much?—A sovereign.

34,725. From whom?—From a man in the hole in the wall, at the Mechanic's Hall, he had on a glove.

34,726. In 1868 did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

34,727. How much?—18*s.*

34,728. From whom?—Bielby.

34,729. The young man who has been examined here?—No, not him.

34,730. Whom did you vote for?—I voted crimson.

34,731. How did you vote at the parliamentary?—Crimson.

34,732. You voted the same way?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

The court then adjourned to 10 o'clock the next morning

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

25th September, 1869.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

F. Boyes.

25 Sept. 1869.

FREDERICK BOYES sworn.

34,733. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you bring the cheque this morning of the Yorkshire bank?—Yes.

34,734. Did you receive it at the bank?—Yes, from our York branch.

34,735. Oh, it had got back to York?—Yes.

34,736. The Secretary read the following cheque:—"York, 10th of August 1857. Yorkshire Banking "Company. Pay self or bearer 25*l.* Leeman and "Clark 25*l.* Credit Yorkshire Banking Company." It is endorsed "Hull Banking Company," and "Union "Bank."

Mr. Hind proved the handwriting of the cheque to be the late Mr. Clark's, the partner to Mr. Leeman.

The Secretary informed the Commissioners that Mr. Thomas Oxley wished to make a statement to contradict the evidence given by Mr. Williams.

Mr. T. Oxley.

Mr. THOMAS OXLEY presented himself and was examined by the Chief Commissioner.

34,737. You were speaking of the circumstances attending the election of 1857 with Mr. Williams?—It is, sir, that he did give me money and I received it.

34,738. How much?—Well, sir, there were three 5*l.* bills.

34,739. Three 5*l.* notes?—Yes.

34,740. Where did he give it to you?—He gave it me where I told you, in the "Beverley Arms" in a room.

34,741. What did he say when he gave it you?—Oh, I was to pay these men.

34,742. How much a head?—I think it was about 15*s.* I was to give them.

34,743. He gave you three 5*l.* notes. How did he know the amount to give you?—There was a list of names of men who had been out watching all the week.

34,744. Watchers. It is quite clear it is what Mr. Williams returned?—Yes, watchers and runners.

34,745. That was put in the accounts that were audited and paid?—Well, I paid the whole of the runners.

34,746. The watchers he put down as 15*l.*?—I paid the runners, indeed I did, I paid every runner.

34,747. That reconciles both your evidence?—I think that he said in his evidence that he did not know me.

34,748. Oh, that is nothing?—I only wish to make it right.

34,749. That reconciles both your evidence I think with regard to the watchers, because it was down in the book, and he said if it was it was paid. It seems to me ridiculous, but there it was, 15*l.* for watchers. You said in your former evidence that you got about 55*l.* paid after the election?—I think you said that your honour.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien read from the witnesses former evidence several items which he had asked him whether he had paid.

34,750. I mean did you pay all these men; did you pay all this money?—Yes.

34,751. From whom did you get the money?—Oh, a good deal of it would be out of pocket.

34,752. You do not say you got the money from Williams?—No, I do not; nothing but truth will be out of my lips.

34,753. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say you got a deal out of your own pocket, that is not all of it. Where did you get the money from?—Out of my own pocket what I paid these men with.

34,754. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He means he was paid back again, I suppose.

34,755. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were paid back again?—Never.

34,756. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Oh, nonsense!—I didn't.

T. J. Walker, Esq.

FREDERICK JAMES WALKER, Esq., recalled.

34,757. Do you know, Mr. Walker, when your father paid a cheque to Mr. Cooke?—Yes, I remember the circumstance; it was the first time I was in London after the election, which would be about six weeks after, as near as I can speak.

34,758. The election was in January, 1860. It would be some time in February or March in that year?—I think it would be the end of March that I took it.

34,759. You took it?—My father gave it me to give to Mr. Cooke; he sent it by me.

34,760. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) A cheque?—I believe it would be; he banks with the bank in Hull.

34,761. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We did not know the importance of it when the evidence was given before. Where did Mr. Cooke lodge when he was here?—I believe at the "Beverley Arms."

34,762. The "Beverley Arms"?—I believe so, as far as I know; I think so.

34,763. You only saw him once, I think, at your father's?—I remember his being at my father's once, but I should certainly see him more than once.

34,764. Did you see him at the "Beverley Arms"?—I should think I did; my brother was staying at the "Beverley Arms" at that time.

34,765. Did you see him at Mr. Bainton's office?—Yes, I did.

34,766. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I will just ask you, Mr. Walker, this question. You know the entry in this book of your father's?—Yes.

34,767. Are you aware whether the 100*l.* you now speak of, for which your father gave a cheque to Mr. Cooke, is the same sum entered here?—I should be perfectly certain, as far as I can be certain of anything.

34,768. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You see that is January 1860.

34,769. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That would be accounted for by referring back.

34,770. (*The witness.*) My father told me.

34,771. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There are two gentlemen here equally on their oath, and why should we supplement that by hearsay evidence.

34,772. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) At all events you say that

you gave him a cheque in March?—It would be either March or April; I do not know exactly which month.

The witness suggested that it might be more satisfactory that his father should be called.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien observed that there was nothing to reflect on the witness or his father.

The witness remarked that he thought his father would be able to explain the item.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien said they took Sir James Walker's book as an accurate account that was in evidence before them.

34,773. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you aware of the amount that was paid to Mr. Cooke?—Yes, I am; it was 100*l.*

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS GREENHOUGH sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. Greenhough.

34,774. Are you a freeman of the borough?—Yes.

34,775. How long have you been a freeman?—About 30 years.

34,776. Then you recollect Towneley's election?—No, I was not here at the time; I was away.

34,777. We will take you to '57; did you vote in '57?—That would be Denison and Wells; yes.

34,778. Did you take an active part in that election?—I went about canvassing with them.

34,779. You distributed some of the money, I presume?—No.

34,780. Money was going, we know?—I don't think it was.

34,781. We know it was?—Very well, I do not know that it was.

34,782. You had nothing to do with money?—No.

34,783. At that election?—At that election.

34,784. Do you recollect when Edwards and Wells were brought here?—Yes.

34,785. For whom did you vote then?—Wells.

34,786. Was any money going at that election; we know there was some?—Not to my knowledge.

34,787. At which election had you to do with money matters?—Keane's election.

34,788. Not before then?—No.

34,789. I am taking your word entirely; you had nothing to do with money before Keane's election?—No, not to my knowledge.

34,790. Not to your knowledge; then I must go through it as strictly as possible. Did you vote at the election of '59, "Walters, Edwards, and Walker"?—Yes.

34,791. Did any money pass through your hands, or reach your hands, at, before, or after the election?—No, I believe not.

34,792. No, no?—I am sure it did not.

34,793. Just imagine at, before, or after the election?—No, it never did.

34,794. I do not mean what you may think in respect to the election, but did any money come through your hands, or pass through your hands, or into your hands?—None at all.

34,795. In respect of the election?—No.

34,796. You voted for Walters?—Yes.

34,797. "Walker and Gridley;" did any money pass through your hands or come into your hands before, at, or after the election?—At Gridley's, no.

34,798. On any pretence or account whatever, whether for refreshments, or labour, or to pay away money, or in any way whatever?—None, whatever; I had nothing to do with it.

34,799. Now, about Keane's election; for whom did you vote?—Keane.

34,800. What money passed through your hands?—30*l.*

34,801. Whom did you get it of?—Richard Day.

34,802. What is Richard Day?—He was a messenger, or something of that sort; he was a man who had to do at the Mechanics' Hall; he had always been a messenger, had Day.

34,803. A messenger at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

34,804. Where did you see him?—I met him at the Square.

34,805. He came to your house?—I met him before I got to the house.

34,806. Did he tell you who sent him?—No, he did not.

34,807. What did he tell you?—He said, "Here is 30*l.*, you can take it and get some votes with it."

34,808. You say you had never been engaged in any transaction of the kind before. What did you know about Day?—He had always been a man who had been with us when we went to canvass or anything of the kind; he was always a messenger; he always took an active part.

34,809. Had you ever been connected with him at any previous election?—As regards money matters?

34,810. I did not say as regards money matters; I say, had you ever been connected with him in any previous election?—Oh yes.

34,811. That is what I want. In Walker's election?—Yes.

34,812. In Walter's election?—Yes.

34,813. I suppose you were aware at the time that in Walter's election money was going?—Yes, no doubt of it.

34,814. And did not you know that Day was mixed up with Walter's election?—Oh, he was a door-keeper.

34,815. You mean a door-keeper to let in the men who were bribed?—He was always engaged for the liberal party.

34,816. A door-keeper means a man whose duty it is to let in nobody but those who come for money?—I do not know.

34,817. He gave you 30*l.*?—Yes.

34,818. What did you do with it?—I got some votes with it.

34,819. What are you?—I am a builder.

34,820. What was the tariff offered?—How much did you give?—About 2*l.*; most of them got 2*l.*; I could not possibly tell. I made out and gave in a list of the men at the same date, and this is a list. I know very well the men that I paid, and I have an account of it.

The witness handed to the secretary a list containing 14 names, of which the following is a copy:—

"Thomas Coates.	William Hall.
"Joseph Duggit.	Daniel Dunning.
"Thomas Inglish.	T. David English.
"William Cross.	James Gossip.
"Jacob Turner.	John Wilson.
"William Ramshaw.	John Hoggard.
"Samuel Ireland.	William Marsden.

"Of these the greater portion received 2*l.* each."

The witness. There may be one or two that I have missed, and I cannot call to mind. I have lost the original list.

34,821. What amount of money did you get for your labour?—Nothing.

34,822. Did you pay any yourself, out of your own pocket?—No.

34,823. Is that the only occasion on which you were engaged?—Yes.

34,824. In getting votes?—Yes, as regards the parliamentary.

34,825. I mean as regards the parliamentary. Were any of these men your own workmen?—No, not any.

34,826. Had you workmen voters?—I have had workmen voters, but I have not at the present time.

34,827. No, we are speaking of Keane's election. Had you workmen who were voters at Keane's election?—No; I had some men, but they were none of them voters, not one.

34,828. You bribed, I suppose, at the municipal election in 1868?—No.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

T. Greenhough.

25 Sept. 1869.

34,829. How did you vote?—For the municipal?

34,830. No, parliamentary?—Maxwell and Trollope. I always support the Liberals; I never vote any way else in my life.

34,831. Had you men in your employment then?—I had one or two, but they were not voters.

34,832. Had you any voters?—No, I had not.

34,833. Did Day say from whom he came?—No, he did not, nor I did not ask him; he put it into my hands just agin the street end.

34,834. That was on the morning of the election?—No, it was betwixt twelve and one; I had got my dinner.

34,835. That is what I call the morning?—But I had got my dinner.

34,836. Well, in the middle of the day then. You knew who was the election agent, did not you—Todd, of Hull?—Yes.

34,837. Did see Mr. Todd, of Hull, at Beverley?—Oh yes, I saw him in town.

34,838. Did you know him well?—Yes, I knew him well.

34,840. And I think you saw another gentleman here, Daniel Keane?—Yes, I saw him about.

34,841. You saw him that morning?—No, I do not know that I did. I see him during the day.

34,842. You had seen him that day?—Yes.

34,843. Where?—I think it was somewhere in the street; I will not be positive.

34,844. Who appointed Day as a messenger?—I am sure I do not know; I cannot say that.

34,845. Were you introduced to Daniel Keane?—I do not know. I was with him canvassing.

34,846. Oh! you went round canvassing with him?—Yes, we had two half days of it.

34,847. I am not speaking of the candidate himself, of David Keane, but his brother?—Well, he was with us at the time, was Daniel Keane.

34,848. The three went round?—Yes.

34,849. You had two half days, or two whole days?—No, they were only half days, I think.

34,850. How long before the nomination day was that?—I think it would be a week before that; we had one half day.

34,851. When did you first hear that money was going that day?—I am sure I do not know; sometime in the morning of election day. I heard tell of some on the nomination day.

34,852. Did not you hear it on the nomination day?—Yes, I did.

34,853. From whom did you hear it?—I cannot say; it was the general talk.

34,854. On the nomination day?—Yes, on the nomination day, in the afternoon.

34,855. Where is the Mechanics' Hall?—It is just there (*pointing*).

34,856. The little building that is near here?—Yes.

34,857. Had you been to the Mechanics' Hall on the nomination day?—No, nor the election day neither; I never was inside at all.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

34,858. This was all the money you received, was it?—Yes, it was.

34,859. Do you know a man named Botterill?—Very well; and what he stated was a falsehood, what he stated here the other day; it is a complete falsehood. I never had any conversation with him whatsomever.

34,860. You never had any conversation with him about that?—Never on that subject, in my life.

34,861. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You mean you never told him that?—I never had any conversation with him; it was a complete falsehood.

31,862. You deny any such conversation?—Yes, I do.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

34,863. You must have had a small balance in your hands of this 30*l.*?—Well there are another two I cannot call to my mind.

34,864. Did you give away exactly 30*l.*?—I gave it all away; every pound that I had.

34,865. In about what sums?—1*l.* and 2*l.*

34,866. All even money?—No, I think there were one or two 1*l.*; I would not be positive. They said they got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, the day before I believe.

34,867. There was no balance?—No.

34,868. You gave away just that sum?—I gave away all; I gave away every farthing.

The witness withdrew.

M. Green.

MARTIN GREEN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

34,869. What are you?—A joiner.

34,870. As freeman?—Yes.

34,871. How long have you been a freeman?—About 22 years.

34,872. You voted in 1857 for Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I voted in 1852, I believe, first.

34,873. I will not trouble you about that, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

34,874. How did you vote?—Glover.

34,875. What did you get?—Not anything.

35,876. Not that time?—No.

35,877. The next election, in the August of the same year, was Edwards and Wells; what did you get?—Nothing.

34,878. Nothing that time?—No.

34,879. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How did you vote?—Edwards.

34,880. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, how did you vote then?—Edwards and Walker.

34,881. Did you get anything?—Nothing for myself.

34,882. Never got anything for yourself?—Never.

34,883. You have paid people, I suppose?—Yes.

34,884. At any of the elections that I have spoken of have you paid men?—No.

34,885. What was the first?—In 1860.

34,886. Mr. Walker's election in 1860?—Yes.

34,887. What money did you get to pay people?—I got 9*l.* in all.

34,888. From whom?—Mr. Puckering.

34,889. Robert Puckering, the coach builder?—Yes.

34,890. Who did you pay with it?—Joseph Greenhough 2*l.*

34,891. How many voters did you pay?—Four.

34,892. Who else?—Joseph Farrah I believe the name is.

34,893. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You paid him 2*l.*?—Yes.

34,894. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who else;—Robert Simpson.

34,895. 2*l.* also?—2*l.* 10*s.*, and Richard Jenkinson.

34,896. What did you pay him?—2*l.* 10*s.*

34,897. Did you account to any one for your payments?—No; Puckering was present with me nearly all the time I was paying.

34,898. The next election is Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

34,899. Did you take any part in that?—None.

34,900. None at all?—None but voting.

34,901. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards alone.

34,902. Did you get any money ?—No.
34,903. And you paid no money ?—No.
34,904. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No.
34,905. Then the only election, according to your evidence, at which you took any part is that one in 1860, Walker's ?—That is the only one.
34,906. You have given us a correct account of all the money that passed through your hands that day ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

William Gray Abbott called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

34,907. What are you ?—A joiner.
34,908. A freeman ?—Yes.
34,909. Did you vote at the election of 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—No.
34,910. When was the first election you voted at ?—Mr. Keane's.
34,911. How long have you been a freeman ?—About eight years.
34,912. You voted for Keane ?—Yes.
34,913. Did you get anything ?—I got 2*l.* at the Mechanics'.
34,914. Did you get that the first day or the second day ?—The second day.
34,915. Did you have any money to pay other people ?—None whatever.
34,916. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No, I had not a vote.
34,917. Did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Yes.
34,918. Which way did you vote ?—Maxwell and Trollope.
34,919. Is that the only money that has ever reached you in any shape or way that had anything to do with the election ?—Yes.
34,920. Only the 2*l.* ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

Jonathan Abbott called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

34,921. You are a freeman, I understand ?—Yes.
34,922. And have been so for a long time ?—Yes.
34,923. Do you remember Towneley's election ?—Yes.
34,924. Did you vote at it ?—Yes.
34,925. How much did you get ?—12*l.*, and something more.
34,926. Do you recollect 1857, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up ? Do you recollect that election ?—Yes.
34,927. How did you vote ?—I do not know.
34,928. Do you recollect whether you got any money or not ?—No, I cannot say.
34,929. You recollect Towneley's, do you not recollect that Denison, Glover, and Wells ; I wish you would recollect ?—I voted for Glover.
34,930. Do you recollect whether you got any money or not ?—Yes, I think I did.
34,931. How much do you think ?—Same as other men.
34,932. 2*l.*, I suppose ?—I think it was.
34,933. Do you remember another election in 1857, when Edwards and Wells came ?—Yes.
34,934. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for two of them.
34,935. No, Edwards and Wells were alone ; they were fighting a single battle. Did you vote for Edwards or Wells ?—I do not think I was in the town then.
34,936. Now 1859 we will come to. Do you recollect in 1859, when Walters, Edwards, and Walker put up ?—No, I do not think I was in town then.
34,937. Where were you ?—I was going with a vessel.
34,938. You voted for Edwards in 1857, I see by the poll book ; do you recollect whether you got any money ?—Yes, I think I got 30*s.*
34,939. I will come to 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker. I see you voted for Edwards and Walker ; how much did you get ?—I forget.
34,940. How much did you get ?—I do not know. I got 5*l.* one election, I do not know when it was.
34,941. Was that either 1859 or 1860 ?—It would be 1859.
34,942. I believe your sons were voters also ?—Yes.
34,943. In 1860, Walker and Gridley ; did you vote then ?—No, I think not.
34,944. (*After looking at the poll book*) I think you voted for Mr. Walker ?—I may have.
34,945. How much did you get ?—I do not know whether I got anything.
34,946. Just recollect ; you did vote, but how much did you get ?—I cannot say ; I should get the same as t'other.
34,947. That would be about 2*l.* ?—Yes.
34,948. Now we will come to Keane's election, in 1865 ; Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ; for whom did you vote ?—I voted for Keane.
34,949. You voted, I see by the poll book, for Sykes and Keane ; how much did you get from Keane's party ?—Nothing.
34,950. That is strange. Got nothing ?—I do not know, I cannot remember.
34,951. Were you not at the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes, I think I was.
34,952. You had a piece of paper with a sovereign put through a hole ?—I never was there, and I do not think I could get anything at that election.
34,953. You were at the Mechanics' Hall ?—I did not get anything at that time.
34,954. Were you there on the nomination day ?—Yes.
34,955. Were you there the day of the polling day ?—Yes.
34,956. On both days ?—Yes.
34,957. I think you got 1*l.* each day. Did you get anything from Sykes ?—No.
34,958. Got nothing from the Sykes party ?—No.
34,959. Did anyone bring you any money ; your son might have brought you some money ?—No, he did not bring me any.
34,960. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No.
34,961. Did you ever vote for council choosing ? Well, for whom did you vote the last election, when Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope were up ?—Maxwell and Trollope.
34,962. Did you get anything ?—No.
34,963. I think that is the only election you have not. Now, is that the only election you ever voted at at which you did not get any money for ?—I did not get any at Keane's.
34,964. I think you were promised it, you expected it ?—No, I did not expect it.
34,965. Were you not promised ; did not some one tell you to go to the Mechanics' Hall ?—No.
34,966. What took you to the Mechanics' Hall ?—Because I went along with other people.
34,967. For what purpose ?—I do not know ; I was there to get money. I went and voted for Keane and then I went home.
34,968. How old are you ?—83 I was last week.

The witness withdrew.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

James Abbott.

25 Sept. 1869.

JAMES ABBOTT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

34,969. How long have you been a freeman?—About 30 years.

34,970. What are you by occupation?—A shoemaker.

34,971. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you the son of the last witness?—No, no relation.

34,972. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you vote at the election of 1857 for Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

34,973. For whom did you vote?—Liberals always.

34,974. Did you get anything?—Yes, I believe I did.

34,975. What did you get?—I cannot call to mind, but I think I got every time when it was publicly given for the Liberal party.

34,976. You cannot call to mind what the sum was?—There was one time I got 3*l.*

34,977. Cannot you recollect this election of 1857, do you remember where you were paid; if I were to tell you where you were paid would that help you?—Yes.

34,978. Were you paid at the Reform Association?—Yes, I was paid there 2*l.*

34,979. Do you remember who paid you on that occasion?—Mr. Taylor.

34,980. Robert Taylor?—Yes.

34,981. Yes, but I think that is not the election. Well, I will go through them, and ask you about that afterwards. You voted for Denison and Wells, and you got something?—Yes, if it was given; there was once or twice I did not get anything, but I cannot call to mind when it was.

34,982. That is what we want to know. Have you any recollection whether or not you got anything in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—I cannot call to mind whether I did or not.

34,983. Were you ever paid at Oxley's house opposite the Holderness?—No.

34,984. That you are sure of?—Yes.

34,985. Quite sure?—Yes.

34,986. I will not ask you any more at present about that; but will you go on to Edwards and Wells; did you get anything then?—That was a bye election, was it not?

34,987. Yes?—I did not get anything then.

34,988. You voted for Wells, of course?—Yes.

34,989. The next election was Walters?—Walters and who?

34,990. Walters, Edwards, and Walker. You voted for Walters, of course?—Yes.

34,991. I think I can tell you what you got, you got 2*l.*?—Yes.

34,992. Or did you get 3*l.*?—2*l.*

34,993. At a house in Toll Gavel?—Yes.

34,994. Then the next was Walker and Gridley. You would vote for Gridley, I suppose?—Yes.

34,995. What did you get then?—2*l.*, at the "Packhorse."

34,996. In 1865 it was Keane's election; what did you get then?—2*l.*

34,997. From Keane?—Yes.

34,998. In the way we have heard so often. Where did you get it?—1*l.* at the Mechanics', and 1*l.* at the "George and Dragon."

34,999. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No.

35,000. Now you were not paid in Edwards and Wells' election?—I cannot remember whether I was or not.

35,001. You have answered us you were not at Edwards and Wells' in the bye election?—I did not get anything in the bye election.

35,002. But in the election before you got something?—No; I think there was one election I got nothing, but I cannot call to mind. If they were generally paid I should get paid, but I cannot say whether I did or not; if it was a common thing to pay at the elections I should get it.

35,003. Then you got whatever was going in Denison, Glover, and Wells' election?—Yes; if there was any money going I should get it.

35,004. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you go to the Reform Rooms; do you remember going to the Reform Rooms and getting once paid at the Reform Rooms?—No, I cannot say.

35,005. Did you go to the Reform Rooms?—I think not.

35,006. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where were the Reform Rooms?—I am sure I cannot tell you, without they were in Toll Gavel.

35,007. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you say that you went there?—I once got paid 2*l.* there.

35,008. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who paid you when you got the 2*l.*?—Robert Taylor.

35,009. Were you only once there?—No, I believe not.

35,010. Are you quite sure you were never there more than once?—I believe not.

35,011. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote for Glover at the election of 1859?—I did not vote for Glover. I should vote that election.

The witness withdrew.

R. Allenby.

ROBERT ALLENBY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

35,012. What are you?—A cordwainer.

35,013. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,014. How long?—About 17 or 18 years, I do not know exactly.

35,015. Did you vote when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up?—The first was Lawley and Wells.

35,016. I think you voted at Gordon and Hastings' after that?—Yes, I believe I did.

35,017. And then did you vote when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up, the election after that?—Yes, I voted at every election up to Maxwell and Trollope.

35,018. Denison, Glover, and Wells, who did you vote for?—I cannot call it to mind.

35,019. Denison, Glover, and Wells, did you vote for Denison?—Yes, I believe I did.

35,020. Did you vote for Wells?—I voted for Lawley and Wells.

35,021. Yes, but the next election but one, did you vote for Denison?—Yes, I believe I did.

35,022. And did you vote for Wells?—I am sure I am not able to say.

35,023. Have you always voted for the Liberals?—No, I voted for the major once.

35,024. Did you vote for Glover?—Yes, I believe I voted for Glover.

35,025. Then in 1857 you voted for Denison and Glover; did you get anything?—I do not remember getting anything that time.

35,026. Do you remember any election where you did not get anything?—I remember the elections I did. I got at four; that is all I can remember.

35,027. Which did you get money at?—I got at Lawley and Wells', and I got at the major's.

35,028. In 1857 Edwards and Wells were up together, the bye election?—Very possibly.

35,029. But it was so. You voted for the major?—Yes.

35,030. And you got something?—Yes.

35,031. At that election?—Yes, I got 3*l.*

35,032. Where did you get it?—I got it at the "Beverley Arms."

35,033. Who gave it you?—The man is dead who gave it me.

35,034. Never mind, who was it?—James Baker.

35,035. Cannot you remember the election before that, only a month or two before that, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up; cannot you remember

whether you got anything then?—No, I cannot remember getting anything then.

35,036. Can you swear you did not?—I cannot swear; I have no recollection.

35,037. Go to the election after that, Walters, Edwards, and Walker; which way did you vote then?—I believe I voted for Walters.

35,038. You came back to the Liberals; you voted for Walters. Did you get anything?—Yes, I got something, but I do not know how much.

35,039. You got 2*l.*, did you not?—I am sure I could not swear.

35,040. Who gave it you?—I do not know who gave it me.

35,041. Where did you get it?—I got it down here in Toll Gavel.

35,042. It was 2*l.*, was it not?—I am sure I do not know; I could not swear.

35,043. Go to the next election, Walker and Gridley, in 1860, the next election after that; who received your support that time, Walker or Gridley?—I believe Walker.

35,044. You got back to the Conservatives. Well, what did you get?—I cannot remember getting anything.

35,045. Oh, just you think now. Edwards, 1857, Conservative, you got 3*l.*; the next time, Walters Liberal, 2*l.*; the next time you were voting for Walker, you got back to the Conservatives again; what did you get for your vote?—I have no recollection of getting anything.

35,046. Where was the money going?—I do not remember ever seeing any, or ever telling of any.

35,047. Or asking after any?—No.

35,048. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you vote then?—Yes, I voted for Keane.

35,049. What did you get that time?—I got 2*l.*

35,050. At the Mechanics'?—No.

35,051. Where did you get it?—I got it in the street.

35,052. Who gave it you?—Thomas Greenhough.

35,053. Did you vote last council choosing?—I never had nothing to do with it yet.

35,054. You are a freeman, are you not?—Yes.

35,055. How is it you have not got a vote?—I never was a householder.

35,056. Not rated?—No.

35,057. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you get any money on the other side; did you vote for anybody besides Keane?—No, I never voted for no one but Keane.

35,058. Did you get any money from Edwards or Sykes?—No.

The witness withdrew.

M. Baitson.

MARMADUKE BAITSON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

35,059. Are you a freeman?—Yes, about 30 years I have been.

35,060. What was the first election you voted at, Towneley's, I suppose?—Towneley's first election.

35,061. How much did you get?—About 12*l.*

35,062. Now we will come down to 1857. Do you recollect Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

35,063. Did you vote?—Yes.

35,064. How much?—I got nothing that election.

35,065. Do you recollect when the major came, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

35,066. Did you vote?—Yes.

35,067. For whom?—I think for Wells.

35,068. How much?—Nothing.

35,069. Did you hold any office at that time?—I never held office, or was not engaged as a runner, or nothing.

35,070. Any office connected with the corporation or pasture masters?—No.

35,071. Or pasture masters?—Yes, I had a house in the Westwood, under the pasture masters.

35,072. Had you that when you voted for Wells?—Yes.

35,073. And had you that when you voted for Denison?—Yes.

35,074. I suppose you received so much a year?—No; I paid 1*s.* a year as an acknowledgment for the house, and I had to keep the gate shut.

35,075. Now we will come down to 1859; do you hold that office now?—No.

35,076. When were you discharged from it?—About three years since.

35,077. Now we will come down to 1859; for whom did you vote in 1859, Walters, Walker, and Edwards?—It would be Mr. Walters.

35,078. How much?—2*l.*

35,079. Then the next election was Walker and Gridley?—I got nothing at that election; I voted for Gridley.

35,080. Still holding the house?—I was in the house.

35,081. Now we come down to Keane's election; for whom did you vote?—Mr. Keane.

35,082. How much?—2*l.*

35,083. Where did you get it?—At the Mechanics'.

35,085. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I did.

35,086. For whom?—Maxwell and Trollope.

35,087. When were you discharged from the office?—About three years since, as near as I can tell; I believe it would be three years.

35,088. Who discharged you?—These present pasture masters. They said they were very sorry to discharge me, and they said they had nothing against me.

35,089. Tell me what they said; who spoke to you about it?—All the pasture masters; there was a meeting up in the room.

35,090. What did they say?—They said they were very sorry to discharge me, but they told me they would bring me down on my knees to support them.

35,091. When did they say that?—Frequently.

35,092. They said they would bring you down on your knees unless you supported them?—Yes, they said they would make me support them.

35,093. Who was there?—I believe Mr. Oxley was the chairman then.

35,094. Do you know any of the others?—Mr. Kemplay, Mr. Dawson, and Marshall the druggist were there.

35,095. About how long ago was this?—It would be as near as I can tell about three years since.

35,096. After you voted for Keane?—Yes, they had been at me a long while.

35,097. In what way were they at you?—They always sent me a bit of a note to attend meetings, and then when I came they had nothing at all to say.

35,098. Did you ever make any application to them?—Yes; I lost a pony and I lost a pig.

35,099. When did you lose the pony?—It would be about five years since I applied for Walker's gift. They did not say it exactly to me, but they told my wife.

35,100. Never mind your wife. We will have her here. Did they say anything to you when you lost the pig?—No; I got a paper and sent in, and put my own name to it, and my wife took it to the clerk.

35,101. Do not tell me what she said. Where is your wife?—In the town.

35,102. Do you think she could come up?—In five minutes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

35,103. You lost a pig and you lost something else, I did not catch what?—I lost a pony.

35,104. And do I understand you to say that in both instances you made an application? Did you attend in this hall to support your application to the pasture masters?—I did not; my wife did.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

M. Baitson.

25 Sept. 1869.

35,105. Well, I will say no more about that, then. You told us, "They told me they would bring me down on my knees to support them." I want to know who was the person?—It was William Padget.

35,106. Where?—At my own house when I lived at the top of Westwood.

35,107. I understood you to say it was in this building?—No.

35,108. You said so?—It was William Padget.

35,109. Did anyone at the meeting of the pasture masters say to you that he would bring you down on your knees if you would not support them?—No.

35,110. It was not said at a public meeting?—Not in here.

35,111. Just answer questions. Who said to you that he would bring you down on your knees if you did not support them?—That was William Padget.

35,112. Where was that?—At the top of Westwood.

35,113. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) At your house?—Yes.

35,114. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He came to your own house and told you so?—He was painting there.

35,115. He is dead?—Yes.

35,116. "Padget the painter, who is dead, told me "that he would bring me down on my knees if I would "not support them." Did anybody else tell you so?—No.

35,117. Has anybody else used language of tha kind to you?—No.

35,118. I suppose the pasture masters gave you a notice to quit?—Yes.

35,119. Did you go peaceably?—Yes.

35,120. Did you dispute the possession?—No.

35,121. You did not?—No, not at that time; the time before I did.

35,122. At what time was that?—It would be perhaps two years before that.

35,123. Give me the date?—I am sure I cannot say.

35,124. Cannot you tell me the date two years before this conversation took place?—No, I cannot, I am sure.

35,125. We can get it, you know. Was it before Keane's election?—No.

35,126. I should think it would be?—Well, I do not know.

35,127. You say you were discharged three years ago, and two years before you were discharged you disputed the possession of the pasture masters?—Yes.

35,128. Three and two is five?—I should think that would be as nigh as I can say. It would be more than five years ago; I have been three years in the town as nigh as possible.

35,129. Was not that before Keane's election; rub up your memory and tell us?—It might be before Keane's election.

35,130. You know perfectly well whether it was or not?—I could not say just at this present time.

35,131. You are sure you cannot tell us?—I could not tell you whether it was before.

35,132. You went to the petty sessions, did not you?—No, I was put into the county court.

35,133. What was that for?—For the key.

35,134. Was Padget a pasture master, then, at the time he spoke to you?—Yes.

35,135. Was anything said to you in this room; you answered it was in this hall?—No, nothing was said to me any further than that the gate had been blown open and there was some stock got loose, and they would not give me information.

35,136. The gate got blown open?—Yes; it was on a Saturday.

35,137. And some stock got out from the Westwood?—Yes.

35,138. Some stock that you ought to have looked after?—No; I did see the gate was shut when I left it. I had to come down to look after marketing.

35,139. The gate was blown open?—Yes, and the horses got out.

35,140. You can remember, surely, when that was?—I cannot tell you the year, I am sure.

35,141. How many years ago was it?—I should think that would be six at least.

35,142. That, at any rate, was before Keane's election. Was that the cause for which they discharged you?—I should think that would be the principal.

35,143. They must have given you some reason for discharging you?—No.

35,144. Surely you asked them why you were to be turned out?—No, I did not, for I was tired of stopping there, and having these bits of notes to come down to meetings. I was as tired of stopping as they were tired of me.

35,145. I suppose it was your duty, as one of their servants, to attend their meetings?—No.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

35,146. You say you went to a meeting of the pasture masters, at which Mr. Kemplay, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Marshall were present?—Yes.

35,147. And you began to say, but did not finish, that they had no complaint against you?—They said they did not wish to discharge me, but, as I told you, I was tired with little bits of notes.

35,148. Were you right in saying that they told you they had no complaint against you?—They had no complaint.

35,149. Did not they complain of your letting the gate blow open?—Yes, that they did.

35,150. At the meeting?—No.

35,151. That was the meeting at which they discharged you?—No, it was not; I should think it would be 12 months or a year and a half after that.

35,152. What had the meeting got to do with it?—It was sending little bits of paper up.

35,153. What had the meeting got to do with your discharge?—That is the time they had me in the county court for the key.

35,154. Did you get Walker's gift either of the times?—No.

35,155. You never got it?—No.

35,156. Were these the only times you applied for it?—I believe we applied three times altogether.

The witness withdrew.

Mrs. Baitson.

Mrs. Baitson called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

35,157. Do you recollect your husband losing a pony?—Yes.

35,158. About how many years ago was that?—Perhaps five.

35,159. How used the pony to be employed?—I used to go about with my stall to markets and fairs.

35,160. Carrying your little goods?—Yes.

35,161. What kind of goods were they?—Sweets.

35,162. For little children?—Yes.

35,163. And you lost your pony?—Yes, by breaking its foreleg.

35,164. Then you could not go about to fairs?—No.

35,165. Then you recollect your husband applying; did you take the application yourself?—I took it to the clerk in the office, Mr. Monkman.

35,166. And did he tell you to come for an answer?—No, he had no occasion. I applied at the meeting; they did it among themselves.

35,167. What did they say to you? Who told you whether they would give it or not?—Mr. Marshall the druggist, in Toll Gavel, when I went to deliver a message that I brought from market on the Thursday; he said, "Mrs. Baitson, you see we could do nothing for you at the meeting last night." I asked him what

meeting, and he said, Walker's gift; and he said there was a respectable pasture master said that we should never have it while he was in office.

35,168. Was Mr. Marshall a pasture master when he told you that?—Yes.

35,169. Did he say why you should not have it?—No.

35,170. He told you that Mr. Oxley said you should never have Walker's gift?—He did not say Mr. Oxley said so. He said a respectable pasture master made answer to the meeting, and said my husband should never have it as long as he was in office; if we never got another pony we should not have it; and Mr. Marshall said I was to apply again.

35,171. Did you apply a second time?—Not for that case.

35,172. Did he say you were to apply again?—He said, "You must try again, Mrs. Baitson;" and I said, "No, not so long as a set of donkeys sit in office as pasture masters."

35,173. Do you recollect your husband losing a pig?—Yes.

35,174. Was that before the loss of the pony, or after?—After.

35,175. You made a second application when the pig was lost?—Yes.

35,176. How many years ago was that?—About four, I think.

35,177. To whom did you make the application?—I took the note to Isaac Monkman again.

35,178. Had your husband lost a pig?—Yes.

35,179. Was he in the gate then, or out of the gate?—We were in the gate house.

35,180. Did you go to anyone to see what answer there was?—No, it was never looked to.

35,181. Was any answer ever made?—No, we never heard anything about that after.

35,182. Never heard anything at all?—No.

35,183. Had you ever made any application before for Walker's gift?—After that we made an application for some prize fowls that were lost.

35,184. Did you get any answer?—No, they never gave it us at all.

35,185. Nor never got any answer at all?—No.

35,186. Did you ever call to know whether your application was granted or not?—I once went and called upon Isaac Monkman, and he said they had done nothing for us.

35,187. That is all that was said?—That was all, and I walked away.

35,188. How long ago was that?—That was the first application I made for Walker's gift; they were poisoned.

35,189. Was that the first application?—Yes, I believe it was.

35,190. About how many years ago was that?—About six.

35,191. You first applied for fowls that you thought were poisoned?—Yes, they were poisoned; we had them examined, we had them analyzed.

35,192. And then you were told by Mr. Monkman that they could do nothing for you?—No, he said he believed it had never been attended to; and I believe myself that he never presented it to the pasture masters.

35,193. Do not tell me that, but he said that he did not think it had ever been attended to. The second was about the pony?—Yes.

35,194. And your answer was from the druggist, Mr. Marshall?—Yes.

35,195. He told you to try again?—He did.

35,196. Did Mr. Marshall know you were in the habit of going to market?—Yes, they were all aware that I travelled.

35,197. And then, as to the loss of the pig, you never got an answer at all about that?—No.

35,198. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They never gave you any reason for refusing it?—Only for the pony. He told me then that one pasture master stated that I should never have it as long as he was in office.

35,199. Did he say why?—No.

35,200. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How long had you had the pig before you lost it?—A long time; I could not say to a month or two. We were in the habit of keeping pigs.

35,201. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were they the same pasture masters that you applied to on account of the pony as you did on account of the pigs?—Yes.

35,202. Were they the same?—Not all, some of them; Mr. Marshall was one.

The witness withdrew.

MARMADUKE BAITSON recalled.

M. Baitson.

35,203. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I want to ask you this—when you made these applications, did either the clerk to the pasture masters, or any one of the pasture masters, ever give you any reason for refusing?—No; I never spoke to them. I never delivered the paper in at all; my wife did it.

35,204. Then you only know from her?—No, I only know from her.

The witness withdrew.

MAJOR WATERHOUSE, M.P., sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

Major Waterhouse, M.P.

35,205. I believe you are a friend of Sir Henry Edwards?—I am.

35,206. Are you a cousin of his?—I am his brother-in-law.

35,207. I believe you are also member for Pontefract?—I am.

35,208. Are you acquainted with Mr. Cronhelme?—I am most intimately.

35,209. Have you ever had any conversations with him on the subject of Major Edwards' connexion with Beverley?—From time to time frequently.

35,210. Have you had any conversation with him in respect of any papers, letters, and accounts which passed between him and Mr. Wreghitt?—None whatever. I was not aware that any communication had taken place between him and Mr. Wreghitt.

35,211. Are you acquainted with Mr. Spofforth?—I am.

35,212. Have you ever had any conversation with Mr. Spofforth?—I have not had any conversation with him with regard to letters and papers.

35,213. I mean with reference to Major Edwards' connexion with Beverley?—Yes.

35,214. Or rather, I might more properly say, in reference to Mr. Cronhelme's connexion with Sir Henry Edwards. Will you say what the conversation was?—I met him in the lobby of the House of Commons, and I asked Mr. Spofforth (it was subsequent to the Royal Commission being issued) whether it was obligatory on Mr. Cronhelme to appear here before the Commissioners. He said he did not doubt the least in the world he would be served to appear. I said I did not think that his health would admit of it, that he could not bear it; I was afraid his health would sink under it. At this time Mr. Cronhelme was a great invalid, and I was apprehensive it would be impossible for him to appear under any circumstances. It was upon that ground I suggested to Mr. Spofforth whether it would not be better that Mr. Cronhelme should absent himself; and to that Mr. Spofforth replied that, under the circumstances, he had better do so.

35,215. Did you convey the result of your conversation to Mr. Cronhelme?—I did so.

35,216. When was that?—I cannot tax my memory with the day; it was somewhere during the session of parliament.

35,217. It would be probably shortly after the Royal Commission?—It was shortly after the Royal Commission was issued.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Major Waterhouse, M.P.

25 Sept. 1869.

35,218. Did you communicate it by letter, or did you see Mr. Cronhelme?—I think I did so by letter, but I am not quite sure; I think I did so by letter.

35,219. Had you any reply to that letter?—No, I had not; Mr. Cronhelme in fact was confined to his bed.

35,220. He did not absent himself, he went away?—He went away from business for his health; he did absent himself for a time. Subsequently Sir Henry Edwards, having ascertained that he had done so, told me I was a great fool for my pains in so advising.

35,221. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I would rather you should confine yourself to the questions asked.

35,222. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose you meant leaving the country so as to get out of our reach?—I do not suppose that Mr. Cronhelme contemplated leaving the country.

35,223. But that is what you contemplated?—Certainly.

35,224. The advice you gave Mr. Cronhelme was, he should leave the country and get out of our reach?—It was so.

35,225. What was your reason for doing so?—I thought his health was sinking; he was an old man of 84. I am quite sure if you had seen him at this time you would have come to the same conclusion as I did.

35,226. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am quite sure I should not.

35,227. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you sure that is the only reason you had for advising him to absent himself?—I do not mean to say that other reasons did not operate on my mind at the time.

35,228. We will spare the primary ones, but tell us the other reason or reasons that might have operated on your mind?—Under the assumption Mr. Cronhelme might possibly know subject matters having reference to this inquiry which it might not be desirable should be revealed.

35,229. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do not say *not desirable, were desirable.* You mean that would implicate Sir Henry Edwards.

35,230. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You meant in truth he should keep from us a knowledge of what had taken place in Beverley?—It was under the assumption he knew there were facts it would be desirable should not be communicated.

35,231. Do you repeat the word *desirable?* it was to keep from our knowledge the very facts we were sent down here to ascertain.

35,232. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Which the legislature thought essential to be known. We are sent down here by the wisdom of the very legislature of which you are a member.

35,233. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have heard in fact that Mr. Cronhelme has destroyed all these papers relating to his connexion with Beverley?—I think so.

35,234. Was that at all in consequence of your directions?—Most certainly not.

35,235. Directly or indirectly?—Neither directly or indirectly.

35,236. You deny that you in any way induced him to destroy those letters, papers, or accounts relating to his connexion with this borough?—I deny it most emphatically; indeed I did not know he had destroyed them till within the last ten days.

35,237. Then all the advice you gave to him was, that he would absent himself for the purpose of baffling this inquiry?—Yes.

35,238. Have you given him any other advice in the same matter?—That was the sum and substance.

35,239. Then you did take the advice of Mr. Spofforth? You said Mr. Spofforth said, "under the circumstances"?—It was in consequence of a conversation I and Mr. Spofforth had in the lobby of the House.

35,240. You consulted Mr. Spofforth, and he agreed the course you suggested was a proper one?—Yes.

35,241. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where was Mr. Cronhelme at the time of this conversation with Mr. Spofforth?—He was in Yorkshire.

35,242. Did you ever speak to Mr. Spofforth again on the subject?—I do not think I spoke to him on the subject again.

35,243. Did you ever hear that he had given such advice?—Never.

35,244. When did you first hear there had been such advice given?—I never did hear, except from the evidence adduced in this inquiry.

35,245. That was the first intimation you had of such advice having been given?—That was the first intimation.

35,246. Did Mr. Cronhelme reply to the letter you sent?—No, I do not think he did; he did not reply I am pretty certain.

35,247. And can you say you never had, in the one conversation you spoke of with Mr. Spofforth, consulted him on any other matters; can you say that conscientiously?—No, I did not.

35,248. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you the letter you wrote to Mr. Cronhelme?—I certainly have not.

35,249. Have you applied to him for it?—I have not.

35,250. What gave you to understand that Mr. Cronhelme had a knowledge of facts that might compromise your brother-in-law?—I did not know it as a fact.

35,252. I know you did not know it as a fact, and I did not ask you that; but what suggested to your mind that he had a knowledge of facts that might compromise your brother-in-law?—Simply the fact that Mr. Cronhelme was his confidential and financial agent.

35,253. Financial agent in matters of business?—Yes.

35,254. Had you ever known he was his financial agent in election matters?—No, I had not.

35,255. Had anyone ever told you so?—Never.

35,256. Then why did you apply to him to defeat an object the legislature has thought wise to order; why should you apply to him to do it if you had not known it?—I think I have already stated my previous consideration.

35,257. I am not asking about your previous consideration, I am asking if you had no knowledge of his being engaged in election matters; why did you ask?—I knew that Mr. Cronhelme was the only financial agent for Sir Henry Edwards, and therefore if anything had taken place in reference to money matters, there is no doubt Mr. Cronhelme would know of them.

35,258. You told me Mr. Cronhelme never was engaged in election matters?—No, I did not.

35,259. Did you know he had been ever here with money on the first election?—He told me subsequent to this inquiry. I did not know it of my own knowledge.

35,260. Had you reason to believe (you were not here) he had been ever here at the first election of Sir Henry?—I cannot say I had any reason to believe it.

35,261. Had you ever heard it?—I am not aware that I had.

35,262. Had you ever heard he had been engaged in the transmission of monies from Halifax to Beverley?—Never.

35,263. You answered a question rather hastily just now; you said, in answer to a question put by my brother Commissioner, you never suggested directly or indirectly he should burn the letters?—I did.

35,264. Do you not think telling him he ought to absent himself from the Commission would have a tendency to that effect?—I cannot state what impression it would have on Mr. Cronhelme's mind, but I state most emphatically the fact that I did not directly or indirectly advise him to destroy any letters.

35,265. Then only to absent himself?—That is all.

35,266. You heard this advice and you wrote to Mr. Cronhelme; I am astonished you did not ask for the letter you wrote?—To tell you the truth I am not confident that I wrote to him, I said I believed I did, I am by no means certain.

35,267. This is of the most vital importance, you knew it must be so?—I did not see Mr. Cronhelme for some time afterwards.

35,268. You are aware this is of the most vital importance. It is an attempt to defeat the object, the very object which the Queen by the advice of her

ministers seeks to accomplish. Can you tell me whether you wrote to Mr. Cronhelme, or sent a message to him ?—I have already said that as far as my recollection serves that I wrote to Mr. Cronhelme, but I am not sure of it. Certain I am I did not see Mr. Cronhelme for a long time afterwards.

35,269. I am asking whether you conveyed that to him by letter, or went to him and saw him personally. It is a singular thing that which occurred this year when this Commission was about to be issued that you should have any doubt about it ?—I have already stated with my large correspondence it is hardly likely I should be able to fix my recollection with a matter of such trivial importance, as I consider.

35,270. I think it is a matter of the highest importance. I beg you will try to recollect whether you wrote to him, or conveyed it by message ?—I cannot make any further answer.

35,271. What did you do ? I will adopt either. You said first you wrote a letter ?—I said that was my impression.

35,272. What is your impression now ?—Precisely the same, that I did write a letter, but I am by no means certain.

35,273. After you had seen what he said, did you go to him and ask him for the letter ?—I certainly did not, for I was not sure I wrote a letter.

35,274. If you had an impression on your mind, one would think you would like to see whether it was right or not; have you seen him since this inquiry ?—Certainly not; I have never seen him, or had any communication with him.

35,275. Did you send it by any third party ?—If it was by message; indeed it could not be by message, that I can undertake to swear. It was either by letter; it must have been by letter, because I had no other means of communicating with him.

35,276. Was it by letter or message announced by yourself, or entrusted to any third party ?—It certainly was not by message entrusted to any third party, entrusted to anybody.

35,277. Was it by letter; it would be desirable to fix this on oath ?—I am well aware of the obligation of an oath. I can speak confidently to it as a fact; I have no recollection whether it was by letter or personal communication.

35,278. When were you down at Halifax; this is a very short time ago ?—I was at Halifax during the session every ten days or a fortnight.

35,279. When can you fix your memory with having seen Mr. Cronhelme ?—I am really unable to do so.

35,280. When did you hear he refused to take the advice that was given ?—He went away almost immediately after.

35,281. When did you hear he refused to take your advice ?—I think I have not made myself sufficiently understood.

35,282. Perfectly; when did you hear he had refused to take your advice; you advised him to go away and stay away ?—Yes.

35,283. When did you hear he refused to take your advice ?—I subsequently advised him to come back again.

35,284. When was the date of that ?—I should think probably some time in the month of July.

35,285. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is, given him the advice ?—Yes.

35,286. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where was he ?—He was staying at Llandudno.

35,287. Did you write to him ?—I think I did.

35,288. You are in London and he is at Llandudno; did you go down to him or write ?—I did not go down.

35,289. Did you tell him that ?—No, I did not go down; it must have been by letter.

35,290. Did you communicate with him by letter ?—I did; that was the only means of communication.

35,291. Did you ask him for the letter ?—No, I certainly did not.

35,292. What time in July was it ?—I cannot fix my memory.

35,293. You have heard that before he left home he destroyed all his letters; you had heard that in his evidence ?—I did, but I did not know he stated he destroyed them before he left home.

35,294. Yes, he certainly did. He said, "I was "advised to go from home, and I did not want to "compromise any friend of mine, and I therefore "destroyed all my letters." He stated that distinctly. He made an exception, he destroyed something after he came back. Then you wrote to him to come back ?—At the instance of Sir Henry Edwards.

35,295. (*The Secretary.*) This is what Mr. Cronhelme says, "It would be about June," &c.

35,296. Can you tell me when he went away ?—No.

35,297. Cannot you tell me when you wrote to him ?—I cannot.

35,298. And he went away in July; was it within a month ?—I really cannot fix my memory.

35,299. Was it within a month ?—If I could ascertain when he went to Llandudno that would fix the period, but I really cannot tell; no, I really cannot tell; I would tell you if I knew for certain.

35,301. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. Cronhelme said he was recommended to go to the continent; did you convey that message to him ?—I certainly did not; I have no recollection of the continent having been ever mentioned.

35,302. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I suppose you are aware and have been long aware that Mr. Cronhelme came here in 1857 ?—No; I might have known it at the time; I never was in Beverley but once.

35,303. In 1857 you knew he was coming ?—I cannot say that I did know it; I might have known it.

35,304. You say you might have known he came here in 1857 ?—I might have done, but I have no recollection of that now.

35,305. What do you mean by "might" ?—It is not at all improbable; the first time Sir Henry was coming several of his friends would come with him at the same time.

35,306. I suppose we may take it Mr. Cronhelme came at the same time ?—I really could not say.

35,307. Will you swear that you did not ?—I will not swear at this length of time I did not.

35,308. Did Mr. Cronhelme ever speak to you about your coming here ?—No; that I will undertake to swear.

35,309. Never ?—I am quite confident of that, because at that time I was not on those terms of intimacy with Mr. Cronhelme.

35,310. Do you know when Mr. Cronhelme went away to Llandudno ?—I should think——

35,311. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you know ?—No; I feel I do not know.

35,312. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was it in June ?—I cannot say; I think probably it would be in June or July.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till Monday at two o'clock.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

Mr. J. England.

27 Sept. 1869.

27th September 1869.

Mr. JOHN ENGLAND sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

35,315. You are the head of the firm of England and Bainton?—I was.

35,316. At Beverley?—At Beverley. I was in the new firm.

35,317. Had you been connected with Mr. Bainton's father?—Yes, I had.

35,318. And then at his death you became head of the firm?—Yes.

35,319. I think up to 1857 young Mr. Bainton had not joined you as partner?—No.

35,320. And in 1857 he became a partner?—Yes.

35,321. That was after the election of Sir Henry Edwards?—I think it was.

35,322. Whatever led to your connexion with that election, you had to do it as agents to Baxter, Rose, and Norton?—I think we acted as agents.

35,323. There was a Mr. Williams down here?—Yes.

35,324. Do you recollect him?—This is my diary at the time.

35,325. Will you be kind enough to read it?—I have no distinct recollection of Mr. Williams, only as he was then, as young men will often be, without funds. I advanced him small sums from time to time.

35,326. *Mr. Serjeant O'Brien* said it was merely by way of confirming Mr. Williams. Mr. Almack says, "I advanced to Mr. Williams the like sum."

35,327. *Mr. H. Cox* inquired the date of that.

35,328. *The witness* said it would probably be August 1857.

35,329. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien*) Do you recollect whether, after the election was over, a petition was threatened?—There was.

35,330. That was the first election of Major Edwards?—Yes.

35,331. There was a petition threatened?—I believe there was.

35,332. This is an account put in by Mr. McCoy.

ENGLAND and BAINTON'S ACCOUNT with Philip Rose.

Law bills - -	£68	18	6			
Ditto - -	9	1	8			
				78	0	2
Ramshaw and ors. - -				143	13	0
				£221	13	2

17th April 1858, received from Rose & Co. £221 13 2

35,333. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you receive that amount of money from Baxter, Rose, and Norton, the 17th of April 1858?—That includes paid Ramshaw and others 143*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*

35,334. And that was in reference to expenses belonging, or supposed to belong, to the election of 1857?—They are expended in 1858.

35,335. (*The Secretary.*) Here are the bills themselves, Mr. Thomas Ramshaw's expenses.

35,336. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is so, is it not. "Claims delivered in to England and Bainton" would have reference to this election. "John S. Vickers for "payment to voters, 23*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*; H. Taylor, the "like, 2*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*; W. S. Wreghitt, twice to London, "8*l.*, and then 5*l.*, making 13*l.*; John Green, printing "cards, 8*l.*; John Kemp, ditto, 10*l.*; John Kemp, "cash advanced to pay Glover's legal expenses, 15*l.*" Then there are some other items I do not care about. There is Dickinson, refreshment, 11*s.* 6*d*; Wm. Ramshaw, ditto, 1*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*; John Charter, ditto, 2*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* Wm. Tilson, for attendance on Mr. Spofforth, and England & Bainton, 2*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* Tilson was the election agent of Glover?—Yes.

35,337. Can you tell me, the election being in August, why they were not paid till the following March?—No, I cannot, for though I was at the head of the Bainton firm, I never interfered in money matters whatever. It was conducted entirely by Mr. McCoy, who was examined the other day. I know some of the parties mentioned here, and I may perhaps be able to say what I think. I see "John S. Vickers for payment to voters, 23*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*" but I do not know him from Adam; I have no recollection of him.

35,338. What he said was he got it from McCoy?—I have no recollection of him.

35,339. Of course you would not?—Henry Taylor I know very well.

35,340. Did Wreghitt do anything in the election except what he did on behalf of Glover?—Not that I know of; in fact I do not think that Mr. Wreghitt was very fond of me, at all events he was not over communicative.

35,341. Is it your opinion the election expenses were left unpaid to the April following in consequence of a pending petition, or in consequence of one being threatened?—I should think the payment of those expenses would be delayed in consequence of the threatened petition.

35,342. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That is your answer?—Yes, I can give no other answer.

35,343. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is the answer I expected from you.

35,344. Were these papers in your possession?—They were left at my house. This is the copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Collier, though without any date; it is from Mr. McCoy.

35,345. (*The Secretary.*) I have not received any letter from Mr. McCoy.

35,346. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It had better be read.

35,347. *The Secretary* then read the following letter addressed to himself:—

"J. F. Collier, Esq.

"Sir,

"Mr. Almack, on his examination before the "Royal Commissioners, stated that he had not re- "ceived the 15*l.* mentioned in the inclosed list which "I stated on my examination on the 14th instant "that I believed was paid to him by Mr. England. "Since that time I have made every exertion in my "power to ascertain the fact, so as to corroborate my "statement, and I find that on the 14th April 1858 "Mr. England writes to acknowledge cheque from "Philip Rose, and that so soon as he has adminis- "tered the proceeds receipts shall be forwarded (see "copy letter).

"I have also ascertained that the cheque for "221*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* was cashed by Mr. England, at "Machell and Co.'s bank, sent by Rose & Co. (See "copy cheque.)

" On the 19th April 1858 Mr. England writes " Philip Rose with vouchers (see copy letter).

" On the 16th Sept. instant. Philip Rose was " written to for the vouchers (see copy letter.) See " letter from Baxter & Co. in reply. Vouchers " cannot be found. Rose from home.

" Yrs. obedly.

" Thos. McCoy."

" P.S. I have seen Mr. Almack and showed him " the rough draft of the list, and he admits that the " writing, John Almack, 15*l.*, is in Mr. England's " own handwriting ; the rough list is also attached, " which probably Mr. England may explain."

35,349. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is that your handwriting, "John Almack, 15*l.*, E. & B." ?—Yes. I have no doubt it is a contemporaneous document.

35,350. There is one item that has nothing to do with it, the 68*l.* ?—Yes.

35,351. When did you receive this?—From Mr. McCoy this morning. You have some original documents before you, but those I received on Saturday evening.

35,352. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When were you aware of these additional returns being unpaid, Ramshaw and others ?—I have never been aware of them at all.

35,353. Then this is the very first you have heard of them ?—Yes ; and I am not at all surprised, if I may use the expression, from Mr. McCoy's peculiar manner of conducting his business. He is rigidly honest, but he likes to go round about the bush rather than straightforward.

35,354–5. And they were never brought to your knowledge ?—I should say never, I believe never. I should say there are some of these accounts in the statement I have shown you, I have seen, for there is my handwriting. It is the rough draft. I will tell you what I should have some knowledge of.

35,356. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Yes, that is what I want ?—I see a payment of 2*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* I sent as a payment to Henry Taylor. I am of opinion that would go through my fingers.

35,357. Soon after the election ?—Yes.

35,358. Soon after the election, I understand ?—Yes, soon after ; I do not think the man could afford credit at the time.

35,359. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What was it for ?—I do not know what it was.

35,360. "John S. Vickers, for payment to voters." " H. Taylor, the like " ?—Yes, that H. Taylor would very likely go through my fingers.

35,361. And you say you do not know what it was for ?—I do not know at this time what it was for. I see " Wm. Watson, payment to voters, 1*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*," part in my handwriting.

35,362. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Also soon after the election? —Yes, I think so. Now here is a payment of 15*l.* Almack. I think it was a payment I must have been privy to, the writing brings it to my mind.

35,363. And that I suppose you say was soon after the election ?—Yes.

35,364. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Except these initialed payments, were you acquainted with any other ?—No, I was not.

35,365. Now just take the expenses of the election of 1859. You were the agent jointly for Mr. Walker and Sir Henry Edwards. If you look at this you will see what Mr. McCoy put in ?—I have not seen it before this morning.

35,366. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is the paper ?

35,367–9. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is given to us by McCoy as the joint expenses of Walker and Edwards.

35,370. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Let me take the amount, 559*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*

35,371. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And 217*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* supplemented. Look at this, and tell me whether you recollect any of these items. These are the items to make up the 217*l.* ?—I recollect a printer's bill, and this (*pointing out an item*).

35,372. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Those two items are nothing.

35,373. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were not privy to any of the other payments ?—Oh, dear no.

35,374. And you now hear of them for the first time, is that so ?—I now hear of them for the first time.

35,375. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We have had these items before, and therefore we need not go through them.

35,376. They were sent in after the petition ? —I do not know.

35,377. After the petition in September ?—I do not know.

35,378. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) By Mr. McCoy's account they were sent in after the petition.

35,380. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) 217*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* was produced before the House of Commons as containing every shilling of money expended on behalf of the candidates. You know nothing of it ?—No.

35,381. I see in your evidence you very properly refused to say it. At this time you do not know anything of it ?—No, I was not at all conscious.

35,382. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Except this printer's bill ? —There was a printer's bill, but I know nothing of how it was made.

35,383. Do you know anything of the payment of those two sums ?—No.

35,384. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There are some items from the supplementary account I wish should appear on the note :—

Richardson - - -	£2	11	0
Padgett - - -	3	0	0
Amount paid previous to election :			
Messengers - - -	£18	1	6
Morley, hotel charges - -	89	12	0
Douthwaite - - -	3	0	0
Hind - - - -	2	0	0
Barnett - - -	1	12	10
Oxley, as per bill - -	29	16	0

35,385. Now I believe in 1860 you conducted the election on the part of Mr. Robert Walker with your partner ?—Yes.

35,386. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) " Balance due last account," this is, " Mr. Morley, as per bill." Look at it and see whether you know any of these amounts ; this is " Beverley election, 1860, payments by Mr. Bainton " and Mr. England in cash payments by election " auditor, amount 337*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*" ?—Allow me to correct you, it is said, " payments by W. Bainton in cash."

53,387. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I thought I read that. Take this account in your hand, it is the admitted account sent in to the auditor. There is the sum of 264*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes, 264*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

35,388. Look at those items on the right hand, can you explain any of them ?—No, I cannot, indeed, they are new to me.

35,389. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The whole of them ?—Yes, there are the election expenses for the poll clerks, &c.

35,390. All the others are new to you ?—Yes.

35,391. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) All but the poll clerks ?

35,392. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I will read some of these items, so that they may be taken down :

Hind for refreshments - -	£9	18	6
Ward do. - - -	3	0	0
Larcum - - - -	2	12	6
Ramshaw's band - -	60	0	0
Ackrill - - - -	6	18	2
Loft, travelling expes. from London	8	0	0
Half of expenses for attending revision - - - -	29	12	5

The amount in all with other items is 264*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

Here is an extract from a ledger (*handing same to witness*) : " James Robert Walker, esqre. M.P., in a/c with Messrs. England and Bainton." I call your

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attention to the last two items in that, "Mr. Kemplay as per a/c 53*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*" 'Mr. Puckering's account, 30*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.*" There is 'Mr. Kemplay as per a/c. 53*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*?—Yes.

35,393. Do you know anything of that?—Is he a printer?

35,394. No, you are thinking of Kemp, but this is Kemplay, and "Mr. Puckering, 30*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.*"?—No.

35,395. You know nothing of that?—Nothing whatever.

35,396. It is perfectly new to you?—Yes.

35,397. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This is 15th December 1860, an additional account.

(*The account was handed in, and was as follows:*)

"James Robert Walker, esqre., M.P., in a/c. with
"Messieurs England & Bainton.

"1860.			
"May. Balance due on the last account -	401	13	4
"Mr. Morley, as per bill -	1	5	0
"James Pease, esqre., for Mr. "Young's expenses from Wawne	0	10	0
"Mr. Champney, for additional "expenses to the returning "officer - - -	0	10	0
"Mr. Kemplay, as per a/c -	53	5	0
"Mr. Puckering's account -	30	6	0
"£487	9	4	
"1860.			
"May. By cheque - - -	400	13	4
"Error in last a/c addl. pay- "ment to messenger -	0	10	0
"Balance - - -	86	6	0
"£487	9	4	

"15th Decr. 1860, paid 86*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.*"

35,400. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is that a reference to your ledger (*pointing to a mark in the account*)?—Yes, I believe so, but it is new to me; I did not keep a private ledger.

35,401. But the ledger in the office?—Yes.

35,402. That is a reference to the ledger in your office?—I believe so.

35,403. Would the books of your firm in the ordinary course of business show these items?—They ought to do.

35,404. They ought to appear in your books?—I believe so.

35,405. All of them?—I believe so.

35,406. How are we to understand you were not aware of any of these items, if contained in your own books?—At the termination of my partnership, a *bonâ fide* statement was sent to me of the state of all our affairs; that *bonâ fide* account may or may not contain them.

35,407. Do you mean to say you never examined your books?—No, I never examined my books, I had too much confidence in Mr. Bainton.

35,408. Would these other supplementary sums also appear in your office book?—I think they ought, the whole of them.

35,409. *Mr. H. Cox* inquired the date of the dissolution of the partnership of the firm of England and Bainton. (*The deed was produced, and it was found to have expired by effluxion of time in* 1864.)

35,410. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You took no part in the election of 1865?—That is all.

35,411. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you go to Beverley at any of these elections?—I went at the second, whether I went to any other is quite uncertain.

Mr. G. Carver.

Mr. GEORGE CARVER sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

35,412. Look at that cheque (*cheque produced dated* 10*th August* 1857, *purporting to be signed by Leeman & Clark*), and tell me from whom it came into your bank?—My cashier will tell you that.

Mr. W. H. Lambert.

Mr. WILLIAM H. LAMBERT sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner

35,413. Look at that cheque of Leeman and Clark. Can you tell me from whose hands it passed into the bank? Did it pass through your bank?—It has been in our bank, it was exchanged for Thomas Wilde.

35,414. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The number enables you to trace it to your bank?—Yes.

35,415. What is that mark?—When it was paid. In August '57, 10th.

35,416. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The first I think.

35,417. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You cashed this?—Yes, to Thomas Wilde.

35,418. Can you tell me how it was paid?—No.

35,419. Only the mere fact?—No; if this had gone through our own books it would have been marked.

35,420. You sent it to Leeman's bank?—To the Yorkshire Banking Company.

35,421. When it was cashed tell us what was done with it?—It went forward to the York Union Bank at York. It would go to the Yorkshire Banking Company.

35,422. And there it would stop?—Yes.

35,423. (*The Secretary.*) I received it from the Yorkshire Banking Company. There is the time it was presented.

35,424. (*Mr. H. Cox*) What is the mark, Mr. Lambert?—William Leeman; it makes it a legal document.

35,425. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had Wilde an account?—Yes, he had an account with the firm.

35,426. (*Mr. Carver.*) It was merely exchanged across the counter; it is not a regular transaction. The account of Wilde was a joint account. If he brings a cheque across the counter it does not go ordinarily.

35,427. Is that the reason why it was on an ordinary piece of note paper?—No.

35,428. Is it not unusual?—No, there is nothing unusual in that.

R. Taylor.

ROBERT TAYLOR sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

35,429. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,430. How long have you been a freeman?—27 years.

35,431. Then you recollect the election of Towneley's?—Yes, I recollect it, but I did not vote that time.

35,432. We will go down to the first election in '57, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—The first election I voted at I voted for Goldsmid.

35,433. Never mind that, we will inquire for Denison, Glover, and Wells. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Glover.

35,434. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

35,435. From whom?—From Mr. Vickers.

35,436. Did you vote at the second election of that year, "Edwards and Wells," when Major Edwards came here?—Yes.

35,437. For whom?—I voted for Major Edwards.

35,438. How much?—I got 3*l.*

35,439. Where?—At the "Narrow Racket," Hind's Passage.

35,440. From whom?—Vickers.

35,441. Now '59, when Walters, Edwards, and

Walker were here, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Walters.

35,442. How much?—I got nothing.

35,443. How was that; money was going a good deal; you were promised something?—Boyes promised me 2*l.*, and when I went to him I could not get it.

35,444. How long before the election did he promise you?—On the election morning.

35,445. What time did you go to him?—As soon as I polled I went, and he said it was stopped and he could not pay.

35,446. In '60, "Walker and Gridley," for whom did you vote?—For Walker.

35,447. How much?—I got 3*l.*

35,448. From whom?—Mr. Vickers.

35,449. In '65, "Edwards, Sykes, and Keane," for whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Sykes.

35,450. How much?—2*l.*

35,451. Where?—I got it up at the same place going in the back way at the "Narrow Racket."

35,452. Who paid you, do you recollect?—I am sure I do not know.

35,453. Did you vote at council choosing?—When?

35,454. At the last election in '68, in November last?—No.

35,455. You had no vote, had you?—Yes.

35,456. How was it you did not vote?—My wife was ill, and I did not come up till 3 in the afternoon.

35,457. Did you vote at the parliamentary?—Yes.

35,458. For whom?—Major Edwards and Kennard.

35,459. Were you promised anything?—No.

35,460. Did you get anything?—No.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

35,461. What are you by occupation?—I am a butcher by trade.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN ANDOVER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Andover.

35,462. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,463. What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

35,464. Did you vote in 1857, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up?—Yes.

35,465. Which of them did you vote for?—For Denison.

35,466. For Denison alone?—Yes, I think so.

35,467. What did you get?—I got nothing.

35,468. Have you got anything at any of these elections?—Yes, I have.

35,469. Did anybody offer you anything at that election? You voted for Denison, were you promised anything?—No, I did not get anything.

35,470. Were you promised anything?—No, I was not.

35,471. Not before or after the election?—No.

35,472. Edwards and Wells' election in 1857, did you vote then?—I believe I voted for Denison single handed.

35,473. No; I am talking about Edwards and Wells, I am talking of the second election in 1857, when Edwards came here?—I voted for Glover, I believe.

35,474. That is impossible. There was first of all an election in '57 between Denison, Glover, and Wells, and you told me you voted for Denison?—Yes.

35,475. Then after that in the same year, when Major Edwards came here for the first time, he and Wells were the candidates. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Wells.

35,476. What did you get?—I am sure I do not know.

35,477. You must try and think. The witnesses ought to come here prepared, and they ought to bring a bit of paper with memoranda; we shall be here for ever if they do not come prepared. Now you voted for Wells?—Yes, I believe I did.

35,478. Did you get a couple of pounds?—No, I believe I got nowt.

35,479. Did you get whatever was going?—I do not believe I got anything.

35,480. Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover were up in '57, do you remember that?—I was for Waters and Glover, I believe.

35,481. You voted for Walters and Glover?—Yes.

35,482. What did you get?—I believe I should get 2*l.*

35,483. Which side gave you the 2*l.*?—I think it was Walters.

35,484. Do you know who gave it you?—No, I am sure I do not.

35,485. Where did you get it?—I do not know whether it was at the Reform Rooms.

35,486. Was it at the Reform Rooms, you know you were there?—Yes, in Toll Gavel.

35,487. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in '65. Did you have anything then; I think I may answer that you did?—No, I did not.

35,488. Have you always voted for the Liberals?—Generally.

35,489. Did you vote for Keane?—Yes, I voted for Keane.

35,490. What did you get?—I got 2*l.* for Keane.

35,491. Why did not you say so before? Did you vote for Sykes too?—Yes.

35,492. I do not suppose you want to keep anything back, but you ought to be a little bit quicker. You voted for Sykes and Keane?—Yes.

35,493. For Keane you got 2*l.*; did you get anything from the Sykes' people?—No, I did not.

35,494. You are sure of that?—I am sure I did not.

35,495. Any promise?—No.

35,496. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

35,497. Last year?—Yes.

35,498. What did you get then?—I got 15*s.*

35,499. Who gave you that?—Mr. Green.

35,500. Which side did you vote, crimson or orange?—Orange.

35,501. And did you vote orange at the parliamentary election; did you vote for Maxwell and Trollope?—No.

35,502. Which way?—I did not vote at all.

The witness withdrew.

RICHARD BARROW sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

R. Barrow.

35,503. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,504. What are you by business?—A joiner.

35,505. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirty-three years.

35,506. Do you recollect Towneley's election?—Yes.

35,507. Did you vote?—Yes, I voted for Towneley.

35,508. For what?—I got 20*l.*

35,509. Were you in the band?—Yes.

35,510. We will come down at once to Denison, Glover, and Wells; did you vote in that election?—Yes.

35,511. How much?—Nothing.

35,512. For whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells.

35,513. You knew money was going?—Yes.

35,514. You did not get anything?—No.

35,515. The next election was the same year, when Edwards and Wells were up?—I voted for Wells.

35,516. Did you get anything?—No.

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35,517. Now we come down to '59, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walters.

35,518. How much?—*2l.*

35,519. Where?—At Toll Gavel.

35,520. Then we come down to Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane.

35,521. How much?—*2l.*

35,522. For Keane alone?—Yes.

35,523. Who paid you?—At the Mechanics' I got a sovereign, and I got one from Duffill.

35,524. Did you vote in the council choosing?—No.

35,525. Did you vote at the election following?—Yes.

35,526. Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

35,527. Any money?—No.

35,528. Any promise?—No.

35,529. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How was it you got so much as 20*l.* for Towneley?—I was in the band.

The witness withdrew.

H. Ridley.

HUGH RIDLEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

35,530. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,531. You do not remember Towneley's election?—Well, I had nothing to do with it.

35,532. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How long have you been a freeman?—Ten years.

35,533. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election?—No.

35,534. Which was your first election?—Keane, Edwards, and Sykes.

35,535. Did not you vote when Walker and Gridley were up?—No.

35,536. How was that?—I had not had my freedom taken up long enough; I was a week or two too young.

35,537. Then you voted when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up?—Yes.

35,538. For whom?—Keane and Edwards.

35,539. Did you get anything for Keane?—Yes.

35,540. First of all, as to Keane, what did you get?—One pound.

35,541. Only one pound?—Only one pound.

35,542. That was at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

35,543. The day before the election?—Yes.

35,544. You did not go there the second day?—No, I did not.

35,545. How was that?—I cannot tell you how it was, I did not go.

35,546. You were too late?—No, it was not that I was too late, but I did not think proper to go.

35,547. Very well. You voted also for Edwards?—Yes, I voted for Edwards.

35,548. Well?—I got nothing.

35,549. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

35,550. Did you get anything then?—17*s.* 6*d.*

35,551. Who gave it you?—William Watson.

35,552. At the "Golden Ball"?—At the "Golden Ball."

35,553. How did you vote at the borough election?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

35,554. Have you ever had Walker's gift?—Yes.

35,555. What did you get?—*3l.*

35,556. When did you get it?—I got in '67, I believe.

35,557. Let me know, was it in '67?—I believe it was.

35,558. In the March of '67?—It was near on to Christmas, it was in December.

35,559. It was in December '67?—'67, I believe.

35,560. Let us think and consider, we are here in '69, was it the year before last, was it the Christmas before last?—It was in December '66, I believe. I have not the exact date, but I believe it was in '66.

35,561. It was at all events after the election when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up?—Yes, I believe it was.

35,562. You ought to know that from memory?—Yes, it was.

35,563. It was the year after that?—I do not know the exact year, but it was after that.

35,564. It was after that, and it was not last Christmas?—It was not last Christmas nor yet the Christmas before.

35,565. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then it was Christmas '66?—'66, I believe.

35,566. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) If not last Christmas or the Christmas before it must have been '66?—I believe it was.

35,567. You said you got 3*l.*?—*3l.*

35,568. When did you apply for that?—I applied for it some time before, I cannot say exactly the date when I did apply, but it was some time before.

35,569. Two or three months before?—Yes.

35,570. To whom did you apply?—I sent my application in to Mr. Monkman the clerk.

35,571. Of course you did, but you spoke to some of them first?—I spoke to Mr. Bentley the pasture master.

35,572. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Of the ironworks?—Yes. I told him I had for some time been under an affliction and I had likewise lost through stock, and he told me I was to apply, he thought I was a fit and proper person to have it.

35,573. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What are you by occupation?—I am a carriage builder now. I was following up the profession of a coach smith then.

35,574. A coach smith?—Yes. Previous to that time I was doing nothing, I was laid up.

35,575. What had you been up to that time?—A coach smith.

35,576. Were you working for yourself?—I was working at the Beverley Iron and Waggon Company previous to that, and the trustees before then.

35,577. The trustees?—Yes, the trustees of William Crosskill.

35,578. Oh yes, when his estate was in liquidation. Where do you live?—In Norwood.

35,579. You are a ratepayer and have your own house?—Yes.

35,580. What are you rated at?—At 7*l.*

35,581. What is your rent?—7*l.* 8*s.*

35,582. You were rated at that time?—Yes, I was at that time; it is no more now.

35,583. Had you ever applied for Walker's gift before?—No, never. I never had any occasion to do it.

35,584. On what ground did you apply?—Through affliction, and loss through stock.

35,585. I am sorry to ask you such a question, but I must. What was the affliction?—It was a nervous debility and a liver complaint, and my professional attendant will give you a certificate of the complaint I am troubled with if you require it.

35,586. You were out of health?—Yes, and I am sorry to say I am not free from it now.

35,587. You were out of health at the time?—I was.

35,588. For any length of time?—Yes; I cannot say the exact number of months I was thrown out of employment through it, but I should think most of 18 months, one way or another.

35,589. What was the stock you lost?—I bought a horse for 7*l.*, thinking it would fetch me a little, and I paid pasture money for it, and it failed to meet my expectations, and it lost me 5*l.* and the pasture money 10*s.* 6*d.*, that was 5*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

35,590. Do you mean the horse fell ill, or anything of the kind?—I can tell you what was the matter with it. I bought it to be with foal, and it either was not with foal or she slipped her foal, I do not know which. I did not follow her up to see.

35,591. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You sold it?—For its market value.

35,592. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It does not strike me as a very grievous loss that a man should sell his horse for what he gave for it?—I gave 7*l.* for it.

35,593. And you sold it for that?—No, I sold it for 2*l.*

35,594. How was that?—On account of it not being with foal. I bought it to bring me profit, and it failed to do it.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

35,595. I suppose you are a labourer now on your own account?—I work for anybody that will bring me jobs.

35,596. Have you anybody working under you?—Sometimes I have.

35,597. How many men?—Sometimes two or three, sometimes none at all.

35,598. When had you three last?—During the summer season.

35,599. During the summer season you had three men working under you?—Yes.

35,600. How old are you?—I am in my 32d year.

35,601. Have you any family?—No, I have none.

35,602. You are not married?—Yes, I am married, but no produce.

35,603. Do not answer in that way. I inquire in order to know the state of things?—You said, had I any family, and I said no.

35,604. I can understand a man with a family getting it, but here you are a man without any family, and have two or three men sometimes employed under you. How many have you now?—I have one now, but he does not work full time at present.

35,605. Did you ever apply again for Walker's gift?—No. I have no occasion to apply at present.

35,606. I have got the date here, "Received 13th day of December 1867," it was the Christmas before last, "the sum of 3*l.* for the following purpose," there is nothing about being unwell, "to help me on in the world." You voted for Edwards?—It was previous to that I voted.

35,607. You voted for Edwards at the last election. In '68 you voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

35,608. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I directed my questions supposing it was in '66. I thought we had agreed it was in 1866?—I could not say for a certainty.

35,609. How long had you been ill before then?—It was in April that I had to give up my employment.

35,610. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He was so bad that he forgot the year.

35,611. (*The witness.*) Very likely.

35,612. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It affected your memory?—Yes, very likely it had, and my head a good deal, I am sorry to say.

The witness withdrew.

William Bell called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *W. Bell.*

35,613. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,614. How long?—About 45 years.

35,615. Then you recollect the Towneley election?—Yes, very well.

35,616. How much did you get?—12*l.*

35,617. I will bring you down at once to '57. You recollect Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

35,618. How much?—Nothing. I voted for Glover.

35,619. And you got nothing?—Nothing.

35,620. In '57, "Edwards and Wells," for whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards.

35,621. How much?—Nothing.

35,622. Had you known Major Edwards then, because you voted for nothing for him?—No, not very particularly. It was after the petitioning, was it not?

35,623. It was not Glover's election, it was Edwards and Wells, after Glover was disqualified?—Ay, that was the time. I got nothing, not a farthing.

35,624. Who took you to vote, to the poll?—I went myself; I never tried to get anything.

35,625. When did you get anything?—I will tell you the truth, "Lawley and Wells."

35,626. Oh, that is a long time ago?—I got 3*l.* then; I voted for Wells. Then when I come down to Keane at the Mechanics' Hall———

35,627. Well, who did who vote for?—Keane.

35,628. Did not you get anything at Walters' election?—No, not a farthing.

35,629. Nor Walker's?—No.

35,630. Let us come down to Keane, then. He paid 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Keane only.

35,631. And got 2*l.*?—Yes.

35,632. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

35,633. What did you get?—15*s.*

35,634. From whom?—Cook left the money at W.'s, my master's, for me.

35,635. Who is Cook?—You have had him here; he comes from Scotland, I believe.

35,636. Yes, I remember the circumstance. For whom did you vote at the council choosing?—Catterson, Usher, and Pottage.

35,637. And for the parliamentary?—Edwards and Maxwell.

35,638. How much?—Nothing, not a farthing.

35,639. Had you been promised anything?—No, I voted without ever looking or asking for anything.

35,640. Had you ever been paid before at the council choosing?—No, I think I never had; I very seldom vote for council choosing, very rarely.

The witness withdrew.

Henry Bielby called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *H. Bielby.*

35,641. How long have you been a freeman?—Five years.

35,642. Did you vote when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up?—Yes.

35,643. For whom?—Keane.

35,644. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

35,645. From whom?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

35,646. All in one day?—No, 1*l.* the nomination day, and 1*l.* the election day.

35,647. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

35,648. Did you get anything?—Yes, 7*s.* 6*d.*

35,649. Who gave you that?—John Dales.

35,650. Did you vote for the Liberals at the council choosing?—Yes.

35,651. And did you vote for Maxwell and Trollope at the other election?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

William Bielby called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *W. Bielby.*

35,652. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,653. How long have you been a freeman?—32 years.

35,654. Then you recollect Towneley's famous election?—Yes.

35,655. Did you vote?—Yes, but not for Towneley.

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W. Bielby.

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35,656. No, for Hogg and the other?—Yes.

35,657. How much did you get?—I got nothing.

35,658. Do you recollect Denison, Glover, and Wells' election in '57?—Yes.

35,659. For whom did you vote?—Wells and Denison.

35,660. How much?—I never got a farthing that election.

35,661. "Edwards and Wells," the next election, for whom did you vote?—I voted Wells, that would be in '57, I got nothing then.

35,662. Tell me when you did get anything?—I got something at Lawley and Wells' election.

35,663. That is long ago?—That was in '52.

35,664. I am not going to inquire about that. Do you remember Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—2*l.* I voted for Walters.

35,665. Do you recollect Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

35,666. How much?—I got 1*l.* for Gridley at the "Pack Horse."

35,667. I suppose you were promised another 1*l.*?—I never got anything more; I cannot bring it to mind whether I was promised anything more, I am sure.

35,668. Now Keane's election?—Yes, I got 2*l.* then at the Mechanics' Hall.

35,669. You voted for Keane?—Yes.

35,670. Now the council choosing?—I did not vote.

35,671. You had a vote, I suppose?—Yes, but I did not vote.

35,672. For whom did you vote last election?—Maxwell and Trollope.

35,673. Any promise?—No, nothing at all, not a farthing.

The witness withdrew.

W. Bielby, sen.

WILLIAM BIELBY, sen., called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

35,674. I suppose you are the father of the last witness?—Yes.

35,675. Did you vote when Towneley was up?—Yes.

35,676. What did you get?—12*l.*

35,677. Pass over all the other elections till you come to the '57 election, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up, did you vote then? (*The witness handed a paper to the learned Commissioner.*) Look here, we will soon make it out; in 1859 you voted for Walters, did not you?—Yes.

35,678. And you got 2*l.* in the Toll Gavel?—Yes, I did, at all events if it is there.

35,679. What I want to know is whether at the election before in 1857 you got anything?—I got nothing but what is down there.

35,680. It has every appearance of being done truthfully, I am sure. In 1860 I see you voted for Gridley?—Yes.

35,681. And you say you do not recollect?—No, I do not recollect getting anything, I am sure.

35,682. I have no doubt you are speaking correctly. In 1865 you say you voted for Keane?—Yes, and I got 2*l.*

35,683. 2*l.* from the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

35,684. And in 1868 you voted for Maxwell and Kennard?—Yes.

35,685. And you got nothing?—Nothing.

35,686. Did you vote at the council choosing a week before?—No, I had not had a vote for 10 years.

35,687. You live outside the boundaries?—I am a gatekeeper. I live at the gatehouse belonging to the pastures.

35,688. You are not rated?—No.

35,689. When did you have Walker's gift?—I am sure I cannot say, but that is what I got down there. I got 1*l.* and then 2*l.*

35,690. When was that?—I am sure I do not know.

35,691. Many years ago?—Some years back.

35,692. Ten or 12 years, something like that?—No, it is not so long since as that, it would be three or four years back.

35,693. If you have nothing particular to say about it we have nothing to ask you?—No, I have nothing more to say than what I wrote down there.

The witness withdrew.

W. Blyth.

WILLIAM BLYTH called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

35,694. What are you?—A labourer.

35,695. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,696. How long have you been a freeman?—Five-and-twenty years.

35,697. You recollect Towneley's election?—The second election.

35,698. And you voted at it?—Yes.

35,699. What did you get?—Nothing.

35,700. Now come down to Denison, Glover, and Wells?—I voted for Denison.

35,701. How much did you get?—Nothing.

35,702. "Edwards and Wells"?—I voted for the Liberals.

35,703. For Wells?—Yes.

35,704. How much did you get?—Nothing.

35,705. Did you vote in Walters' election?—Yes.

35,706. How much?—2*l.*

35,707. For Walters?—Yes.

35,708. Did you vote in the off election in '60, Gridley and Walker?—Yes.

35,709. And for whom did you vote?—Gridley.

35,710. How much?—2*l.*

35,711. Did you vote in '65, Keane's election?—Yes.

35,712. For whom?—Keane.

35,713. How much?—2*l.*

35,714. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I had not a vote.

35,715. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,716. For whom?—For the Liberals.

35,717. Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

35,718. How much?—I got nothing.

The witness withdrew.

W. Brusby.

WILLIAM BRUSBY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

35,719. What are you?—A grocer and cowkeeper at present.

35,720. Did you vote at Towneley's election in '41?—Yes.

35,721. What did you get?—10*l.*

35,722. You are a freeman?—Yes.

35,723. Now go to 1857, "Denison, Glover, and Wells," did you vote then?—For Denison and Wells.

35,724. Did you get anything?—No.

35,725. Were you promised anything?—No.

35,726. Were you employed in any way?—No.

35,727. Not at all?—Not at all.

35,728. Not as a runner or watcher, or anything of the kind?—I believe not at that election.

35,729. You believe not; do you mean by that you were not so employed?—I do not know that I was.

35,730. You cannot go about as a runner without knowing it?—No, just so; I do not know that I was employed any way that election.

35,731. It is very odd that you should not know it one way or the other. Did you vote in Edwards and

Wells' election when they were up in '57 ?—I voted for Wells.

35,732. Did you get anything?—I do not know whether I did or not at that election. I got a few shillings at one election for being a messenger; whether it was that or the other or not I cannot say, but it was one of the two.

35,733. When was the election when you got anything after that?—I do not know which it was, it was one of the two.

35,734. But you got more than a few shillings?—I did not, I believe it was under a pound.

35,735. You got whatever was going, whatever was the regular price?—I got at the rate of 5*s.* a day for the two days I was on.

35,736. Why did not you get the regular price like other people?—That was the price for messengers.

35,737. Why did not you get the regular price for your vote?—I did not get anything at all those elections.

35,738. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, did you vote then?—Yes, for Walters.

35,739. The price then was 2*l.*?—Yes, I got 2*l.*

35,740. That was in '59, and you voted for Walters?—Yes.

35,741. Where did you get the 2*l.*?—At the Toll Gavel, I believe.

35,742. "Walker and Gridley," you voted for Gridley, I suppose?—Yes.

35,743. And got 2*l.*?—No, only 1*l.* I believe.

35,744. Where did you get that?—At the "Pack Horse," I believe.

35,745. Do not say you believe if you know, why don't you say you know?—Yes, I got it at the "Pack Horse."

35,746. Then say so. "1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane"?—I should vote for Keane.

35,747. And got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, I know?—Yes.

35,748. You got 1*l.* on the nomination day, and 1*l.* the next day?—Yes, I believe so.

35,749. Did you vote at the council choosing last time?—I believe not.

35,750. What is your belief as to voting at the borough election?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

35,751. You believe you did?—Yes, I am sure I did.

The witness withdrew.

William Brusby called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissianer.

35,752. Where do you live?—Beckside.

35,753. Are you a freeman?—Yes, for six years.

35,754. Did you vote in Keane's election?—Yes, for Keane.

35,755. How much?—2*l.*; 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, and 1*l.* at the "George and Dragon."

35,756. What are you?—A wheelwright.

35,757. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I had not a vote.

35,758. Then you only voted at the last election?—Yes.

35,759. For Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes, Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

Benjamin Brooks called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

35,760. What are you?—An iron moulder.

35,761. At the Waggon Company?—Yes.

35,762. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,763. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

35,764. What did you get?—12*s.*

35,765. Who gave you that?—John Bentley.

35,766. Is he your foreman?—No, but he is a foreman in that place.

35,767. Who is your foreman?—William Crosskill.

35,768. Who took you up to vote?—No one in particular, that I know of. I went myself; I do not know that I was taken up, Bentley did accompany me.

35,769. Did Bentley accompany you when you voted for Edwards and Kennard?—No.

35,770. Who went up with you then?—No one.

35,771. You went up by yourself?—Yes.

35,772. You voted for Edwards and Kennard?—No, I never did.

35,773. Which way did you vote?—Who was it put up?

35,774. Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope.—I voted for Maxwell only.

35,775. A plumper for Maxwell?—Yes.

35,776. Which way did you vote at the council choosing, orange or crimson?—Crimson.

35,777. Crimson council choosing, and orange parliamentary?—Yes.

35,778. How was that?—I will tell you. I voted for a gentleman. I considered that was the reason I voted that way.

35,779. Are you working at the iron foundry now?—Yes.

35,780. Have you heard any complaints about your vote?—No, not in my hearing, I never heard them.

35,781. In '65, "Edwards, Sykes, and Keane," which way did you vote?—Keane; I always supported the Liberals in the parliamentary.

35,782. What did you get?—2*l.*

35,783. At the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

35,784. And 1*l.* at the "George and Dragon"?—No.

35,785. Both at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

35,786. "Walker and Gridley," the election before that, in 1860, for whom did you vote?—Gridley.

35,787. Did you get anything?—Yes, I believe I did.

35,788. Did you get a couple of pounds?—1*l.* I believe.

35,789. "Walters, Edwards, and Walker," did you vote for Walters?—Yes.

35,790. What was the figure then?—2*l.* I got.

35,791. Then the election before that, in '57, "Edwards and Wells," did you vote for Wells?—Wells.

35,792. What was the amount?—I got nothing.

35,793. Neither before nor after the election?—Neither before nor after.

35,794. Did anybody promise you anything?—No.

35,795. Or offer you anything?—No.

35,796. Not an offer?—Never in this world. No one offered me anything; if they did I got it, but I never was offered anything.

35,797. If they made an offer you got it?—But I never had an offer made at that election.

35,798. Then the election before that, "Denison, Glover, and Wells"?—Wells.

35,799. Did not you vote for Denison?—No, I always voted singly all my lifetime.

35,800. What did you get?—Nothing.

35,801. Both times you voted for Wells?—Yes.

35,802. And you did not get anything?—I got nothing.

35,803. Were you employed in any way?—No.

35,804. To run?—No.

35,805. Or watch?—No.

35,806. Or play in the band?—No, I am no musician.

35,807. No, that does not follow, you were not employed?—No.

The witness withdrew.

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J. Cappleman.

27 Sept. 1869.

JOHN CAPPLEMAN called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

35,808. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,809. How long have you been a freeman?—29 years.

35,810. Then you voted at the famous Towneley election?—Yes.

35,811. What did you get?—12*l.*

35,812. Come down to 1857, do you recollect the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells, it was Glover's first election?—I voted for Denison.

35,813. What did you get?—Nothing.

35,814. Do you remember when Major Edwards and Wells fought the single combat; for whom did you vote?—Wells.

35,815. How much did you get?—Nothing.

35,816. Now we will bring you down to Walters' in 1859, for whom did you vote?—Walters.

35,817. How much did you get?—2*l.*

35,818. Now we will bring you down to 1860, Walker and Gridley?—Gridley.

35,819. How much?—2*l.*

35,820. Who paid you at Gridley's? Where were you paid?—At the "Pack Horse."

35,821. Who paid you?—A man with a hairy cap on.

35,822. Now we will come down to Keane's election, for whom did you vote?—Mr. Keane.

35,823. How much?—2*l.* I believe.

35,824. Where were you paid?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

35,825. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

35,826. How much did you get?—Nothing.

35,827. In 1868?—Nothing.

35,828. And for whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Maxwell and Trollope.

35,829. Did you get anything?—Nothing.

35,830. Did you get anything for Edwards' side at that time?—No.

35,831. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In 1865, when you voted for Keane, you got 2*l.*?—Yes.

35,832. But did you not get anything from the other side?—No, never.

The witness withdrew.

S. Stather.

STEPHEN STATHER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

35,833. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1843.

35,834. Denison, Glover, and Wells were up in 1857, did you vote?—I voted for Glover.

35,835. What did you get?—I got nothing.

35,836. Really?—That is right.

35,837. You have got something sometimes, I suppose?—Many a time.

35,838. You were unlucky that time?—I was very unlucky, the same as I was over the "Leger."

35,839. 1857, you know Mr. Glover was disqualified at the second election?—Yes.

35,840. And then Major Edwards came in?—Yes; I voted for Edwards.

35,841. Were you unlucky that time?—Rather, I did not get nothing.

35,842. Not anything?—Yes; bad luck has to come next to good luck.

35,843. When did you get the most?—I got the most at old Goldsmid's election.

35,844. I want these later elections, do not go back as far as Goldsmid; within the last 10 or 12 years when have you got anything?—Do you mean the last election of all.

35,845. Well, 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker were up, did you get anything then?—I did not vote that time, when Walker and Walters was up, I have only voted four times.

35,846. The time he got in was 1860, what did you get then?—I got 1*l.* and I came seven miles to vote for him.

35,847. That was Walker and Gridley, and Walker got in?—That was at the bye election. I came seven miles on a snowy morning.

35,848. Who paid you that?—A man of the name of Kemplay.

35,849. Where did he pay you?—At the "Cross Keys."

35,850. Walker put up once before that; do you remember that?—Yes, but I was not a voter at that time, sir.

35,851. When Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up in 1865, did you vote then?—Yes.

35,852. It was the next election?—I voted for Edwards and Keane.

35,853. What did you get from the Keane party?—I got 1*l.*

35,854. At the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

35,855. What did you get from the Edwards party?—Nothing at all.

35,856. Nothing at all?—No, not a mag.

35,857. Did you not have a promise of anything?—No.

35,858. Did anybody offer you anything for voting for Edwards?—I am certain they did not.

35,859. Not before the election?—No.

35,860. Nor after?—No.

35,861. Never got anything at all?—Not a farthing.

35,862. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I am not a householder.

35,863. Just go back and think a little over the election of 1857, when Major Edwards was up, when Edwards came here for the first time, when Mr. Wells put up with him?—I do not think I was on the list then; I think not.

35,864. When Mr. Glover put up just before that?—I voted for Glover, and came out of Scotland on purpose to vote for him.

35,865. Who paid your expenses?—Nobody.

35,866. You paid them out of your own pocket?—I did; I came away from Carlisle races on purpose, on the borders of Scotland.

35,867, You got nothing?—No; I was promised, but I never got it.

35,868. Who promised you?—Mr. Barkworth the banker.

35,869. Mr. Harold Barkworth?—Yes.

35,870. What did he promise you?—He promised me my expenses, but the money has never come down yet. He told me the accounts had not come down yet.

35,871. He promised you your travelling expenses?—Yes.

35,872. How much?—My expenses and losing time altogether was about 5*l.* 12*s.*

35,873. What did Mr. Barkworth say?—He said as soon as the returns came down he would pay.

35,874. You told him that?—I gave him a piece of paper, and perhaps he has it yet.

35,875. Had you voted at that time?—Yes; I voted a plumper for Glover.

35,876. Did you think that you would get it?—I was certain of that.

35,877. Why?—Because all my brothers got it before.

35,878. You were not certain, because you did not get it?—There is nothing certain but death.

35,879. You came from Carlisle on purpose?—Yes, I thought I was as much entitled to it as anybody else.

35,880. You came up from Carlisle to vote for Mr. Glover?—I did.

35,881. And your expenses and loss of time were claimed, 5*l.* 12*s.*?—Yes.

35,882. Very soon after that there was another election. A few months after that you voted at the other election, Edwards and Wells?—No, I think not. I only voted four times in my lifetime. I did not vote that time, I believe.

The witness withdrew.

REUBEN HALL called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

35,883. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

35,884. How long have you been a freeman?—40 years.

35,885. What is the first election you voted at?—I voted for Glover twice.

35,886. How much did you get the first time?—I came from Liverpool and got my expenses.

35,887. How much the second time?—I got nothing.

35,888. Did you vote at the election that followed?—No, I was away.

35,889. Edwards and Wells' you were away?—Yes.

35,890. Did you vote at the election of Walters?—Yes, I voted Walters.

35,891. How much did you get?—I got 2*l.*

35,892. Walker and Gridley, did you vote?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Walker and got 2*l.*

35,893. Who paid you the 2*l.* for Walker, do you recollect?—Benjamin Moore.

35,894. He paid you 2*l.*?—Yes.

35,895. Did you vote when Keane was up, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes, I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

35,896. How much did you get?—I cannot think of it.

35,897. Was it 2*l.* or 3*l.*?—I think I took 2*l.*, I will not be sure.

35,898. Tell me, do you recollect where you got it?—Yes, I got it at the "Cross Keys."

35,899. Was that from Kemplay?—No, I got it from Mr. Skinn.

35,900. Did you vote at the council choosings at all?—Yes.

35,901. The last time did you, 1868?—Yes.

35,902. For whom, for the crimson?—I voted for crimson.

35,903. How much?—I got 17*s.*

35,904. From whom?—For the last council choosing.

35,905. You never got so much before?—No.

35,906. What was the highest you ever got before?—I have got 7*s.* 6*d.*

35,907. For whom did you vote for the council choosing?—I have always voted for the crimson party.

35,908. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary?—Edwards and Keane.

35,909. Were you promised anything else in addition?—No, it cost me 18*s.* coming to the election, and I got nothing. I expected they would give me something, but it turned out a blank.

35,910. Were you ever up in London as a witness?—Yes, I was up at Mr. Walters' election.

35,911. That was to prove that you received money from Walters?—I got 2*l.* I did not go up at my own expense then.

35,912. Did you get anything from the Keane party in 1865?—Not a halfpenny piece.

35,913. Did you get more than once, do you remember. I think you got more? Do you recollect a man named Robinson?—Yes, Benjamin Robinson gave me 2*l.*

35,914. Then you got 4*l.*, that is 2*l.* and 2*l.*?—There was 2*l.* expenses.

35,915. Yes, very good, you got 4*l.*?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

M. Armstrong.

MATTHEW ARMSTRONG called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

35,916. How long have you been a freeman?—In 1852 I voted first.

35,917. You voted in 1852 first of all?—Yes.

35,918. Did you vote for Denison and Wells when they were up?—Yes, I voted for Denison. I do not know who else.

35,919. Did you vote for Glover?—I do not know whether I did or not, I think I did.

35,920. Did you get anything?—No.

35,921. Not from either side?—No.

35,922. Did you vote when Edwards and Wells were up?—I do not think I did.

35,923. Have you got anything at any of the elections?—Yes.

35,924. When?—Walters.

35,925. That was the next one in 1859.

35,926. Before we go to that, did you get anything at the election of 1857 when Edwards and Wells were up?—No.

35,927. You swear that; did you get anything?—No.

35,928. Not for expenses?—No.

35,929. Nor for services, watching?—No, not that I am aware of.

35,930. But did you or not?—Not that I know of.

35,931. You voted for Edwards in 1857, did you?—I do not know whether I voted at all.

35,932. Do try and think. Did you or not?—I am sure I cannot tell; I have no recollection whatever of it.

35,933. Of voting?—No.

35,934. You remember voting for Walters?—Yes.

35,935. Did you plump for Walters?—No.

35,936. Walters and who did you vote for?—Walters and Edwards.

35,937. What did you get from the Walters' side?—2*l.*

35,938. What from the other?—Nothing.

35,939. Who gave you the money for Walters?—I got it where they all got paid.

35,940. Where was that?—Toll Gavel.

35,941. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are you by trade?—A mariner.

35,942. Did you vote for Gridley?—Yes.

35,943. What did you get?—2*l.*

35,944. Where did you get it?—I got it where all the rest got it. I was almost afraid to vote that way. I was working for Mr. Baker, and he wanted me to vote for Edwards, and I told him I had promised for Mr. Walters, and for that reason I had to give him over.

35,945. Who were you working for?—For Mr. Baker; I was fetching coals for him.

35,946. He compelled you to vote?—No, but he told me three or four times, and he said I knew what I should have to do if I did not.

35,947. When Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up in 1865?—I voted for Keane.

35,948. Did you get anything?—Yes.

35,949. 2*l.*?—Yes.

35,950. At the Mechanics'?—Yes.

35,951. You voted at the last council choosing?—Yes.

35,952. How much?—15*s.*

35,953. Did you vote for the orange or crimson?—Crimson.

35,954. Who gave you the 15*s.*?—I got it at Ramshaw's house. Ramshaw did not give it me, but I got it there.

35,955. No, we understand that; did you vote crimson or orange at the parliamentary?—I did not vote at all.

35,956. How was that?—Because I was not here, I was away.

The witness withdrew.

T. Newlove.

THOMAS NEWLOVE called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

35,957. Do you attend at the telegraph office at Beverley, my boy?—Yes.

35,958. And receive messages?—Yes.

35,959. Do you remember on the 2d of November

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last year, 1868, a message coming to you from Mr. Wreghitt to the office ?—No, I do not; I remember one going to either Captain Kennard or Mrs. Kennard at Scarborough.

35,960. You do not know who brought it to you ?—No.

35,961. Have you a copy of the message ?—No, I have not.

35,962. Do you remember what it was ?—No, I do not.

35,963. Do you not remember what it was ?—The messages of November and October are destroyed.

35,964. Do you not remember what it was ?—No.

35,965. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you telegraph it ?—Yes.

35,966. Can you work the instrument ?—Yes.

35,967. Did you work this message ?—Yes.

35,968. Tell us something what it was about ?—I cannot recollect what it was.

35,969. You can tell us something ?—No.

35,970. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you remember at all about "a great victory," or "the Conservatives are in," or "the Liberals are gone" ?—No.

35,971. You do not remember, you have no recollection ?—No.

35,972. Do you recollect any message to Sir Henry Edwards about the same time ?—No.

35,973. You do not remember ?—No.

35,974. Or it may be to Mr. Cronhelme or Lady Edwards, or anything of the kind ?—No.

35,975. You would send the messages on to York ?—Yes.

35,976. They would have it there, would they not ?—No, they have not the messages now.

35,977. How do you know ?—That is a letter I received (*handing a letter to the Commissioner*):

35,978. "To Thomas Newlove, Electric Telegraph "Company's Office, North-eastern Railway Station, "Beverley.—You must of course attend as required "by annexed subpœna, but you cannot produce the "papers required, as they are no longer in existence. "It is not the practice of the company to retain "copies of messages beyond three months from the "date of their transmission. Beyond that period they "are always destroyed.—E. Graves," superintendent. I suppose you sent the subpœna to this gentleman at York ?—Yes.

35,979. When you got it ?—Yes.

35,980. When you got the subpœna first you remembered something about the message, did you not ?—No.

35,981. You will answer me truly, I know, my boy, whether anybody has told you, if anybody has told you to keep anything back. Do you recollect anything of what it contained ?—I cannot recollect it.

35,982. You recollect something about it ?—We had so many messages that day.

35,983. My observation is not directed at all to you. Do you recollect there was a great deal of bustle in the town that day ?—Yes.

35,984. Were there many telegrams sent off, do you recollect. Do not be at all frightened in any way whatever, answer just as if a man came in to send a message, I want to know were there many sent off ?—Yes.

35,985. Do you know whether it was sent to Mrs. Kennard or to Major Kennard, Royal Hotel, Scarborough ?—I cannot recollect.

35,986. Was there more than one sent ?—No, I think there was only one.

35,987. Of course you do not recollect who brought it to you ?—No.

35,988. Was it written, or did a man dictate it to you there ?—It was written down at the office.

35,989. Do you remember, you know there was an election going on about the council choosing, do you not remember it ?—No.

35,990. Do you not know at that time they were electing town councillors ?—Yes.

35,991. And of course you knew the message at that time was about town councillors ?—Yes.

35,992. I mean the message that was sent off was about town councillors ?—I do not know that there was any message sent about town councillors.

35,993. You do not recollect whether there was any at all. Just recollect yourself, I think you will answer me truly, sometimes a memory depends upon a will a good deal; do you recollect did you get any other letter ? Has anyone else been speaking to you about the evidence you were to give here ?—No.

35,994. Nobody ?—Yes, there was the superintendent at Hull spoke to me. He was passing in the train; he was the superintendent of Hull.

35,995. The superintendent of Hull spoke to you ?—Yes.

35,996. What time, my boy ?—About a quarter to 9.

35,997. This morning ?—Yes.

35,998. He asked you whether you were going to be examined ?—No, he knew I was going to be examined.

35,999. And what did he say ?—He did not say anything particularly. He merely asked me if I received a letter or a message from the superintendent of York.

36,000. Yes ?—And I told him, "Yes."

36,001. Tell me everything ?—That was all that he said.

36,002. He said more, did he not ?—No.

36,003. Just recollect if he did not say more. Tell us all he said ?—That is all he said.

36,004. Did he not say anything at all, that it would be right to do anything ?—He asked me if I should require another clerk in my place, while I was here, and I told him, "No."

36,005. While you came to give your evidence ?—Yes.

36,006. And you told him you would not ?—No.

36,007. How long have you been in their employ ?—Two years.

36,008. Is that all that occurred between you ?—That is all.

36,009. What became of the message after you sent it off, did you give a receipt ?—We generally give a receipt, but I do not know if I gave him one, I do not know who it was.

36,010. Has anyone said anything to you about the necessity of keeping messages secret, not to disclose messages ?—No.

36,011. Nobody ever said anything to you about it ?—No; it is in our rules to keep all messages secret.

36,012. Yes, very properly, but that does not apply here in a court of justice; you are bound here to disclose everything. Did anybody say anything, leaving out the question of the rules ?—No.

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36,013. How many persons are in the instrument room ?—Only me and the messenger.

36,014. Is there no other clerk in the instrument room ?—No.

36,015. Then if you are away they have to send a clerk from Hull ?—Yes.

36,016. When this message was brought of course the bringer signed it ?—I do not know.

36,017. Who was the message from ?—I do not know who it was from.

36,018. You recollect very well it was to Captain Kennard ?—Yes, I know it was either to Captain Kennard or Mrs. Kennard.

36,019. Cannot you recollect what it was ?—No.

36,020. Did you take the message in ?—Yes, I took it in myself.

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36,021. You took the message in ?—Yes.

36,022. You recollect that ?—Yes.

36,023. And took the person's signature ?—Yes.

36,024. Did you transmit it direct to Scarborough or did it go by York ?—It went to Scarborough direct.

36,025. It does not get repeated anywhere on the journey ?—No.

36,026. At Scarborough do they keep any account of the messages they take in ?—No.

36,027. Who reads it off the wires at Scarborough ?—I cannot tell, it is one of the telegraph clerks.

36,028. Do you know what staff they have ?—I do not know. There are two offices at Scarborough.

36,029. There would be two to read off messages at Scarborough, is that so ?—There are sometimes two; generally one writes it down.

36,030. You do not know who is the other clerk at Scarborough ?—No.

36,031. How old are you ?—15 last June.

36,032. How is it that you were put in communication with the person who sent the letter, did you write to him ?—Yes, I wrote a letter with the paper that I received from the secretary.

36,033. What did you write to him about ?—I told him that I had to be up here on Monday, and I asked him if he could produce the message by then.

36,034. Do you take the messages and put them on a file ?—Yes.

36,035. And then you clear the file every week ?—No, every two days.

36,036. And send the messages off to York ?—Yes.

36,037. That you remember doing with this ?—Yes.

36,038. Do you remember whether this message said anything about voting ?—I know it said something about the election, but I cannot recollect.

36,039. About what election ?—About the last parliamentary election.

36,040. What did it say ?—I cannot remember.

36,041. Did it say something about the parliamentary election ?—Yes, I know it said something about it, but I do not know what it was.

36,042. You are sure it said something about the parliamentary election ?—Yes.

36,043. Are you sure it was about the parliamentary election, or the municipal election ?—About the parliamentary election.

36,044. You are sure it was about the parliamentary ?—Yes.

36,045. What makes you so sure ?—It was on the day that the parliamentary election was.

36,046. Was that the first telegram you had to Captain Kennard ?—It was to Captain Kennard or Mrs. Kennard.

36,047. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have no distinct recollection of this ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

36,048. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Under the authority and sanction of the Secretary of State this inquiry is adjourned until Tuesday the 19th of October, at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned till October 19th, at 11 o'clock.

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The Commissioners resumed their inquiry pursuant to adjournment.

Counsel appeared, and applied to be heard on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards.

The Commissioners intimated that, in the absence of any authority for counsel appearing on such an inquiry as the present, they should decline to hear them.

Counsel further applied to be heard denying the jurisdiction of the Commissioners to sit as a court of inquiry any day subsequent to the 25th of last September.

The Commissioners decided they would not entertain any question touching their jurisdiction, and had come to the resolution counsel had no *locus standi* for appearing.

Counsel persisting to be heard, the Commissioners retired to their private room to consult.

On returning, the Chief Commissioner stated that he and his brother Commissioners had considered very carefully and anxiously the proposition of counsel to be heard in that court, and they had come to the same decision they had previously arrived at, not to hear counsel, considering they had no *locus standi.*

Counsel retired after protesting against the decision.

Mr. D. Keane.

Mr. Daniel Keane called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

36,048. I believe you are a solicitor living in London ?—I am.

36,049. What is your firm ?—I have been for 40 years practising by myself.

36,050. You are the brother of the eminent Queen's counsel, Mr. David Keane ?—I am.

36,051. He as we know was a candidate for Beverley in 1865 ?—He was.

36,052. Perhaps you will be able to tell me what I have not got before me now, the date of the day of the polling ?—I think the election was on July the 11th; I am not quite sure.

36,053. July the 11th ?—About that time.

36,054. You came down here to assist your brother ?—I did. I canvassed part of the town, and he canvassed the other part.

36,055. The election you tell us was on the 11th of July ?—I think it was that date; it was near or about that time.

Mr. Ward informed the Commissioners that the date of the polling was the 12th.

36,056. The polling was on the 12th of July. How long before that day was it that you heard your brother had determined to become a candidate for Beverley ?

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—About the month of June. The application was made to him the May previous.

36,057. As soon as the application was made, were you made acquainted with it?—He told me of it.

36,058. Are you aware whether he made up his mind as soon as the application was made to him?—He did not.

36,059. He consulted you, I suppose, then?—He did.

36,060. When he consulted you, what was the nature of the consultation?—He wished me to go down and see what his chance would be likely to be.

36,061. And, I suppose, other matters also?—Other matters also.

36,062. What the expense would be likely to be?—What the expense would likely be.

36,063. And I suppose you did consult with persons here as to what the expense would likely be?—I did.

36,064. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you come down yourself?—I did.

36,065. (*Mr. Barstow.*) With whom did you consult?—Mr. Joseph Hind.

36,066. Could you tell us the day you came down here?—It would be somewhere about the 24th or 26th of June.

36,067. That was the first time?—Yes.

36,068. Your brother was in doubt a considerable time as to whether he would come here or not?—He was considering the matter. I think he had partly determined it.

36,069. Did you continue to have conversations with him on the subject to the time he determined to come?—I did from time to time, but we had not opportunities of meeting very often; he was busy, and so was I.

36,070. You had about half a dozen consultations, or more?—I had.

36,071. You came down about the 26th of June, and you saw Mr. Hind, and I suppose other gentlemen connected with the Liberal party?—Yes.

36,072. As whom, for instance?—I have no recollection of any but Mr. Hind, in whom I found my brother placed entire confidence.

36,073. You saw others, but you did not know who they were?—No.

36,074. You know now I daresay?—Really I do not.

36,075. You were here some time?—Only a couple of days, two or three days.

36,076. You were here at the election?—Certainly.

36,077. You cannot really call to mind any of the Liberal party excepting Mr. Joseph Hind?—At this moment I cannot.

36,078. Could you if I gave you the names?—Probably I might.

36,079. Did you see, for instance, Mr. Richard Hodgson?—Yes.

36,080. Did you see Daniel Boyes?—No.

36,081. Well, at any rate you saw the leading members of the Liberal party here?—I did. I was introduced to them, but really at the time, not knowing anything of the borough, and subsequently not knowing anything, I forget the names of the gentlemen.

36,082. Then I suppose you went back to your brother and made a report?—I did.

36,083. And upon that report he determined to come down?—Not upon my report.

36,084. However, you made a report to him. Now, I suppose among other matters, you being a man of business in London, had heard of Beverley before?—I had.

36,085. In the particular matter that has resulted in this inquiry?—I had.

36,086. Had you any conversation with your brother relating to the probable expense of the election?—I had.

36,087. May I ask you what that was?—I told him he had better leave that entirely to me, and not interfere with it.

36,088. Then so far as you two were concerned the mode of agreement between you was that the matter of expense was to be left entirely to you?—Entirely; he was to know nothing about it.

36,089. He was to know nothing about it?—No. I would not let him.

36,090. You would not let him know anything about it?—No.

36,091. You were to undertake the financial department entirely, and he, in short, was to shut his eyes?—That was it.

36,092. Now then, on the 28th of June you came down and stayed a couple of days?—I think I said the 26th.

36,093. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You did say so?—The 24th or 26th.

36,094. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Yes the 24th or 26th; I suppose that your brother was a stranger to this place, was not he?—He was.

36,095. And you also were a stranger?—Yes.

36,096. I had added the two days on, I said the 28th; you think you were here on the 26th?—I am only speaking from memory, but I think I came down on the 26th.

36,097. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The 26th or 24th?—Yes.

36,098. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is quite sufficient for our purpose. Then you went back to London?—I did.

36,099. And in no long time you came back again?—Yes.

36,100. Do you remember the date you came back?—On Saturday or Sunday the 3rd or 4th of July, about the election time, two or three days before the election.

36,101. The polling day was on the 12th, and you would be in town about a week before the election?—Two or three days before.

36,102. In the time between your leaving Beverley and coming here again did you see your brother, David Keane?—I did.

36,103. On the subject of the election?—I advised him not come.

36,104. You advised him not to come?—Very strongly.

36,105. What grounds did you urge to him why he should not come?—There were certain characteristics I had heard about the place, which I thought he would regret afterwards.

36,106. You had been informed more particularly what kind of expense would be required?—No, not so much that as my general conception, which I judged from what I saw around me.

36,107. Do you mean in the two days you were here?—Yes, I had canvassed some portion of the borough.

36,108. What was it caused you to form that opinion?—When I was going round and spoke to them they asked me what I was going to stand, and so forth; and it struck me they had been habituated to getting something for their votes.

36,109. Do you mean by that that when you canvassed the electors that was the reply you generally and commonly received?—I do, and put in the most straightforward way.

36,110. You, I suppose, on your return to town communicated that to your brother?—That was the general effect.

36,111. You said in effect that when you asked the voters for their votes, they had replied by asking you what you proposed to stand?—Yes; I said I would give the question consideration, and they said very well, that would do.

36,112. Did you say anything further on the subject?—I said I thought he might get into a bother with the borough; things did not look so healthy as I should like them to look with regard to the expense; he must take the consequence.

36,113. I should rather gather from what you said just now, that it turned out what you would expect?—Yes, it did.

36,114. Then you came down again on the 3rd or 4th of July?—It was about that time.

36,115. At that time I presume your brother had determined to come?—Yes, he had made up his mind; he thought he had given a pledge, and he would not retreat from his pledge.

36,116. Then you came down to do the best you could?—To do the best I could.

36,117. You went to the "Holderness Hotel"?—I did.

36,118. I suppose when you came down again you began to canvass. Did your brother come with you?—He came down with me.

36,119. Did he also stay at the "Holderness Hotel"?—He did.

36,120. You two together?—Yes.

36,121. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was that the 4th or 5th?—I think about the 4th.

36,122. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When you came down then you knew the means which in your opinion were necessary to secure the election at Beverley?—I did.

36,123. At the time you came down had you taken any measures to prepare money for the purposes of the election?—I had.

36,124. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say you brought money?—I did.

36,125. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You came down, I suppose, with the candidate, so to say, as part of his suite?—I did.

36,126. And you were met at the railway station?—We had a grand procession.

36,127. You were very well received?—Charmingly received.

36,128. Your friends who had hesitated before——?—They became most confirmed in their affection.

36,129. We know now what that means perfectly well, and I believe you are prepared to tell us everything that took place. You tell us you came prepared with money?—I came down with some money.

36,130. Tell us how you got the money?—I got 250*l.* from my own bankers; I brought down 500 sovereigns.

36,131. You brought down 500 sovereigns?—In two bags.

36,132. That would be in gold, no doubt?—Certainly.

36,133. You were going to tell us where you procured the money?—I think in view of the matter I had retained some bank notes passing through my business to change, I fancy so, and I obtained a portion from my bankers.

36,134. Some money you drew from your bankers?—Yes.

36,135. And the other?—I had by me. I had large sums in my hands.

36,136. You had kept the bank notes, and you sent your clerk to change them for gold?—Yes.

36,137. You got them changed into gold, and brought the bags with you?—Yes.

36,138. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I understand in view of the election?—Yes, in view of the election.

36,139. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You canvassed with your brother, no doubt?—I did; he took a part. I do not think we canvassed much together; I think we had hardly time. He went one portion of the town and I took the other, previous to the election.

36,140. You canvassed the town?—Yes, one portion. I canvassed one portion of the town, and he went another portion with his committee.

36,141. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You were not his agent?—Certainly not; I was merely a friend.

36,142. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr. Todd, of Hull, was his agent?—Yes; I merely went as a friend to look after the election.

36,143. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We had all the election accounts that were passed?—Yes. My brother did not know a word of my being down with money.

36,144. He had already assented to be kept in the dark?—Precisely.

36,145. Knowing, as I understand from you, the character of the place?—Probably he had a better opinion of it than I had.

36,146. What time did you begin to employ any of this money that you had brought down?—I took two bags on the morning of the election, about 10 o'clock, after my breakfast, to the gentleman whom we placed our confidence in, Mr. Joseph Hind.

36,147. At about 10 o'clock, was that the day of the polling?—Yes.

36,148. Were these the two bags?—These were the two bags. I had two canvass bags on purpase. I carried them in two pockets of a pea jacket, and I was afraid the weight would break them so that I had to hold them.

36,149. That was the morning of the polling day?—Yes, about 10 o'clock.

36,150. That I think cannot have been the first, there must have been some money before?—I gave Mr. Hind a cheque for 85*l.* previous to that for incidental expenses, it was necessary to pay legitimate expenses.

36,151. But there must have been some very considerable sum spent the day before the polling?—I think not.

36,152. On the nomination day?—Not that I am aware of. I think not.

36,153. We have heard so?—Of course you have better information than I have, I have no knowledge of any further sum than 85*l.*, I have no knowledge of anything.

36,154. Of anything before?—Certainly not, my mind is quite clear upon that.

36,155. You are perfectly certain?—Yes.

36,156. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Had you told Mr. Hind you were prepared with money?—I think very probably I should tell him.

36,157. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He gave you an accurate account?—Yes, I found the most perfect reliance could be placed in Mr. Hind.

36,158–9. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That would be the same thing, you told him you had got money.

(*The witness.*) You may take that as positive.

36,160. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That all the money you parted with for the purposes of the election previous to the polling day was a cheque for 85*l.*?—Precisely.

36,161. You took to Mr. Hind on the polling day this money?—These two bags.

36,162. Besides that there was some other money?—Yes, about the middle of the day, after he sent to me to say he required some more money, I gave him 450*l.* in cheques, that made 1,036*l.* altogether. I was not prepared for this.

36,163. Not to that extent?—No, I did not expect till after the election that they would require it. Mr. Hind paid it, and came to me. He paid certain sums for messengers, and that was the consideration on which I first brought down the 500*l.*, and I thought it would cover the expense.

36,164. We have heard besides that you gave 100*l.* to a man named John Bird?—Mr. Bird must have been dreaming. I think I should have recollected the circumstance if I had done so.

36,165. In your room in the "Holderness Hotel"?—No.

36,166. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He certainly got 100*l.*?—He did not get it from me.

36,167. Not when you brought down the cheques?—The cheques were given at 2 o'clock on the election day.

36,168. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember anything of a man named Bird applying to you for money at the "Holderness"?—No, I do not.

36,169. And saying there were a number of voters waiting at the "George and Dragon" to be paid?—No, it is an entire delusion, I have no recollection of it.

36,170. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He got the money.

36,171. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We must pursue that; he got the money at any rate?—He may have forgotten the thing, or forgotten the source he got it from; we were very excited all the day.

36,172. Were there any persons in the room with you at the "Holderness Hotel"?—No, not when I

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gave the money. Nobody was with me at the "Holderness Hotel" in my own private room.

36,173. Will you swear positively you gave nobody 100 sovereigns in your room at the "Holderness Hotel" on the following day?—Most positively; it is a mistake.

36,174. That is a mistake you say?—Yes, I think it is a mistake; I do not mean a dishonest mistake.

36,175. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) No, we have no doubt of that; the money is totally correct?—He has forgotten from whom he has received it.

36,176. It makes 1,135*l.*?—1,036*l.*

36,177. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) No, 1,035*l.*?—Yes, 1,035*l.*

36,178. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You brought down cheques to what amount?—450*l.*

36,179. 500*l.*, and 450*l.*, and 85*l.*, that was all the money you disposed of?—At the election?

36,180. Up to the end of the polling day?—Certainly.

36,181. Did you yourself pay anything more after?—I did. I paid something in September, 340*l.* or 350*l.* more; that was for what is called legitimate expenses.

36,182. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) To Mr. Todd?—Yes. If you will forgive me for one moment, I may state, in order to be perfectly accurate, that I had previously given a retainer of 50 guineas to Mr. Todd which was plus the one thousand odd pounds.

36,183. Plus?—Plus the 1,000*l.* At the time I came down I gave Mr. Todd 50*l.* for his retaining fee.

36,184. Never mind that?—You asked me what I paid, and I thought I would mention it, that I gave him 50*l.* for his retainer.

36,185. (*Mr. Barstow.*) On the evening of the polling day I think you saw the people who had been employed in distributing the money?—I have no recollection of it.

36,186. Have not you had in your possession the poll books that were marked?—Never; I may have seen them for a moment.

36,187. I mean had not you them in your possession?—No, never.

36,188. Containing the account of the way in which the money was spent; do you mean to say the account was not shown you?—It was shown to me in September, but until September I had never seen that.

36,189. You never saw the mode in which the money was spent until September?—No.

36,190. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is the detailed account?—Yes.

36,191. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We have here now the poll books marked with a mark indicating the sum received by each voter?—I do not know anything about the amounts the voters received.

36,192. It was certainly told to us, that on the evening of the polling day the books were given to you marked?—That is not the fact; I think that is a mistake.

36,193. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You saw it in September?—I saw it in September; the proper account was rendered to me by Mr. Hind in September.

36,194. (*Mr. Barstow.*) From the evidence I was disposed to think you had the poll books, and gave them to Mr. Hind?—That is a mistake.

36,195. Mr. Hind showed you the books?—He did not show me the books, but a detailed account of the distribution of the money I had entrusted him with, to satisfy himself, and as a matter of conscience.

36,196. You yourself did not personally know of the mode in which it was spent?—No.

36,197. Now then, that is a considerable sum altogether; together it comes to a very little short of 1,500*l.*?—I should think it cost my brother between 1,500*l.* and 1,600*l.*

36,198. Were you repaid that sum?—I was.

36,199. Who repaid it to you?—My brother.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

36,200. How soon after were you repaid?—When I asked him. I did not touch upon the subject for a twelvemonth; I would trust him with anything.

36,201. Of course. I mean this, I suppose the 300*l.* for legitimate expenses was paid before that?—Yes, some two or three months before; whenever I asked him.

36,202. And about 12 months after you received the other?—The whole thing was cleared off.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

36,203. Do I understand you that you did not see those marked books?—I have no recollection of it.

36,204. Were they ever shown to you?—I have no recollection; it is quite possible, but I have no recollection.

The witness withdrew.

M. Dosser.

MARK DOSSER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

36,205. You are a freeman?—Yes.

36,206. For how long?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

36,207. At what election did you first vote?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

36,208. Did you vote in '57?—I believe I should vote in '52.

36,209. Just go to '57, Denison, Glover, and Wells. (*The witness referred to a paper.*) If you give me that paper I can help you?—Then I shall perhaps forget the year.

36,210. Would you like me to look at that paper?—If you pass it back again you can look at it. I have merely taken it down out of the poll book. (*The paper was handed to the learned Commissioner.*)

36,211. Denison, Glover, and Wells, for which of them did you vote?—I am sure I cannot remember whether I voted at that time.

36,212. What did you get for your vote?—I do not remember whether I got a farthing.

36,213. You do not remember whether you got a farthing?—I never got a farthing that I can remember.

36,214. Now, Edwards and Wells, when Glover was disqualified?—Not a farthing that I can remember.

36,215. I think if we were to begin at the other end you would remember better?—It is correct what I say; you would not wish me to tell a story?

36,216. No; it is only a question of memory?—I will give it as straight as I can remember.

36,217. Let us go to '65; Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; that is not so long ago?—Yes, I got 2*l.* in a house in Toll Gavel.

36,218. For whom did you vote?—Walters.

36,219. No; Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Oh, I thought you were coming to before that.

36,220. No, we will work back. Now, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes, I got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, through a hole there was there.

36,221. That was from Keane's party?—Yes; and I got 10*s.* for the Conservatives.

36,222. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

36,223. And the Keane party got nothing for their money. Where did you get the 10*s.* from?—I got it from Nathaniel Kemplay, I believe.

36,224. Was that all that you got at that election?

—That was all I believe I got, as far as I can remember.

36,225. It is not so very long ago?—It is not.

36,226. Was that all that you got at that election?—It was, 1*l.* from Keane and 10*s.* from the Conservative party.

36,227. You say positively that was all you got?—That was all I got, I am sure, as far as I can recollect.

36,228. Were you employed in any way; did you do any services for them?—Nothing at all.

36,229. Did you get anything out of them in any other way?—No.

36,230. No drink?—No.

36,231. No promise of anything?—Not a promise.

36,232. That exhausts '65. Now we go back to 1860, when Walker and Gridley were up. For whom did you vote then?—I am sure I cannot say. I can remember I never got anything for the party I did vote for.

36,233. You got nothing from the party you did vote for?—Not at all. I cannot remember getting a penny piece.

36,234. Not from either side?—From neither side.

36,235. At what time of the day did you vote?—It would be in the afternoon, I believe.

36,236. You voted in the afternoon; where were you in the morning?—I should be in the market place, I suppose.

36,237. Were you looking out for anything?—Nothing at all.

36,238. Merely looking on?—Looking on.

36,239. Did anybody talk to you about any money?—I think I had not the privilege, or perhaps should have taken it.

36,240. Nobody talked to you about it?—Not at all.

36,241. Did you know money was going then; was there money going to your knowledge?—Well, I do not know that there was.

36,242. Did you see Kemplay that day?—Yes, I did.

36,243. Did you talk to him about it?—Yes; I got the 10*s.* that I am alluding to.

36,244. Are you alluding to 1860, Walker and Gridley's election?—Yes.

36,245. You got 10*s.*?—Yes, I got 10*s.* from Kemplay.

36,246. Did you see the man with a hairy cape that day?—No, I did not; I only wanted to do.

36,247. Was that all you got?—Yes.

36,248. Just think; just now you said you got nothing?—That is right.

36,249. That is right; you say now you got 10*s.*?—Yes, of course; I am not denying that.

36,250. In 1859 there were four candidates, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—Yes.

36,251. For whom did you vote?—I got 2*l.* in the Toll Gavel from a man they call Taylor.

36,252. For whom did you vote?—For Major Edwards and Sykes.

36,253. No, the candidates were Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—Walters and Sykes, no, I voted for Walters and Major Edwards.

36,254. Just think, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover?—Yes.

36,255. You voted for Walters and Edwards?—Yes.

36,256. You got 2*l.*?—I got 2*l.* from the Liberal side, and one——

36,257. That is what I want; one from the other side?—I got 2*l.*

36,258. You got 2*l.* from Walters and 2*l.* from Edwards' party?—No, 1*l.*

36,259. Who gave you that?—Nathaniel Kemplay gave me the 1*l.*, I believe, and Taylor gave me the other.

36,260. Go back to the election before that, two years before that, Edwards and Wells. There were two elections in '57, there was a bye election?—I do not believe I voted at that election; I do not remember.

36,261. We can easily find that out?—I might have done so, but I do not remember doing it.

36,262. There was another election in '57, "Denison, Glover, and Wells"?—I do not remember about it.

36,263. Were you here in the place?—I live in a village four miles off; I do not remember voting.

36,264. But you came into the place?—I might have voted, but I am not sure. I cannot remember, but I know I never got anything for voting.

36,265. Now we will go to this last year of all, 1868; did you vote for the town council?—No, I never did that I can remember; I have been living in the country above 20 years, and I do not remember voting for the municipal.

36,266. No, you would not be able. Did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—Yes, I did.

36,267. For whom then?—For Major Edwards and Sykes.

36,268. Sykes?—Yes, of course.

36,269. No, you mean Kennard?—Yes.

36,270. You voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

36,271. Are you sure it was Kennard; was it not Maxwell?—I am wrong, sir, I ought to have that list; you took it from me. I had got it entirely on purpose to look at it.

36,272. There is nothing about it here?—That would have told me, and you have got it.

36,273. If you say that, I must read out what it says. It says, "1860, Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope"?—That would bear me in mind if I had it in my hand, but you take it away from me. I entirely kept this paper on purpose to keep it in my own hand to look at it, and by your taking it you have rather thrown me out of my ground.

36,274. Then look at it, and answer me. (*The paper was handed to the witness*).—To be sure, sir. Oh, I have it now.

36,275. Now then, which way did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Maxwell and Sir Henry Edwards.

36,276. Maxwell and Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

36,277. Did you get anything?—I got this paper entirely on purpose for just a bit of a guide, and then you got it from me.

36,278. Did you get anything for your loss of time in coming into the town?—Are you alluding to the last election?

36,279. Yes.—Not a farthing; I was 5*s.* out of pocket.

36,280. Did not you get anything in the way of a present?—Nothing at all, but 5*s.* out of pocket.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS WHITTON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. Whitton.

36,281. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

36,282. How long have you been a freeman, about?—I have been a freeman about four or five and twenty years.

36,283. Is the paper you are looking at in your own handwriting?—Yes.

36,284. If you made it yourself you may use it for the purpose of refreshing your memory?—Yes, I made it myself.

36,285. When did you first vote? did you vote at that election for Major Edwards?—No, I did not; I voted in 1852.

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36,286. Was there money going then ?—Yes.
36,287. How much money did you get ?—I got 3*l.*
36,288. From whom?—I got it at the Reform Rooms.
36,289. I will not ask you any more till we come to 1857, the first election of 1857, Denison Wells, and Glover, it was in March 1857 ?—I voted for Colonel Edwards in 1857.
36,290. I think the first election was Wells, Glover, and Denison ; that was the first in 1857 ; did you vote ?—In 1857 I voted for Colonel Edwards.
36,291. Do you recollect whether you voted at the first election of 1857 ; there were two elections ; if you do not remember for whom you voted, tell me ?—I do not remember.
36,292. Was there money going in 1857 ?—Yes.
36,293. How much did you get ?—3*l.*
36,294. From whom ?—From Mr. Baker ; he was living then.
36,295. The next election was in 1859 ?—Yes.
36,296. For whom did you vote ?—In 1859 I voted for Edwards and Walker.
36,297. And how much did you get ?—3*l.*
36,298. From whom ?—From Mr. Oxley.
36,299. The butcher ?—Yes.
36,300. In 1860, Walker and Gridley, for whom did you vote ?—I voted for Mr. Walker.
36,301. How much ?—2*l.*
36,302. From whom ?—I cannot say by whom at the time.
36,303. Where did you get it ?—Somewhere in the town, but I cannot say where.
36,304. In 1865 ?—In 1865 I voted for Edwards and Keane.
36,305. How much did you get on the Edwards side ?—I got 2*l.*
36,306. And how much did you get on the Keane side ?—1*l.*
36,307. At the last election, 1868, for whom did you vote ?—I did not vote at all ; I was put off as a non-resident.
36,308. You had left the town ?—Yes, three or four years ago.
36,309. Then you had no vote at the municipal election ?—No, not this last.

The witness withdrew.

R. Dawson.

ROBERT DAWSON sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

36,310. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 12 years.
36,311. What was the first election at which you voted ?—Mr. Walters.
36,312, That was in 1859 ?—Yes.
36,313. What did you get ?—2*l.*
36,314. Who did you vote for ?—Mr. Walters.
36,315. And you got 2*l.* ?—Yes.
36,316. The next election after that was a bye election between Walters and Gridley ?—Yes, I voted for Gridley.
36,317. What did you get ?—2*l.*
36,318. Then Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ; what did you get for your vote then ?—1*l.* for Keane ; I voted for Keane.
36,319. Did you get anything from the other side ?—No.
36,320. Whom did you vote for at the last election ?—Maxwell and Trollope.
36,321. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—I am not a voter.

The witness withdrew.

T. Best, jun.

THOMAS BEST, junior, sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

36,322. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
36,323. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.
36,324. For whom ?—Maxwell and Trollope.
36,325. Did you vote at the election before that, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—Yes.
36,326. First of all, for whom did you vote ?—For Mr. Keane.
36,327. What did you get ?—2*l.*
36,328. Was that all ?—Yes.
36,329. 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes, 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall.
36,330. Walker and Gridley, the election before that ?—I was not of age then.
36,331. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No, I did not.

The witness withdrew.

R. Megson.

RICHARD MEGSON sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

36,332. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
36,333. How long have you been a freeman ?—From Towneley's second election.
36,334. Did you vote at that election, Towneley's first election ?—Yes.
36,335. How much did you receive ?—2*l.*
36,336. And have you voted often since ?—Yes.
36,337. I will bring you down to 1857. You recollect when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up ?—Yes.
36,338. Did you vote at that election ?—No, I was away.
36,339. What were you by business ?—I was living with a gentleman at Halifax at that time.
36,340. You recollect in 1857, when Major Edwards came down here ; did you vote at that election ?—Yes.
36,341. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Walters.
36,342. No, that was afterwards. Did you vote at the second election, when Major Edwards came first ?—I was not here.
36,343. Then the first time you would vote after that would be in 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover ?—Yes ; I voted for Walters.
36,344. What did you get ?—2*l.*, and I went into the country to take notices too.
36,345. What did you get ?—I got 10*s.* a day, and before that time I took these notices into the country.
36,346. How many days were you so employed, three or four ?—One or two.
36,347. Then you got 1*l.* for the one and 2*l.* for the other ?—Yes.
36,348. Then Walker and Gridley ; for whom did you vote ?—For Walters.
36,349. How much ?—Nothing.
36,350. You got nothing ?—No.
36,351. Were you employed as a runner ?—I believe I was employed as a runner.
36,352. Did you get 10*s.* a day ?—No.
36,353. How much ?—I cannot say exactly how much. I did get summat, though I cannot say what exactly.
36,354. Do you think you got 1*l.* ?—No, I do not think it was ; I think it was about 10*s.*
36,355. You voted for Walters ?—Yes.
36,356. Were you paid at the election or after ?—I believe I was paid after.
36,357. Who paid you ?—I am sure I cannot say who it was.
36,358. Did the party come round to you, or did you go to him ?—I believe it was sent to my house.
36,359. Had you been to Mr. Bainton's office ?—No.
36,360. In 1865, which I will call the Keane election, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, you voted for Keane ?—Yes.

36,361. How much did you get?—Nothing the election day.

36,362. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Keane.

36,363. How much did you receive?—I got nothing that day.

36,364. But afterwards?—No; I was promised, but I never got it.

36,365. Who promised you?—Mr. Hind.

36,366. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Which Mr. Hind?—Luke Hind.

36,367. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He promised you?—Yes.

36,368. What did he promise you?—He promised to give me what he gave the other men for voting, but I got nothing. I voted about half-past 10 in the morning.

36,369. What time was it he promised to give you anything?—Before I voted.

36,370. And I suppose but for the promise you would have voted on the other side?—I voted for Mr. Keane.

36,371. How did you vote at the last election?—At the last election I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

36,372. Were you promised anything?—No, not a halfpenny.

36,373. On either side?—No; they sent a notice to me near Hull, they would be much obliged if I would come and give them my vote. I said I would. They said there was nothing for it.

36,374. Were you offered anything on either side?—No, nothing.

36,375. Have you ever voted for town councillors?—No, I was not here.

36,376. Have you ever voted for pasture masters?—Oh yes, every year when I have been here.

36,377. Have you ever been paid any money for the pasture-masters?—Yes; I was paid 4*l.* once for the loss of a horse.

36,378. When was that?—That was Walters' election; before Walker's election.

36,379. You voted for Walker?—Yes, I voted for Walker.

36,380. You told us you got no money?—That was true; I got no money for voting.

36,381. How long was it before the election you got the 4*l.*?—I believe about a month, I cannot say for a week or two exactly.

36,382. Which of the pasture masters gave you the 4*l.*?—I cannot say. They were all together in the Toll Gavel.

36,383. You had applied for it?—Yes, I had applied for it.

36,384. How long before had you applied for it?—Perhaps some six or seven weeks before.

36,385. Tell me, had you lost a horse?—Yes.

36,386. Was anything at all said to you when you were paid this 4*l.*?—No.

36,387. Nothing at all?—No.

36,388. Recollect?—Oh I can recollect; I am in the same mind as I was when I was up in London. Nothing was said that they would give me anything for voting. They said they would give me this 4*l.* for the horse which I had lost.

36,389. Did anybody ask you if you would support Walker?—No, it was not mentioned.

36,390. Here is what you said on a former occasion. You were asked "Was anything said about Mr. "Walker or your vote?—Yes, it certainly was mentioned at the time, but I cannot say by whom; "several asked me if I would support Walker"?—Of course they might ask me if I would support Walker, of course it was their duty.

36,391. We are asking you about facts, did they ask you if you would support Mr. Walker?—They did not bribe me with the 4*l.*

36,392. Put that out of your head, and tell me as a fact, did they ask you if you would support Mr. Walker?—No, they did not at that time.

36,393. When did they?—They asked me to take that 4*l.* for the horse.

36,394. I will tell you what you said at the time, and just be careful. I will tell you what you said when you got the gift. "Was anything said about "Mr. Walker or your vote?—Yes, it certainly was "mentioned at the time, but I cannot say by whom; "several asked me if I would support Mr. Walker"?—I do not think it was said.

36,395. You swore to it?—No, I cannot agree with it.

36,396, Your name is Richard?—Yes.

36,397. And you were examined?—Yes.

36,398. And I am reading from the correct report?—I was asked if I would vote for Mr. Walker, and I said I would, for he had been a good friend to my father. My father asked me if I would vote for him.

36,399. When they gave you the gift of 4*l.* did they not ask you if you would support Mr. Walker?—Not at the time I got the 4*l.*

36,400. Did you say it when you were up in London?—Yes—

36,401. You said it?—I think not.

30,402. You said so. Can you read?—Yes.

36,403. Look at that (*handing report of the evidence taken before the Beverley Election Committee*, 1860), look at that?—I said they gave it me for the loss of my horse.

36,404. If you do not read what I have pointed out to you it is of no use. Read it down and I will ask you if it is correct?—They may have asked me, but I cannot recollect if it is correct.

36,405. Is that correct?—I believe it to be correct what I said.

36,406. What I mean is this, is it true you were asked if you would support Mr. Walker?—They asked me if I would vote for Mr Walker at the election.

36,407. Did they ask you that when you received the 4*l.*?—No, they did not.

36,408. Then you mean to say this is not true?—I cannot remember they asked anything about my voting for him at that time.

36,409. Here is another part, attend to it: "Was "anything said about the election coming on?—They "said the election was coming on, would I support "them, and I said 'Yes'"?—I did say I would support him, and I stuck to what I said, I voted for Mr. Walker.

36,410. And were you not asked, "Although you "did not promise to give your vote if they would "give you the charity, did somebody ask you to "promise to give your vote before they gave it; was "it afterwards you got it?—It was before I got the "money they asked me to support them, and I said I "would." That is before you got the money?—I applied for this Walker's freeman's gift.

36,411. And when you applied you were told to attend a meeting?—Yes.

36,412. And you did attend?—Yes.

36,413. Were you not asked before you got the money whether you would support Mr. Walker or not?—I do not recollect that I was; I cannot remember. My memory must, I suppose, be very bad if I cannot remember that.

26,414. Look here. Was this asked you: "Who "was it that asked you, before you got the money, to "support them?—I don't know. I never said who "it was, and I don't know; there were two or three. "It was one of them as they sat in the room?—Yes. "Was it said out loud?—Yes, one among another. I "never took any notice who it was. And then you "said you would?—I said I would. Can you tell "exactly the words the person used?—He asked me "if I would support them, and I said I would. Anything more?—No; I retired. Then were you "called in again?—Yes. When you were called in, "was anything said to you?—They said—— Who? "Mr. McCoy, the chairman, said they had agreed to "give me 4*l.* when I went in the second time, and I "thanked them"?—Yes, I thanked them for what they did.

36,415. Is that true, that before you got the sum you had been asked if you would support them?—I cannot say if it was.

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36,416. But did somebody ask you?—I was asked if I would support Mr. Walker at the election, and I said I would.

36,417. Before you received the money?—I cannot say whether it was before.

36,418. Were you not asked by somebody?—I will speak the truth.

36,419. Were you not asked by somebody in the room before you got the money whether you would vote for Mr. Walker or not?—No, I do not think I was.

36,420. Now be very cautious, or you may hear of this again?—I will speak the truth.

36,421. You stated in 1860 you were asked by somebody in the room if you would support Mr. Walker?—I did not say that in London.

36,422. Yes you did. Now attend to what will be read by the secretary.

(*The Secretary, reading from the Report of the Election Committee*, 1860.) "You say there were "12 gentlemen; were all present?—Yes. Was David "Nutchey one of them?—Yes. Mr. Hudson?—"Yes. Paget?—Yes. Henry Johnson?—Yes. John "Dales?—Yes. William Skinn?—Yes. Charles "Arnold?—Yes. Isaac Monckman?—Yes. "Thomas McCoy in the chair?—Yes. Do you "remember any other who was present?—No. That "is nine; are not all those on the same side of "politics?—They were all in that way, I daresay. "Are they all on Mr. Walker's side?—I believe they "are. All of one way of thinking?—Yes, for what "I know they are. You say this is a charity; could "you have it unless those gentlemen had chosen to give "it you?—No. Although you did not promise to give "your vote if they would give you the charity, did "somebody ask you to promise to give your vote "before they gave it; was it afterwards you got it? "—It was before I got the money they asked me to "support them, and I said I would. Who was it "that asked you, before you got the money, to support "them?—I don't know; I never said who it was, "and I don't know; there were two or three. It "was one of them as they sat in the room?—Yes. "Was it said out loud?—Yes, one among another; "I never took any notice who it was." And then you "said you would?—I said I would. Can you tell "exactly the words the person used?—He asked me "if I would support them, and I said I would. Any-"thing more?—No; I retired. Then were you "called in again?—Yes. When you were called in "was anything said to you?—They said—— Who? "Mr. McCoy, the chairman, said they had agreed to "give me 4*l.* when I went in the second time, and I "thanked them. That was when you went in the "second time?—Yes. What was said about voting "or supporting them; was it said the first time?—"They said it both times. What was said the second "time?—They asked me if I would support them "both times. Who asked you when you went in after "you had retired?—I don't know."

36,423. You were in London, and they asked you whether you would support them when you were called in, and when you got it they asked you?—I said so before; they asked me to support them.

36,424. Before you got the money?—Yes, they asked me to support them, and I said I would; that is true.

36,425. Here is an answer, "They said there was an "election at hand, and I said I would support them; "and I went and polled at 9 o'clock, without asking "anybody for a halfpenny. I stuck to my promise"?—That is true.

36,426. That is true?—Yes, that is true.

36,427. That was at Walker's election in 1860. Was that the first time you ever got the gift?—Yes; I never applied before they gave me the 4*l.*; I have applied since, and they have never given me anything. I have lost several cattle since, and they have never given me anything.

36,428. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

36,329. How did you vote at Keane's election?—I voted for Keane, a plumper.

36,430. What did you get?—I got nothing on the election day.

36,431. I suppose you relied upon the promise?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

36,432. I see you voted Conservative, for Mr. Walker?—Yes, for Mr. Walker.

36,433. And was that the only time you voted Conservative, when you voted for Mr. Walker?—Yes; I always voted for the Liberals since I had my freedom taken up.

36,434. You were going to give some reason why you voted a Conservative to my friend?—My father was of that party, and Mr. Walker was resident in Beverley, and his family had done a deal of good. My father was an old man, and he had promised to give him a vote.

36,435. Your father canvassed you?—Yes, he was the means of inducing my voting at that time.

36,436. He was the means of inducing you to vote Conservative?—I believe he was.

36,437. Tell us, sincerely and honestly, what was the reason?—My father wanted me to vote for him. I voted for the good of him. He had some very good friends of the party. He was an old man, and they had done a deal of good for him, and I went with my father to vote at 9 o'clock in the morning.

36,438. Then you and your father voted that morning together?—Yes.

36,439. You have made a very grievous charge against the pasture masters, and here you seem not to know who were present; that seems not to have been so. How long had you had this horse?—I have had many in life. I think I had it six or eight months, and it died.

36,440. How soon after he died did you apply to the pasture masters?—I applied directly.

36,441. Directly after the horse died?—Yes.

36,442. Do you remember the time you applied?—No, but it was some time in the summer; the horse died in pastures.

36,443. The pasture masters' meetings would be in October?—I think they meet once a quarter.

36,444. You got some money; now I wish to know when you applied; I wish you to say, as nearly as you can, when you applied?—I cannot say exactly; I never had the least notion I should have to remember.

36,445. This is a long time ago, but you were examined about it in London, and it was brought fresh to your recollection. What time did you lose this horse, do you remember that?—I cannot say exactly what time it was, I know it was in summer time, for it was in pasture when it died.

36,446. What time are the pastures cleared?—They clear the 1st of January till the 1st of May.

36,447. Have you ever said before that your horse died in November?—I cannot say; I have lost so many horses I do not know.

46,448. I daresay you do not. Have you had your horses very long before they died?—I believe I gave most of 10*l.* for this horse; he did die, and sudden. There is many a horse that dies sudden, more than mine.

36,449. I should like you to fix what time it was you applied to the pasture masters; can you charge your memory with the time when this horse you are talking of died?—No I cannot.

36,450. You made the application and, I suppose, stated you had lost your horse?—Yes.

36,451. And in due course of time you were summoned here?—Yes.

36,452. Were these gentlemen, the ordinary pasture masters, assembled in the room when you got there?—Yes.

36,453. Tell us what took place; you got into the room?—Yes.

36,454. Mr. McCoy was sitting in the chair?—Yes.

36,455. The other gentlemen would sit each side of him?—Yes.

36,456. Mr. Isaac Monkman sat at the end of the table?—Yes.

36,457. You went into the room?—Yes.

36,458. Did you speak first, or any of them; you knew them all?—Yes, I knew them all.

36,459. To whom did you address yourself?—I believe it was to Mr. McCoy.

36,460. Did he or you speak first?—I believe I spoke first.

36,461. And I suppose you said you had come about your horse, or something to that effect?—Yes.

36,462. What did McCoy say upon that?—I told them I came to see what they could do for me for the loss of my horse. Mr. McCoy, I think, went on to tell them, and I was told to go outside.

36,463. Is that your recollection, that Mr. McCoy told you to withdraw?—Yes, I believe so.

36,464. You applied to Mr. McCoy for the freeman's gift, having lost a horse?—Yes; they said they would consider the thing over among themselves to see what they would give me.

36,465. When that was said what took place, did you say anything more to them then?—No.

36,466. Nothing more?—I do not think I did.

36,467. Do you pledge your oath that was all that took place?—I cannot exactly say.

36,468. You said on a previous occasion something was said at the time when you came into the room about your vote?—I do not think it ever was mentioned about my voting when I came in here.

36,469. Well, you got 4*l.*?—It was my due, it was my right and privilege to ask for it.

36,470. What took place in the room when you made your application?—Nothing, no more.

36,471. Do you swear to that?—Yes, I swear I do not know anything more. I cannot recollect anything more about it. If a man has not a mind to remember of course he cannot.

36,472. Your attention has been called to this before in a very marked manner, and then you gave a very different account. Is it true that anything was said to you about your voting when you came into the room?—I do not think anybody said anything about it in the room.

36,473. You swore in London that it was. Did you swear or not that anything was said about your vote?—I did not swear in London that they gave me this 4*l.* for a bribe, I said they gave it me for the loss of a horse.

36,474. You said something else besides; did anybody ask you for your support when you first came into the room?—No, they said nothing about support in the room.

36,475. Then you withdrew?—Yes, I was told to retire.

36,476. Then you came into the room again, and they told you they had agreed to give you 4*l.*?—Yes, I believe so.

36,477. Was anything then said about support?—They did not say nothing to me. I said I would support them, and I stuck to what I said.

36,478. Did anyone ask you to support them?—I believe I said the word first.

36,479. You said when you got this 4*l.* awarded to you that you would support them?—Yes.

36,480. Before that, had any of the pasture masters asked you for your support?—I do not know whether they had asked me anything about it.

36,481. You seem to have used the words, you would support them; had they used those words first?—They never said anything about it.

36,482. Do you swear that?—Yes; they never said nothing about it in this room.

36,483. Did any of the pasture masters, when they awarded you this 4*l.*, canvass you?—No, they thought I was a man of my word, and was good for what I said.

36,484. Did they canvass you?—No, I went without being canvassed or being asked. I went with my father to vote for Mr. Walker. I went to him in a back street to breakfast with him.

36,485. Did anybody, either before the day when you got the 4*l.*, on, or after, ask you for your vote?—No.

36,486. Do you understand me?—No, not quite.

36,487. Then I will ask you again. Before you got the 4*l.*, did any of the pasture masters ask you for your vote?—Not in here they did not, and I do not remember any other place.

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36,488. You say that you applied for the 4*l.* on account of the loss of a horse?—Yes.

36,489. And did you make the application in writing?—Yes.

36,490. Who drew up the application for you?—I believe my brother Thomas wrote a note out for me.

36,491. Now, I must get you to answer my question, not talk except in answering the question. Did you take that written application to the "Beverley Arms"? Had you sent it in to the pasture masters?—I think not.

36,492. You think not. Now listen to these words: "Did you get a paper drawn up about the loss of "your horse?—Yes, I got a paper. Major Edwards "and others were sitting at the 'Beverley Arms'?—"Yes. Did you take the paper up to them?—The "waiter took it up to them. That was the paper "containing the application about the horse?—Yes." Is that true or false?—I cannot say I believe it was for that horse; I do not think it was for that; it was not for that horse; I think that is quite another concern altogether.

36,493. This paper that you have drawn up, did you take to the "Beverley Arms"?—No.

36,494. That you swear?—Not this paper for this here horse that Mr. Walker gave me 4*l.* for.

36,495. Was Major Edwards at the "Beverley Arms" at the time?—No, I believe he was not.

36,496. Not at the time of Mr. Walker's election?—I cannot recollect.

36,497. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You really are running very great risk.

36,498. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was he there at the time?—I cannot remember at the time of this horse that I got the 4*l.* for——

36,499. Was he there in 1860, at the time of Walker's election?—I cannot say.

36,500. You recollect about this application being drawn out by your brother?—Yes.

36,501. What time was that; what year was that?—I believe it was not that year; I do not think it was that year.

36,502. The application on which you got the 4*l.*, you know perfectly well what I am asking about; did your brother draw up the application?—No, I do not think he did.

36,503. Then why did you tell me he did?—There was no talk about another application.

36,504. I asked you who drew up the application, and you told me your brother?—He wrote me this application to bring here for the loss of my horse to the pasture masters.

36,505. On which you got the 4*l.*?—That was the time I got the 4*l.*

36,506. Now we will stick to the application; did you take it to the "Beverley Arms"?—I cannot recollect; I took one, I believe; not that.

36,507. Did you give that one to the waiter?—I gave that one to the waiter.

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36,508. When was that?—Not this here, I believe it was another horse.

36,509. What did you take that one to the "Beverley Arms" for?—I wanted to raise some more money to get another horse.

36,510. I am talking about application to the pasture masters. When did you take up your freedom?—It was Towneley's second election.

36,511. You say that when you went before the pasture masters, you went twice, and when you came on the second occasion you said, "I shall support them;" did you not say so?—Yes.

36,512. Why did you say that; was there anything to lead to that?—Because I was so pleased at getting the 4*l.* I thought I would help them all that I could.

36,513. In what way?—To vote on their side.

36,514. For Walker?—Yes, because he was a townsman and I thought it was my duty.

36,515. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) If you had told me that before I should not have troubled you with any questions. What did they say to that when you said you would support them?—They said, "Very good, I shall be very glad."

36,516. Who said that?—I cannot say.

36,517. Did Mr. McCoy say so?—I cannot say who it was; I have forgotten; there were so many voices.

36,518. They all said so; you said many of them said so?—I think they were all of them glad enough, many of the pasture masters.

39,519. Did many of the pasture masters say so?—I cannot say that.

38,520. Who were the many?—I should think they were all of a mind; I should think they would all be very pleased for me to give them my vote.

36,521. The pasture masters?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Stephenson.

JOHN STEPHENSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

36,522. Are you a freeman?—No.

36,523. Are you an elector of Beverley?—Yes.

36,524. You are a 10*l.* householder I suppose?—I believe I am above 10*l.*

36,525. Do you remember voting at the election when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up?—Was that this last.

36,526. No; well, let us talk about the last, Edwards, Maxwell, Trollope, and Kennard?—I voted for them.

36,527. For whom did you vote?—Both.

36,528. For Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

36,529. When Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up, that was the election, three years before that?—I polled for Sykes.

36,530. What did you get?—I never got nowt for them.

36,531. There was money going?—How could I tell, I never saw none; I never had a chance of getting any.

36,532. When did you get any?—I cannot tell you.

36,533. When about was it?—It may be about a month or six weeks after the election; I got 2*l.*; and I was very glad to see it, for I never expected a half-penny. Mr. Sharpin came one day when I was up at my dinner, and said, "How do you do," and so on, and put his hand in his pocket and gave me 2*l.*

36,534. What did he say it was for?—I do not know.

36,535. You knew what it was for?—How could I know? I gave it up, thinking I should never see nowt.

36,536. You knew that was for your vote?—How was I to know? I suspected; I thought, may be I do not know; may be it was.

36,537. You think it was, and I think it was. Now Walker and Gridley's election, 1860?—I know nothing about that; I always vote for the Conservative party.

36,538. Did you vote for Mr. Walker?—Yes, I think I did.

36,539. Did anybody come to you that time?—No. You need not ask me, for I cannot remember.

36,540. Did you get anything?—I never remember getting nowt.

36,541. Did you get money at the election when you voted for Walker; do you remember getting any?—I do not know; I do not want to come here and tell you a lie; I do not remember.

36,542. Do you remember before that you voted for Edwards?—I always voted for the Conservatives.

36,543. Did you vote for Edwards?—Yes.

36,544. You did vote for him?—I have always voted for him.

36,545. Did you vote for Mr. Edwards?—I tell you I did.

36,546. Did you vote for Walker?—Yes.

36,547. For Walker and Edwards?—Yes, I polled for those two.

36,548. Did you get anything?—I do not remember about that time, my memory cannot carry things so far now. If you get to be 80 you will not carry your memory so far.

36,549. Can you remember any other time when you got money?—No, I do not.

36,550. You do not remember any other time?—Well, I do not; if you had been as ill I had you would not.

The witness withdrew.

J. Needham.

JOHN NEEDHAM called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

36,551. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

36,552. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-six years.

36,553. Did you vote at the first Towneley election?—No.

36,554. Did yon vote at the second?—Yes.

36,555. Did you receive any money?—Yes; 1*l.* first, and then 1*l.* 10*s.* afterwards.

36,556. Did you vote in 1857, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up, the first election in 1857?—Denison, Glover, and Wells?

36,557. Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

36,558. You did?—Yes.

36,559. For whom?—For Glover.

36,560. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

36,561. How much?—2*l.*

36,562. Did you vote at the other election in that year, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

36,563. Who did you vote for?—Edwards.

36,564. Did you get any money on that occasion?—No.

36,565. You swear positively you received no money?—Yes.

36,566. You recollect in 1859, when Walters was up?—Yes.

36,567. For whom did you vote?—Walters.

36,568. How much did you get?—2*l.*

36,569. Where?—I got it at the committee room, I think.

36,570. Is that the man named Taylor?—Yes; I think they called him Taylor.

36,571. In 1860, Mr. Walker and Mr. Gridley were up?—Mr. Walker.

36,572. How much did you get?—No money.

36,573. That you are sure of?—Yes.

36,574. Did you get any money afterwards?—No.

36,575. Or were you employed in any way?—No.

36,576. Not in any way in respect of the election?

Were you at all employed, you know what I mean, about the election in any way?—No.

36,577. Did you receive any money afterwards?—No.

36,578. None at all?—No.

36,579. In 1865 for whom did you vote; Keane was up?—Edwards and Keane.

36,580. How much did you get for voting?—No money.

36,581. Now come, we know; did you vote Edwards and Keane?—Yes.

36,582. How much did you get?—No money.

36,583. What do you mean, did you get no money on either side?—No.

36,584. Did you know money was going?—I got no money on either side.

36,585. Did you not know Keane's money was going?—Yes, but I did not get no money, I tell you.

36,586. If it should come out that you received any money on that occasion you will be in very great peril. Did you get any money after the election, or at the election, or before the election; and just consider whether you did or not, at the election, before the election, or after the election?—No, sir.

36,587. You adhere to that?—Yes.

36,588. I should recommend you to be very cautious about that?—Yes.

36,589. Who took you up to the poll?—I went by myself.

36,590. What time?—It was afternoon, I believe; no, I believe it was in the morning.

36,591. Who canvassed you for Mr. Keane?—Edward Stephenson, a joiner.

36,592. When did he canvass you?—I believe he canvassed me at Tickton.

36,593. When was my question; when did he canvass you?—A bit before the election.

36,594. Were you at work together?—No, he came into our shop.

36,595. How far is that from Beverley, where you are at work?—Two miles and a quarter.

36,596. Did he not tell you that you should be paid for your loss of time, or give you to understand so?—No, he did not say nothing about it.

36,597. What did he say to you?—I cannot say.

36,598. What did you say to him?—I cannot say.

36,599. Did he not tell you you should be paid for your vote for Mr. Keane?—No.

36,600. Did he not tell you men would be paid?—No, I cannot say.

36,601. Will you swear he did not tell you men would be paid?—I cannot say now, I am sure.

36,602. Men would receive money?—I cannot say; I never got none.

36,603. Did you ask him?—I cannot remember, sir.

36,604. Not recollect?—No.

36,605. I ask you again, and consider it, if possibly we get evidence to fix you you will hear of it another time. Did you receive any money, I will give you another opportunity, at, before, or after the election in respect of the election in any way?—I am sure I did not.

36,606. Any drink?—No.

36,607. Why did you vote for Mr. Keane; you voted for the Conservatives before, why did you vote for him?—I should have always voted for him.

36,608. Why?—Because it is a trade.

36,609. What is the trade?—The farmers are the Tories.

36,610. Did you vote for Keane at all?—Yes, once.

36,611. In 1865, I am speaking not of Kennard, I am speaking now of the election of 1865. Did you vote for Keane at that election. I ask you why did you vote for Mr. Keane if you got no money? Your name is Needham, John?—Yes.

36,612. Are you a carpenter?—No, a smith.

36,613. You voted for Edwards and Keane. Now I ask you why did you vote for Keane if you got no money, why?—I work with a widow woman.

36,614. She got some money?—No; I thought it would do her trade good.

36,615. What was she?—She belongs to a smith's shop.

36,616. You are foreman for a widow woman?—Yes.

36,617. How would that do her good?—I thought it might do her hurt if I polled all Keane.

36,618. So you gave a vote for Edwards?—Yes.

36,619. But you had voted before for the Conservatives; you voted for Edwards before?—Yes.

36,620. That is the explanation you give? Did anyone on your behalf receive any money?—No, not that I know on.

36,621. They never gave you any?—No.

36,622. How did you vote at the last election?—Edwards and Kennard, I believe.

36,623. Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

36,624. I ask you again, why did you vote for Mr. Keane? You voted at the last election for Edwards and Kennard; why did you vote for Mr. Keane?—It was no interest of mine, no way.

36,625. What money did you ever receive for voting, or after voting?—Altogether?

36,626. Yes?—I got 1*l.* at Towneley's.

36,627 Yes, that is a long time ago?—Yes; and 2*l.* at Walters'.

36,628. Is that all the money you ever received?—2*l.* at Glover's. I have only had money three times.

36,629. Did you ever vote for the pasture masters?—No.

36,630. Did you ever vote for the council choosing?—No.

36,631. Never at any time?—No.

36,632. Were you never paid your expenses for coming, or loss of a day?—No.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

36,633. Who gave you the 2*l.* for Glover?—A man named Anthony, who kept the "Red Lion."

36,634. Is there any surname?—That is his last name.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

36,635. Stephenson came and canvassed you for Mr. Keane's election?—I believe it was, I could not be sure.

36,636. How many days was that before you voted?—I could not say.

36,637. Two or three days?—I could not say.

36,638. Did you talk about any matter to him?—I am sure I could not say.

36,639. Was there anything said about money between you and Stephenson?—I do not remember.

36,640. Was there anything said about money between you and Stephenson?—No. I do not remember I am sure.

36,641. Can you swear there was not?—No.

36,642. You will not swear you did not talk about money. Did you not ask where the money was going or likely to be given?—I do not recollect now.

36,643. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—No, the Corn Exchange, I believe.

36,644. Was there money going there?—No, I did not get any.

36,645. Did you look after it?—No.

36,646. Did you not go to the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

36,647. You did?—I think it was the Corn Exchange.

36,648. That was where the mill was?—I do not know. I did not get any money there.

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36,649. Where did you get it ?—I did not get any at all that I remember.

36,650. What did Stephenson say to you ?—I do not remember his ever mentioning any money to me.

36,651. Did you not ask him where you would be paid ?—No.

36,652. Do you swear you did not do that ?—Yes.

36,653. Where is Stephenson now ?—I believe he is at Hull.

36,654. How is it he came to canvass you ; why did he come ?—He belongs to Tickton.

36,655. Did he canvass other people ?—Yes.

36,656. About Tickton ?—Yes.

36,657. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know where he lives ?—No.

The Commissioner was informed he was a publican living in Hull.

36,658. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Before you go away try and think what Stephenson said to you. Did you talk to him about money matters ? It is for your own sake. Was there anything said about money ?—I do not remember.

36,659. You say he canvassed other people at Tickton ?—He went over our shop.

36,660. Did he speak to other people in the shop ?—Most likely he would, but I did not watch him.

36,661. How many men are there in the shop ?—Only me.

36,662. Then were you the only one in the shop that he asked ?—Yes.

36,663. You said that he canvassed other people at Tickton ?—He might have done.

36,664. Yes, but did he do so ?—He was safe to canvass them going through the town.

36,665. Do you know anyone that he canvassed ?—No.

36,666. Then how do you know that he canvassed them ?—I said that he might canvass them.

36,667. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) No, you said that he did do it.

The witness withdrew.

P. Watson.

PETER WATSON called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

36,668. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 30 years.

36,669. You voted at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—Yes, I did.

36,670. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Denison and Glover.

36,671. What did you get ?—I got 2*l.*

36,672. From whom ?—I cannot tell you now.

36,673. But on which side ?—On Denison's side ; I believe it was from Tigar, but I cannot tell.

36,674. Do you remember where it was ?—At Greenbury's shop.

36,675. Are you quite sure you voted for Denison and Glover ?—Denison and Wells.

36,676. I thought you said Denison and Glover ?—I said Denison and Wells.

36,677. And you got 2*l.* ?—I got 2*l.* in Greenbury's shop, in the market place.

36,678. The next election was in 1857, Edwards and Wells, who did you vote for then ?—I voted for Edwards.

36,679. What did you get ?—I got nothing.

36,680. Quite sure ?—Quite sure of that.

36,681. I dare say you remember when you got nothing quite as well as when you got something ?—I was promised it, but never got it ; I was welshed out of it.

36,382. Who promised it ?—Kemplay promised me, but I never got a halfpenny.

36,683. What did he promise you. I suppose he promised you what the others were getting ?—Of course.

36,684. But he never paid you ?—He never paid me a halfpenny.

36,685. The next election was Walters' election, in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, who did you vote for ?—I voted for Walker.

36,686. Did you get anything ?—I got nothing till nine months after.

36,687. What did you get then ?—2*l.*

36,688. Who paid you ?—Robert Oxley.

36,689. He paid you 2*l.* nine months after the leection ?—Yes.

36,690. The next election was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, who did you vote for ?—I voted for Edwards.

36,691. Edwards single ?—I believe so, but I will not be sure. I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

36,692. What did you get ?—I got 3*l.* at the "Valiant Soldier," in Norwood.

36,693. Who keeps the "Valiant Soldier" ?—Musgrave.

36,694. Did Musgrave pay you ?—He did.

36,695. Have you voted for council choosing ?—Several times.

36,696. Did you vote last time ?—Yes.

36,697. What did you get ?—12*s.* 6*d.*

36,698. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard, and did not get a halfpenny.

36,699. What did you get at Walters' election ?—Not a farthing.

36,700. Were you not promised anything at Walters' election ?—Not one halfpenny.

36,701. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you ever get Walker's gift ?—Yes.

36,702. When ?—When I had my leg broke ; and very charitable it was to me.

36,703. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What year was that ?—Two years since. I had my leg broke, and I was eight months out of work.

36,704. How much did you get ?—I got 2*l.*, and very charitable it was.

The witness witndrew.

R. Holliday.

ROBERT HOLLIDAY called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

36,705. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

36,706. A freeman ?—Yes.

36,707. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 1846, I believe it was, when I took my freedom up.

36,708. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

36,709. Which way did you vote ?—Edwards and Kennard.

36,710. Did you vote the election before that ?—Yes.

36,711. Which way did you vote then ?—Edwards and Sykes.

36,712. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

36,713. How much ?—2*l.*

36,714. Who gave it you ?—I could not say who it was ; I got it at the "King's Arms."

36,715. Did you get anything from the other party ?—No.

36,716. Walker and Gridley, in 1860 ; for whom did you vote ?—Walker.

36,717. Did you get anything ?—I got 10*s.* for my expenses.

36,718. From whom ; who gave you that ?—I believe it was at the "Cross Keys."

36,719. Was that all you got ?—Yes.

36,720. Did nobody promise you anything ?—Yes, they promised I should have the same as the others.

36,721. Who promised that ?—Mr. Vickers.

36,722. Did you get welshed ?—I got 10*s.* for my expenses, coming from Lockington.

36,723. What did you understand as the same as the

others ?—There were some men in the village who were promised.

36,724. Did you get as much as your expenses ?—I got my expenses.

36,725. How far is that ?—It is nearly seven miles.

36,726. Then go to the other election, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover ; did you vote then ?—I should vote Walker and Edwards.

36,727. You voted for Edwards and Walker in 1859 ?—I voted Walters.

36,728. How was that ?—I have been used to vote for the orange party sometimes.

36,729. What did you get ?—I think I should get 1*l.* from either side.

36,730. Did you give a plumper for Walters ?—No, Edwards and Walters.

36,731. Who gave you the 1*l.* on Walters' side ?—I am sure I could not say, I believe it was at Toll Gavel.

36,732. Who gave you the other 1*l.*?—I do not know whether it was at the "Green Dragon" or not, I have almost forgotten now.

36,733. Was it at the "Green Dragon"?—I would not be positive ; I am sure I could not say whether it was or not, I did not make a memorandum of it, one forgets.

36,734. Did you vote when Edwards came here first, in 1857 ?—Yes.

36,735. Did you get anything then ?—I should think I got something then.

36,736. What was it, 2*l.* ?—I should think it would be that.

36,737. Who gave it you ?—I could not say.

36,738. Where did you get it ?—I could not say now.

36,739. Go back to the election before that, Denison, Glover, and Wells ; did you vote for Mr. Glover?—No.

36,740. Did you vote for Denison ?—Yes.

36,741. Denison alone ?—Yes.

36,742. How much ?—About 2*l.*

36,743. Who gave you that ?—I believe it would be given me by Mr. Taylor, at Toll Gavel ; I think it would be there.

36,744. You got 2*l.* and you voted for Denison ?—I could not exactly say.

36,745. Well, you got some money ?—I got some.

36,746. Who gave it you ?—I could not say where I got it ; I never kept any account, and my memory forgets where I got it.

36,747. Was it Taylor who gave it you. Did you get it at the Toll Gavel ?—I could not say whether I did or not ; I got some once or twice at the Toll Gavel ; my memory forgets. I never kept any account of anything.

36,748. Did you vote at the council choosing last time?—No ; I never had a vote. I have been out of town about 30 years.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

36,749. Were you ever paid at a shop of a man named Greenbury ?—I could not tell I am sure.

36,750. You do not know ?—No.

36,751. Were you ever paid at the Reform Rooms ?—Yes, I have been paid there.

36,752. Who paid you there ?—I am sure I do not know. Mr. Daniel Boyes was there once.

36,753. What election was that ?—I was paid at the Towneley election there.

36,754. No, after that ?—I do not know whether I was paid there in Lawley and Wells' election ; I could not say whether I was or not.

36,755. Do you remember who paid you at the Reform rooms ?—No, I am sure I do not.

36,756. Do you remember if you were paid at Greenbury's ?—I do not remember where I got it. I have not any recollection at all. I am sure I got some.

The witness withdrew.

Charles Stamford called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

C. Stamford.

36,757. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

36,758. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

36,759. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Kennard.

36,760. Did you vote at the election before that ?—Yes.

36,761. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Sykes, I believe.

36,762. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

36,763. How much ?—2*l.*

36,764. Where did you get that ?—At the "King's Arms."

36,765. Did you vote when Walker and Gridley were up in 1860 ?—I do not remember.

36,766. Did you vote for Walker ?—I do not remember ; I should think I should.

36,767. Have you ever voted for Walters ?—I have always voted for the Conservatives ; I have always split my vote when there are two in the field.

36,768. Walker and Gridley were up in 1860, did you vote then ?—Yes.

36,769. Then I may infer you voted for Walker ?—Yes.

36,770. What did you get ?—Nothing that I remember of.

36,771. Did you get anything then ?—No, I did not.

36,772. Were you promised anything ?—No.

36,773. Did you get anything after the election ?—No.

36,774. Nor before it ?—No.

36,775. Nor at the time of it ?—No.

36,776. Who took you up ?—I do not remember ; I should go by myself, I think.

36,777. Go back to the election the year before, Walters, Edwards and Walker, did you vote Edwards and Walters ?—Yes, I should always split my vote.

36,778. I mean in 1859 ?—Yes, I should get 1*l.* 10*s.*, I believe then.

36,779. You got 1*l.* 10*s.* ?—Yes.

36,780. Who gave you that ?—Nutchey, I believe.

36,781. There were two elections in 1857 ?—Yes.

36,782. Was it the one when Edwards and Wells were up, when Edwards came the first time, did you vote for Major Edwards ?—Yes, and I should have voted for the other Conservative if there were two.

36,783. Do answer me ; I do not care what you would do. You voted for Edwards ?—Yes.

36,784. Did you get anything ?—I do not think I did.

36,785. Were you promised anything ?—No.

36,786. Did you look after anything ?—No, I do not know that I did.

36,787. Now go back to this other election, Denison, Glover, and Wells, that is all I shall trouble you about. For whom did you vote then ?—What year was that.

36,788. That was in 1857 election ?—I should vote for Glover then.

36,789. Did you get anything ?—No, not a farthing.

36,790. You did not ?—No.

36,791. I forget if you told me how long you have been a freeman ?—December 1854, I believe.

36,792. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) David Nutchey paid you the 30*s.* ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

T HIRTIETH DAY.

J. Walker.

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JOHN WALKER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

36,793. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

36,794. How long have you been a freeman?—About 30 years.

36,795. Did you vote at the first Towneley election?—Yes.

36,796. Did you receive any money at that time?—Yes, I did.

36,797. How much?—I believe 12*l.*

36,798. Do you remember the election of 1857, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up?—I should vote for the Conservatives.

36,799. For whom did you vote?—I should vote for the Conservatives.

36,800. Did you vote for Glover?—I believe I did. I am always crimson all my lifetime.

36,801. Did you receive any money?—No.

36,802. Do you recollect the election of Major Edwards and Wells in the same year?—Yes.

36,803. For whom did you vote?—I should vote for Mr. Edwards.

36,804. Say what you did; you voted for Major Edwards?—Yes.

36,805. Did you receive any money?—No.

36,806. Received no money?—No.

36,807. Received no money after the election?—No, I never received none after.

36,808. You are a freeman, are you?—Yes.

36,809. Did you ever receive any money for voting?—Yes.

36,810. When?—Walker's election.

36,811. How much?—2*l.*

36,812. That was in 1860?—I do not know nowt about that.

36,813. Any other money? Do you recollect Mr. Keane's election?—Yes.

36,814. How much did you get?—2*l.*

36,815. You voted for Edwards and Sykes, I suppose?—Yes.

36,816. Did you vote at the council choosing last year?—I have nothing to do with it.

36,817. You never voted?—No, I had nothing to do with it at all.

36,818. I believe you are a freeman?—I is, but I am out of the town altogether.

36,819. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Edwards—I forget.

36,820. Edwards and Kennard?—Yes, I voted for them two.

36,821. Is that all the money you received at elections?—Yes, all that I have tell you.

36,822. Mr. Walker was up on two occasions; did you vote when Gridley was up, Gridley and Walker?—I could not say, but I have got 2*l.* once when Mr. Walker was here.

36,823. Do you know who paid you?—I believe Mr. Vickers paid me.

36,824. Is that all the money that you remember ever to have received in Beverley?—Yes, at the time you have stated.

36,825. You received money before, had you?—I do not know; I forget. I have received money at the times you have stated.

36,826. Can you say if you received any money when Edwards and Wells were up; can you say positively or not?—I believe I did not receive anything; what I have told you I believe is right.

The witness withdrew.

T. Green.

THOMAS GREEN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

36,827. How long have you been a freeman?—I am not one at all.

36,828. Then I suppose you are an occupier?—Yes.

36,829. Have you been a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

36,830. How long?—Six years.

36,831. What was the first election at which you voted?—1865.

36,832. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

36,833. For whom did you vote?—Keane and Edwards.

36,834. What did you get?—1*l.*

36,835. Was 1*l.* all you got?—Yes.

36,836. Where did you get that?—At the "Red Lion."

36,837. Who paid you?—Mr. Brusby.

36,838. On which side were you paid?—Mr. Keane's, I believe.

36,839. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

36,840. Did you not tell me you were a 10*l.* occupier?—Yes, but not within the borough.

The witness withdrew.

D. Dunning.

DANIEL DUNNING called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

36,841. Are you a freeman?—No.

36,842. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,843. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Maxwell.

36,844. Alone?—Yes.

36,845. Did you vote at the election of 1865?—Yes.

36,846. Did you vote for Mr. Keane?—Yes, and Mr. Edwards too.

36,847. Did you get anything?—I got a sovereign.

36,848. From which party?—Mr. Keane's.

36,849. Where did you get it?—I believe in Wednesday market in the street.

36,850. Who gave you that?—Mr. Brusby.

36,851. Did you get anything from the Edwards party?—No.

36,852. Are you sure of it?—I am sure of it; that is all.

36,853. When Walker and Gridley were up?—I was not a voter then.

36,854. Were you a 10*l.* occupier?—Yes.

36,855. When did you come to live here?—Years ago.

36,856. And that is the only time you voted, that and the last election?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Goodhill.

JOHN GOODHILL called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

36,857. Are you a freeman?—No; I live in Beverley Park.

36,858. When had you first a vote?—I think the first time for Glover.

36,859. You have been a voter from the time of Glover?—I think so.

36,860. Did you vote for Glover?—Yes.

36,861. What did you receive?—Nothing.

36,862. You received nothing for Glover?—No.

36,863. Did you vote for him the second time; he was up twice, you know?—Yes, I think I did.

36,864. Did you receive anything on the other occasion?—No.

36,865. Do you recollect Edwards and Wells coming?—Yes.

36,866. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Walker.

36,867. I am speaking when Edwards and Wells came, in 1857?—I polled for Edwards.

36,868. What did you receive?—Nothing at all.

36,869. Did you never receive anything?—No.

36,870. On any occasion ?—Yes ; the occasion after that, at Edwards and Sykes.

36,871. That is a long way off ; we are now in 1857. Did you receive any money at Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election ?—No.

36,872. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Walker.

36,873. You got nothing ?—No.

36,874. Where were you living ?—Beverley Park ; about a mile off.

36,875. Do you hold any office under the pasture masters ?—No.

36,876. Nor under the council ?—No.

36,877. Now, in 1860, for whom did you vote ?—That would be Edwards and Sykes ?

36,878. No, Walker and Gridley ?—Walker.

36,879. How much ?—Nothing at all.

36,880. And you did not get anything till you came to 1865 ?—No.

36,881. For whom did you vote in 1865 ?—I have it not down who it was. I always voted the Conservative side.

36,882. Did you vote for Edwards and Sykes ?—Yes. I got 2*l.* ; Mr. Straker made me a promise of 2*l.* ; he brought it me some months after.

36,883. A month or two after ?—It would be two or three months after.

36,884. Did he give it you into your own hands ?—He came to me and gave it in my house.

36,885. Did you ask him why or what you got it for ?—No, I never axed him about it.

36,886. Did you know him ; what was he ?—Straker lives at Hall Garth.

36,887. I am not so well acquainted with Beverley people as you are. He keeps a public house ?—Yes.

36,888. Had you done any work for him that he gave you the 2*l.* ?—No.

36,889. I suppose you knew he was coming ?—I did not know ; I did not know that he would come.

36,890. And voted for Edwards and Kennard at the last election ?—Yes, and I got nothing.

36,891. Have you ever voted at the council choosing ?—No, I have nothing to do with it.

The witness withdrew.

William Horsley called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

W. Horsley.

36,892. How long have you been a freeman ?—I am a ten-pounder.

36,893. How long have you been so ?—Thirty-five years.

36,894 Then you were a voter in 1841, were you, at Towneley's election ?—I should think so. I do not know to the year, but 35 years I have voted.

36,895. Then you were. You have got cause to remember it. What did you get ?—I should get 10*l.*, 11*l.*, or 12*l.*

36,896. The same as what they all got ?—I got the same as the rest.

36,897. There is no need to mince the matter. In 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover ; for whom did you vote ?—For Glover.

36,898. In 1857 again, Edwards and Wells ; for whom did you vote ?—For Mr. Wells—for Mr. Glover.

36,899. At Edwards and Wells' I mean ; for whom did you vote ?—For Mr. Edwards.

36,900. What did you get ?—Nothing.

36,901. Then the next election would be in 1859 ; Walters, Edwards, and Walker. What did you get then ?—Nothing.

36,902. The next election, Walker and Gridley ?—I got nothing then.

36,903. I suppose you got nothing till Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I never got nowt then.

36,904. Have you ever got anything ?—I gave my vote gratis.

36,905. You have never received any money, or any consideration, for your vote at any time ?—No ; except the 10*l.* or 12*l.*

36,906. I mean from that election downwards you never got anything ?—No, and I have been out of pocket.

36,907. That is, you have paid some people ?—No, for my own expenses. I have come 10 or 12 miles and never got anything.

36,908. Have you never paid anybody ?—When I have had a man working for me I have had to pay him.

36,909. Have you ever paid any money for working at the election ?—No.

36,910. Have you ever worked at the election, or have you ever received any money for working at the election ?—No.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

36,911. Do you know a man of the name of Dales ?—No.

36,912. Have you never heard of a man of the name of Dales in this place ?—No.

36,913. Does John Dales keep a shop in Norwood ?—No.

36,914. Who keeps the "Dog and Duck" ?—Thomas Green.

36,915. Thomas Green keeps it ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

William Wilson called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

W. Wilson.

36,916. What are you by occupation ?—A small farmer.

36,917. Are you a 10*l.* householder ?—I am a 10*l.* voter.

36,918. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

36,919. For whom ?—Edwards and Kennard.

36,920. At the election before that did you vote ?—Yes.

36,921. Edwards and Sykes ?—No, I voted for Keane.

36,922. Did you plump for Keane ?—Yes.

36,923. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

36,924. What did you get ?—3*l.*

36,925. Where did you get that ?—From Edward Stephenson.

36,926. Where did he give you that ?—At the "Red Lion."

36,927. Was that on the day of the election ?—Yes, on Keane's election.

36,928. It was the day of Keane's election ?—Yes.

36,929. Is that Stephenson a joiner ?—I am sure I do not know.

36,930. Where does he live now ?—I do not know, but I believe he lives at Hull.

36,931. Do you know whether he keeps a public-house at Hull ?—I am sure I do not.

36,932. Do you know when he left this neighbourhood ?—I should think very soon after Keane's election.

36,933. Do you know whether he went about canvassing them, asking people for their votes ?—I never see him canvassing ; I do not know that he did.

36,934. Do you know what his christian name was ?—Edward.

36,935. Will you go back to the election of 1860, Walker and Gridley ; which way did you vote then ?—For Walker.

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W. Wilson.

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36,936. Did you get anything ?—Yes ; for Walker I voted.

36,937. What did you get ?—Nothing.

36,938. You got nothing ?—No.

36,939. Were you promised anything ?—No.

36,940. Did you ask anybody for anything ?—No, I do not think I ever did. No, I did not.

36,941. What time in the day did you vote ?—What, for Walker ?

36,942. Yes ?—Well, I am sure I do not know.

36,943. Was it in the afternoon ?—I cannot say, but I think it would be before twelve.

36,944. Were you about here all day ?—Yes.

36,945. There was some money going then ?—Well, I am sure I do not know.

36,946. Did you get anything after the election ?—No, never. All that ever I got is that 3*l.* at Keane's. I have got none for any election neither before nor after.

36,947. Do you say that was the only time you ever got any money ?—Yes, the only time.

36,948. Have you ever had any promise of money at any time ?—No, I have not.

36,949. Now, for instance, "Edwards and Walker," in '59, did you vote for them, or either of them ?—Yes, I voted for Walker, and I plumped for him and nobody else.

36,950. Did you get anything ?—No.

36,951. You did not ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

R. Moate.

RICHARD MOATE called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

36,952. Are you a freeman ?—No.

36,953. What are you ?—A 10*l.* householder.

36,954. When had you first a right to vote ?—'65.

36,955. Did you vote at the election '65 ?—Yes.

36,956. For whom ?—Keane.

36,957. How much did you receive ?—3*l.*

36,958. Where ?—The "Red Lion."

36,959. From whom ?—I do not know the man's name who gave it to me.

36,960. Was it Stephenson ?—No, it was not Stephenson ; he kept the "Red Lion" then, but he did not give it me.

33,961. Stephenson kept the "Red Lion" then ?—Yes.

36,962. What took you there ; who told you to go to the "Red Lion" ?—Stephenson took me there.

36,963. And somebody else handed you the 3*l.* ?—Yes.

36,964. Was that the day of the election ?—Yes.

36,965. Before you polled ?—Yes.

36,966. Had you made a contract with him, an arrangement, or how ?—No.

36,967. What did he say to you ?—It was my mind to poll for Keane

36,968. He asked you if you would poll for Keane ?—Yes.

36,969. And what did he say about what you would receive if you did ?—Nothing. I received 3*l.*

36,970. Did he tell you that you would be paid that sum, or the other man ?—The other man told me.

36,971. What other man ?—I did not know him.

36,972. What did the man who paid you tell you ?—He said there was 3*l.*

36,973. He said you should have 3*l.* ?—Yes.

36,974. And then you agreed to go ?—Yes.

36,975. And went ?—Yes.

36,976. Did you see many people at Stephenson's, at the "Red Lion" ?—No.

36,977. Did you see anyone you knew ?—Yes, the man who went out of the box last, Wilson.

36,978. It that all you know, because we know that ourselves ?—There was Leadley.

36,979. Did you see him get any money ?—Yes.

36,980. How much did he get ?—The same as me.

36,981. Three pounds ?—Yes.

36,982, Anyone else ?—No, not to my remembrance.

36,983. Not to your memory ?—No.

36,984. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did this man who paid you pay you in Stephenson's presence ?—Yes, he did.

The witness withdrew.

D. Leadley.

DAVID LEADLEY sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

36,985. Are you an occupier ?—Yes.

36,986. How long have you been an occupier ?—About 13 years.

36,987. What was the first election at which you voted ?—Walker and Gridley's.

36,988. Did you get anything then ?—I got 3*l.*

36,989. From whom ?—From Walker.

36,990. You voted for Walker ?—Yes.

36,991. Who paid you ?—I cannot tell you, I do not know the person's name, but I got it at the "Dog and Duck."

36,992. Where is the "Dog and Duck," is it in Norwood ?—No, it is here, just by.

36,993. Tell me, don't shake your head ?—It is in Lady Gate.

36,994. Then you voted, I suppose, in Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election ?—Yes, I voted for Keane.

36,995. How much did you get ?—3*l.*

36,996. How did you get this money at Keane's election ?—I got the 1*l.* at——

36,997. The Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes, the night before, and I got 2*l.* at the "Red Lion" the day following.

36,998. Where is the "Red Lion," is that Stephenson's ?—Yes, but I do not know the place or the man who paid me the money.

36,999. Where is the "Red Lion" ?

The Commissioner was informed it was in the Toll Gavel.

37,000. Where do you live ?—At Tickton.

37,001. And you were paid with the other Tickton voters ?—Oh, I had nowt to do with the other Tickton voters ; I was a man on my own bottom.

37,002. Did you see anyone there from Tickton ?—No, I never observed, every man was for himself I expect.

37,003. Did Stephenson ask you for your vote at Tickton ?—No, not particular.

37,004. That is to say he did ask you for it, I suppose ?—No, I do not believe he did, not particular. It was every man for his own interest I expect, and I thought there was little money and I would take it.

37,005. Answer my questions. Did Stephenson ask you for your vote ?—I do not think he did particular.

37,006. Do not answer me in that way. Attend to my question. Before the day of the polling did Stephenson ask you for your vote ?—Well, I do not believe that he did fairly, he asked me which way I was to vote, and then I really said I did not know, I had not made up my mind.

37,007. You said you had not made up your mind ?—I had not.

37,008. That was at Tickton ?—Yes, I believe that is truth. I would not tell you a word wrong if I knew it.

37,009. On the election day did he take you to the "Red Lion"?—Yes.

37,010. And some one paid you 2*l.* ?—Yes.

37,011. Was Stephenson present when you were paid ?—I cannot say.

37,012. You can say perfectly well ?—I cannot indeed.

37,013. You can say perfectly well whether Stephenson was present when you were paid?—I cannot say that.

37,014. Yes you can?—I am sure I cannot; I know that it was not he that paid me, but whether he was present at the time I cannot say. I am sure I would not tell you a word of untruth.

37,015. That I do not believe at all. Did you see any Tickton men there?—Indeed I did.

37,016. Who did you see there?—Richard Moate and a few more, but then it was every man for himself.

37,017. Was a man named Wilson there?—Well, I am sure I cannot tell you to speak truly.

37,018. I am quite sure you can tell me?—I cannot, I am sure, to speak truly. I cannot indeed.

37,019. Attend to the question, and answer it?—I would if I knew it fairly, but I do not know it.

37,020. You have told us just now Moate was there?—I believe he was.

37,021. Was Wilson there?—I cannot say, indeed; if I was put fairly to it I could not say.

37,022. Where did you see Moate?—I believe Moate went part of the way with me.

37,023. That means, I suppose, you and Moate went together to the "Red Lion"?—I believe we did partly.

37,024. Why do you say partly; you went together to the Red Lion, I suppose?—Yes.

37,025. And you were paid together?—Well, I cannot say that we were paid exactly together, but, however, I know I got my 3*l.* I got my 2*l.* there, and I got my 1*l.* before at the Mechanics'.

37,026. Did you see any other Tickton men there besides Moate? Come now, tell us?—Did I see any others.

37,027. Yes?—Oh yes, no doubt but what I should see many more.

37,028. You should see many more Tickton men there?—Yes, but on these occasions one forgets persons.

37,029. I observe that is so?—I am sure I am not a man of a long memory myself.

37,030. You have memory enough to know that you received 3*l.*?—Yes.

37,031. And memory enough to know that Moate was there?—Yes.

37,032. And many more Tickton men; and you come from the same place?—There were men there paid. I am sure I am speaking nothing but right.

37,033. Do you know a man named Wilson?—Yes.

37,034. Did you see him there?—Well, I cannot say particularly.

37,035. You cannot say particularly?—No, I cannot say that I did particularly; to swear.

37,036. Did you see him particularly or not?—If I did not see a person I cannot swear to him.

37,037. I am quite sure you did see him there, from the way you answer the question?—Very possibly I might.

37,038. I am perfectly certain, from the way you answer the question, that you did see him there?—Very possibly I might.

37,039. You know it perfectly well?—I do not at the present moment.

37,040. I am sure you know it as well as you know anything?—I would speak it in a moment if I knew it.

37,041. Did you see John Needham there?—I did.

37,042. The blacksmith?—Yes, I did see him. Him and me went together, and he had a chance of 3*l.* as well as me, but, I think he thought he could get a little more, and he would not take it.

37,043. Needham and you went together to the "Red Lion"?—I believe we did; we were not far from one another, I believe.

37,044. Was he with you when you got your 3*l.*?—I do not think he would see me receive it, but he was just upon the spot.

37,045. He was just upon the spot, and he knew that you received it?—Yes, I told him that I did.

37,046. Did he go into the room where you received it?—Well, I could not swear that; I should not like to swear that.

37,047. Did you see him go into the room where you received it?—I am sure he was in the house.

37,048. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You went together?—Yes, both together.

37,049. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you see Needham go into the room in which you were paid?—Not where I was paid I did not, but I knew he was in the room when I was in the "Red Lion" at the time.

37,050. Stay; was he in the room where you were paid?—No, I cannot say that.

37,051. What room were you paid in?—Well, I am sure I cannot tell you, but it was a sort of a secret room. There were not many went in, but men that wanted money, like myself.

37,052. A sort of a secret room?—Yes.

37,053. Was it on the ground floor?—Well, it was the back settlements.

37,054. At the back, up the yard, was it?—Yes, in the room.

37,055. Tell us where it was?—I do not know; but it was a sort of a back room.

37,056. Was it attached to the house or up the yard?—It was attached to the house.

37,057. A back room attached to the house?—Yes.

37,058. Did you see Needham close to the door of the room?—No, I never took no notice about it myself, my mind was on the 3*l.*, and I claimed it as fast as I could.

37,059. Did Needham go with you to the room?—He went with me to the house; I never see him go to the room.

37,060. When you got to the house how did you know you were to go to this room?—I was a little bit acquainted there was some money there, and I was in need of it.

37,061. I suppose Stephenson had told you that?—I do not know whether it was Stephenson or anybody else. I was told, and I went there, and I got my 3*l.*

37,062. Who told you that the money was there?—I cannot say exactly.

37,063. Tell us, was it Stephenson or not?—Well, I am sure I should not like to speak falsely.

37,064. Do you believe it was Stephenson who told you?—It is possible it would be; I really should not like to tell a false tale.

37,065. Was Needham with you when you were told?—I do not know if he was there or not, but I know him and me went together.

37,066. You two went together to the house?—Yes, and there were a few more as well.

37,067. You all knew that one and another were getting paid?—Well, I am sure I cannot say for that.

37,068. You knew that the others were getting paid, at any rate?—I need. I knew there were other persons getting paid as well as myself, and I went in.

37,069. Needham was there with you?—I believe Needham never got anything.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

37,070. Why do you believe he got nothing; did he tell you?—Yes. I believe he carried on so far while he could not get nothing.

37,071. What do you mean?—He waited while the election was getting too far, and there was no money to be had; he told me so to-day. As we were coming in he said the election was getting on so far that Edward Stephenson told him himself, "Why, if you do not get it now you won't get it at all;" and he carried the joke so far that he could not get it.

37,072. He went up to get it and could not?—Yes, I believe that is the truth.

37,073. He went up to get it and did not?—He went on too far.

THIRTIETH DAY.

D. Leadley.

19 Oct. 1869.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

37,074. I want to ask you a question about this election of 1860. When you went to the "Dog and Duck" who took you there?—There was nobody took me there, I walked myself.

37,075. Who told you to go there?—I do not know any person in particular that told me.

37,076. Did Stephenson tell you to go?—No, I do not know that he did.

37,077. Have not you been examined in London about this matter; you have been up in London and examined about it?—Yes, I was up in London.

37,078. In 1860?—Yes.

37,079. Do you remember saying there that John Stephenson told you to go?—I never said it in my life.

37,080. Listen to me. This question was put to you, "Who told you to go?" and your answer was, "Mr. John Stephenson told us our mates were there"?—Yes.

37,081. He did?—It was not me that used that word.

37,082. What is your name?—David Leadley.

37,083. Yes, that is what I have got here?—I never said so in my life.

37,084. I will ask you questions from this paper. You were asked whether you went to the "Dog and Duck" together, and you said that two of you went to the "Dog and Duck" together, and then you were asked this question, Who told you to go. Did Stephenson tell you to go to the "Dog and Duck"?—No. he did not tell me.

37,085. Then what is the meaning of this: "Who "told you to go?—Mr. John Stephenson told us our "mates were there." That was your answer in 1860?—I am sure he never told me.

37,086. Did you see him?—If you will hear me speak, I say there were four at the same time, me, Richardson, and Frank Clarke.

37,087. Who was the other?—John Raspin.

37,088. Did you see a man of the name of Horsley there?—No.

37,089. William Horsley?—Not at the time that we were called up there that I know of.

37,090. When did you see Horsley?—I cannot say, I am sure.

37,091. You saw him about that time?—Well, he was a neighbour with us; I cannot say that I knew him, not over that ground at that time.

37,092. Horsley was there, did you say?—No, I do not say Horsley was there, but I said we four were there the time we went to the "Dog and Duck."

37,093. What did you say about Horsley?—I did not say anything about that.

37,094. You said he was a neighbour of yours?—Yes.

37,095. Did you see him there?—Yes, some time at that time, but I cannot say I remember him just at the election time.

37,096. You saw him at the "Dog and Duck"?—I say I do not know.

37,097. You saw him at the "Dog and Duck"?—No, I do not say that I saw him at the "Dog and Duck;" I believe he was not there; I do not remember there was anybody but us four and a few more.

37,098. Can you read?—I cannot.

37,099. What was the meaning of that, that Stephenson told you that your mates were there; that is what is put down here?—He never told me that.

37,100. Did you see Stephenson before you went there?—There is no doubt I should see him among the rest.

37,101. Did you speak to him, or he to you?—I could not swear that I should not.

37,102. Where did you see him?—Well, there is no doubt but what I should see him that morning, but I am sure, as far as my recollection goes, I do not remember speaking to him that morning.

37,103. Did he speak to you that morning?—I do not remember that he did; he might or he might not, but I would not swear that, I am sure. I know him as well as possible, I have known him from a boy, but I am sure I would not swear that.

37,104. Was not he the person from whom you heard that your mates were at the "Dog and Duck;" who told you they were at the "Dog and Duck"?—I cannot tell you; I really could not.

37,105. Might not it have been Stephenson?—I could not tell you, I am sure; there were four of us, and I would not, indeed I would not, swear it if it was for my life.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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Wednesday, 20th October 1869.

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H. G. Gridley, Esq.

20 Oct. 1869.

Henry Gillett Gridley, Esq., called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

37,106. Are you a member of the House of Commons?—No, not now; I was last session.

37,107. For where did you sit last session?—For Weymouth.

37,108. Were you a candidate here for 1860?—Yes.

37,109. Who was your oponent?—Mr. Walker.

37,110. That was I believe upon the occasion of Mr. Walters, who had been returned in '59, being pronounced disqualified on account of bribery by a committee of the House of Commons?—Yes.

37,111. The vacancy was created by that?—Yes; Mr. Walters introduced me to——

37,112. To whom?—To Mr. Crosskill, I believe he was the person, in London.

37,113. And did he introduce you to some persons in Beverley?—Yes.

37,114. To whom?—I really cannot remember, I do not remember the names, I really do not.

37,115. Did he introduce you to Mr. Boyes?—No, I rather think Boyes was confined on something or other; I think so.

37,116. Did he introduce you to Mr. Hind?—I really do not know.

37,117. Who was your agent here?—Mr. Clark, of York.

37,118. Of the firm of Leeman & Clark?—Yes.

37,119. They were your conducting agents?—They were my conducting agents, at least I had no com-

munication with Mr. Leeman at that time, it was entirely with Mr. Clark.

37,120. Quite so ; I understand Mr. Clark was the acting partner, but who acted for him, or was Mr. Clark here in Beverley ?—Mr. Clark came here and conducted my election.

37,121. Who besides Mr. Clark was acting for you here, I think there was the deputy registrar of deeds ?—No. I am speaking subject to being corrected if I am wrong, but my impression is that Mr. Clark acted for me under a memorandum which I signed.

37,122. Oh, no doubt you would sign the appointment ?—Yes.

37,123. That is not what I mean, I do not mean any regularly appointed agent ?—I do not know of anyone else, I think I was only in the place five or six days.

37,124. You do not know anyone else who was acting for you and under you ?—No, I do not know anyone who was acting under him.

37,125. For you, on your behalf ?—No, not for me at all.

37,126. Of course I need not say you had known the character of the place from Mr. Walters being unseated ?—I had the representation made to me at the time I became a candidate that those circumstances would be taken into account by the electors here, and I might look upon the election as being rather a pure election than otherwise in consequence of what had taken place.

37,127. Who made the representation to you ?—I remember Mr. Walters told me that he thought there had been a sufficient exposure in the late petition, and it was not likely there would be anything occurring again.

37,128. Had you known Mr. Walters before ?—Oh yes, many years.

37,129. Had you yourself had any connexion with the borough by family ties ?—No.

37,130. Or any other connexion ?—None whatever.

37,131. Was it at Mr. Walters' suggestion that you became a candidate ?—It was Mr. Walters who suggested to me to become a candidate.

37,132. That is what I mean ?—Mr. Walters knew that I had some desire previously to get into Parliament.

37,133. Had you been a candidate for any place before ?—I had been a candidate at Carlow in Ireland, that was 15 or 16 years ago.

37,134. We have it in evidence that there was money being illegally expended during your election ; you have seen it ?—No, indeed I have not.

37,135. It does not affect you at all, but several instances have been mentioned. Let me ask you what monies did you first place in Mr. Clark's hands towards the election ?—I paid 200*l.* first of all to him.

37,136. How long before the election ?—Will you allow me to refer to a piece of paper ?

37,137. Certainly.—I will tell you everything ; I wish to tell everything.

37,138. You may refer to everything that will assist you ?—If the Commissioners will allow me I will tell you the amounts that I have taken from my banker's account, the only account I had, and I really cannot after the lapse of 10 years recollect anything more. I may state positively my impression is, and not only my impression but my belief is, that this is the whole sum of money paid for the election. I will read the amounts : First of all on the 25th of January——

37,139. What was the date ?—The 25th of January 1860.

37,140. No, the date of the election, let us get what day it was ?

37,141. (*Mr. Crosskill.*) It was either the 30th or 31st of January.

37,142. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You were saying on the 25th of January——?—I received from my bankers 250*l.*, and out of that 250*l.* I gave 200*l.* to Mr. Clark.

37,143. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) At the same time ?—I cannot speak as to that.

37,144. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How did you remit it ; did you remit it by cheque ?—Oh, I think I gave it him in cash. This was a cheque, the 250*l.* was a cheque.

37,145. Did you go to York or did he come hear to meet you ?—He came here to meet me.

37,146. I suppose you do not mean you gave it him in gold. Was it notes or gold ?—I am sure I cannot tell you now after such a time. I know I did not give it him in a cheque. I gave it him in money here. I should presume it was in bank notes or something of the kind.

37,147. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you give it him here ?—I must have given it him here, because I did not see him anywhere but here, not until after the election.

37,148. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What were the other sums ?—Then on the 2nd of February there was a cheque for 500*l.*

37,149. The election was over then ?—Yes ; I suppose the election was over on the 31st ; of course it would be.

37,150. What was the majority ?—I am really quite unable to tell you.

(*The poll book was handed to the Commissioners.*)

37,151. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) About 123.

37,152. (*Mr. Barstow.*) 123 was the majority ?—Yes, I daresay it was.

37,153. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) " 594, Walker ; Gridley, 473.

37,154. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I want to know how many he polled.

37,155. (*Mr. Barstow.*) 473.

37,156. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You polled 473 ?—473, yes. Perhaps I may mention this. I cannot say who it was, but I have a recollection that someone came to me and Mr. Walters and represented, about the middle of the polling day, that it was perfectly impossible for me to hope to win ; there was no chance whatever, and therefore we had better let the thing go on to the end of the poll, but not to exert ourselves about it as it was no use.

37,157. Was Mr. Walters down with you ?—He was down with me.

37,158. He remained in the town ?—I think he remained with me the whole time.

37,159. About what time in the day was it these persons came to you ?—I should not like to speak as to that. I know it was 1 or 2 o'clock.

37,160. Though you may not know him, do you know whether he was a friend or a foe, was he a man on your side ?—Mr. Walters ?

37,161. No, the man who came and made that announcement ?—I do not know who he was at this distance of time.

37,162. No, but was he of your side ; was he friendly ?—Oh, certainly. It was intimated also, I may mention, that unless I was prepared to go to the same cost which it was said the other side did, that I must lose the election.

37,163. That is what I was going to ask you about. It was intimated, in fact, that you had to open a purse ?—That was really what it meant. I knew what it meant ; it was not said in so many words, but it conveyed that meaning.

37,164. When that was said you and Mr. Walters were there ; was your conducting agent there ?—I don't think that Mr. Clark was with me half an hour on any day during the whole election. He was taken up in attending to the election, attending to whatever was necessary to be done.

37,165. What answer was made to that request ?——Oh, I said certainly not. I remember telling him that I did not choose to expend anything more than I had done.

37,166. Did you advance, or do you know from subsequent events that money was advanced, for the purpose of the election after that time and before the close of the poll ?—I do not know anything about

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money more than what I have told you I have taken from my banker's account.

37,167. The application was made to you about 2 o'clock; did you know then, and do you know now from subsequent events, that money was advanced between that time and the close of the poll on your side?—I do not know; I never heard it till this moment.

37,168. You understand me?—I quite understand what you mean. I left the town, I may perhaps be allowed to say, disgusted, I was rather disgusted with the course of proceedings altogether, and I regretted that I had ever come. I never heard anything more about it.

37,169. What time did you leave? I suppose after the declaration of the poll?—I think I left next morning after the declaration of the poll. I remember very well being on the hustings, and stating the conviction that was in my mind that the election was won by the expenditure of money, and I said more than that, that if it was any consolation to those who had received the bribes, I might say that I did not choose to petition. That appeared to me to be the most gratifying thing I had ever said during the whole election, for they cheered that immensely. I remember that very well, and I did not petition. There was a petition presented, but I had nothing to do with it.

37,170. What further sums were there?—Then on the 2nd of March——

37,171. Following?—Yes. On the 2nd of March following there was another cheque for 500*l.*

37,172. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You did not say to whom you gave the cheque for 500*l.* in February?—That cheque was given to Mr. Crosskill. If the Commissioners will permit me to say——

37,173. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We will hear everything?—What I understood, and what I think was very emphatically impressed upon me at the time when the first 500*l.* was paid, was that the 500*l.* was to go among the leaders of the Liberal party here, towards the expenses, towards what they had themselves spent out of their own pockets for the petition, for the expenses of the petitions against Mr. Walters and Sir Henry.

37,174. For the expenses of the petition against Sir Henry Edwards?—Yes. There were two petitions immediately before me, one petition against Sir Henry Edwards, and the other petition against Mr. Walters. Over and above what Mr. Walters considered he was bound to pay the leaders of the party here said, at least so it was represented to me, that they had to pay something like 500*l.* or 600*l.*, and they wished the 500*l.* to be paid at once, and therefore I paid the 500*l.* on that understanding.

37,175. Now you are aware from your experience that that was paying back debts?—I daresay that would be the case.

37,176. That would be substantially bribery; it is simply one form of bribery, because you would see they could have no expectation of getting it?—Of course I do not——

37,177. You do not think that was bribery?—I do not say what others did was a justification to me in what I did. I am merely telling you what I did, but of course I may say that I know a great many other members who did the same thing.

37,178. Oh, it is a perfectly common practice, we knew that. That was the representation, that the 500*l.* went to recoup the expenses of the petitions?—That was so described. Then the next 500*l.* I have just mentioned on the 2nd of March was, as I understood, to go towards the expenses of the election.

37,179. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Who got that?—That went to Mr. Crosskill.

37,180. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you receive a detailed account? I do not say of the first 500*l.*, that you would not expect, but did you receive a detailed account of the second 500*l.*?—I never to this moment have had any kind of account of the way in which the money was spent.

37,181. Did you request one?—The only account that I had was an account of the election expenses published in a newspaper.

37,182. Oh, of course, we know that. How much did they amount to?—With the 170*l.* I paid on the 30th of March to Mr. Clark it made the payments to Mr. Clark 370*l.*

37,183. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) 130*l.*?—No, 170*l.* on the 30th of March, and that made it 370*l.*

37,184. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For the election expenses?—Yes, the account was 370*l.*

37,185. It was published?—It was. Then this is merely a memorandum of my own, there was 50*l.* out of the total sum I have given you out of the 250*l.* That 50*l.* paid my personal expenses here, whatever they were, during my stay here for five or six days, and my hotel bills, and things of that kind, but there is nothing in that.

37,186. There is nothing in that whatever. Then 370*l.* and 1,000*l.* was the cost of the election?—370*l.* and 1,000*l.* is what I paid; of that I am quite positive.

37,187. Then as a matter of calculation your voters cost you about 3*l.* a head; that is what we were looking at?—I am sorry to say so it is. It is 10 years ago, and I have quite given up any thought at all about it.

37,188. But Mr. Walters who was here, was a gentleman of character and position, and really a man of substance and means. He was a man of large means?—Oh dear, yes, certainly, and he always advised me. I feel it due to his memory to observe, for he is dead, poor man, as you know. It is due to his memory to say that he always advised me never to be led into it on any account. I may say the Commissioners may know that a candidate does not very readily pay his money if he can see his way to avoid it.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

37,189. Did Mr. Walters ever tell you that any portion of his expenses occurring from the petition were unpaid?—No.

37,190. Never?—No.

37,191. Had you any reason to believe from him that any money was due on account of the petition?—Well, I did not understand from him that any money was due, but I certainly understood in talking with him that the leaders of the party here had expended some money, which of course they were anxious to get repaid, but he did not tell me that I was to pay it.

37,192. That is not what I meant. What I meant was, did you hear from Mr. Walters himself that any money was remaining unpaid; that he owed anything in respect to the petition?—Oh dear, no.

37,193. He did not tell you so?—Oh dear, no.

37,194. Now who were the heads of the Liberal party who applied to you?—Well, I think I am correct in saying that the motion for a new writ was rather unexpectedly made, and it was almost in a state of excitement that Mr. Walters wrote to me or came to me, I forget which, and said, "If you want to go down "to Beverley you must be prepared to go down this "afternoon."

37,195. That is not what I mean. What I want to know is, what are the names of the men who applied to you for this 500*l.*, representing that it was for money paid on account of the petition against Mr. Walters?—Perhaps in rather a prolix way I was endeavouring to tell you that in consequence of that I received a communication from Mr. Crosskill in town, and Mr. Crosskill went down with me the same day. There was no kind of arrangement made previously until he came, and then I understood that the whole election would be included in a sum of 1,000*l.*, 500*l.* was to be paid to a person who was liable or had paid the expenses of these petitions, and the other 500*l.* was to be the expense of my election.

37,196. Was that Mr. Crosskill who is here?—Yes.

37,197. Was there any other person except Mr. Crosskill who gave you this information?—I do not remember there was anyone, because I heard it from——

37,198. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) From whom?—I heard it from Mr. Crosskill, and that quite satisfied me, and I did not wish to ask anyone else. I need not say when I came here I came here as a stranger, and I met a great number of persons who 10 years ago I should have recollected perfectly well, but now I really do not.

37,199. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You gave the cheque to Mr. Crosskill on the 2nd of February apparently?—Yes.

37,200. As I judge from what you say now this representation must have been made to you before you came down to Beverley?—Yes.

37,201. On your way down, that would be some time before the end of January, about eight days before the end of January?—It was made to me in London at the time before we started.

37202. So I understood, but did you pay the cheque then?—I cannot tell you; I cannot speak from my memory. (*The witness referred to a paper he held in his hand.*) Oh no, it was paid on the 2nd of February.

37,203. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) By cheque?—By cheque.

37,204. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then the election was over?—Yes.

37,205. Your election was then over, was it so; the application was made to you when you first became a candidate, and you did not then advance the money?—I drew 250*l.*, which I took down with me.

37,206. I am upon the first cheque for 500*l.*?—There is a cheque for 500*l.* in my banker's book, that is all I can tell you, "Paid on the 2nd of February, 500*l.*"

37,207. I rather want to know when the application was made to you for the cheque of 500*l.*, on the representation that money was due for Walters' petition?—I cannot say in fact when the application was made.

37,208. Can you say whether the application was made before or after the polling?—Well I know this, I am quite certain I knew before I got into the train to come down to Beverley that I had to pay the 500*l.*, but if you ask me 10 years hence why I paid it on the 2d of February I cannot tell you. It may have been that my cheque book was left behind, or something or other, I cannot tell what.

37,209. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You paid it by cheque?—Yes.

37,210. Through your own bankers?—Yes, through my own bank, the Westminster Bank. I presume the difference in time when these cheques were paid arose from their not getting the accounts.

37,211. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Both these cheques were to Crosskill?—Yes.

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37,212. Cannot you recollect any of the persons, the Liberal leaders that you saw down here; cannot you remember the names of any of them?—I really cannot; it is not that I wish to keep anything back.

37,213. I do not for a moment suppose that, but by an effort of memory do not you think you could remember any of them?—I cannot.

37,214. What makes me ask you is this, you said the representation to you was that 500*l.* was to go among the leaders of the Liberal party for the expense of those previous petitions; surely you inquired who was to receive the money?—I do not think that is so, if you permit me to differ with you, when speaking to a person who has a respectable position in the place.

37,215. As a fact did you inquire?—I do not know that I did, I might have done so, but I do not remember that I did.

37,216. Just, then, one other matter. We have had several instances of voters coming here and saying they received bribes in respect of your election. When did you first hear of any of those transactions; of any of those persons being bribed?—Do you mean those who have given evidence?

37,217. Yes?—Well, as I mentioned just now, I have never read any of the accounts.

37,218. Did you hear before you left the place of any persons receiving bribes?—I did not hear so before I left the place; certainly not.

37,219. When did you first hear of it?—I heard of it at the time when there was a petition against Mr. Walker, I think.

37,220. Was it as soon as March, for instance, that you heard that persons had been receiving bribes?—I should say certainly not.

37,221. When first did you hear it?—Well, I never heard of any person, if you ask me the name of any person I cannot say; I never heard of any person who received any bribe.

37,222. But look here, we have heard this sort of thing, a great many persons received money from a man who was described as wearing a hairy cap; when did you first hear of those persons?—I never heard that fact till you tell me it this moment.

37,223. But you were cognizant of the fact, and I ask you when first that came to your knowledge, that bribes were given in respect of your election?—Of course it came out in the petition presented against Mr. Walker.

37,224. Did not you hear it before that?—I did not know anything about it.

37,225. Not before the petition?—No. I need not say it is the custom in managing an election to be particularly careful.

37,226. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) To keep the candidate in the dark?—Quite so.

37,227. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I understand that you say that is your answer, that till the petition was tried you never heard it?—I did not know anything at all about it.

37,228. You have not heard of it?—No.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. Alfred Crosskill called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

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37,229. How long have you been an inhabitant of the town of Beverley?—Well, I became a freeman in 1852. I became of age then. I voted at the 1852 election.

37,230. I believe you are connected with very considerable works?—I have ironworks here, and employ a great number of people.

37,231. How long have you had these?—On my own account 10 years.

37,232. How long have you been in trade altogether?—I have been in trade with my father some years. I may say I have been in trade all my life.

37,233. In connexion with these ironworks?—In connexion with those and other works.

37,234. You have been an active partizan, we have heard?—Yes.

37,235. From the first?—Yes, always.

37,236. We have just heard you were intimately connected with the election of 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I was.

37,237. Therefore we will come to that?—I should like, if the Commissioners will permit me, to say something about the preceding election as we go on.

37,238. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You will have every opportunity if you first answer the questions put to you, and you may afterwards make any statement you think proper.

37,239. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The first election in 1857

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was Denison, Glover, and Wells, were you actively engaged in that election?—I was, and seconded the nomination of Mr. Wells.

37,240. And, of course, you were engaged on the side of the Liberals?—Exactly.

37,241. Do you know of any money corruptly expended on their behalf?—No, and more than that I wish to say very strongly I do not believe there was was any, and I have been very much astonished at the evidence here.

37,242. You yourself do not believe there was any?—No.

37,243. You pledge your oath you believe there was not?—I go further, I pledge my oath that knowing all that happened, I do not believe there was any. I will go thus far.

37,244. Then the next election?—Was the first election of Major Edwards and Wells. I was again active on Wells' behalf.

37,245. Was there any corrupt expenditure on that occasion?—I believe there was more expenditure in the way of messengers and travelling expenses. I do not think there was any indiscriminate payment of voters; but there was more laxity of conducting the expenses with respect to the published accounts. I think you will find the published accounts of the election much larger than the preceding election, though it was the same constituency, the same people, and the same year.

37,246. That was during the election we have heard of?—Yes.

37,247. You have heard all the evidence?—Yes, every bit of it.

37,248. You remember a man named Padget?—Yes, that was the election at which the cheque was sent in as travelling expenses to town. They were in that charged expenses at the time. I do not say they were legal, but that was the cheque.

37,249. Speaking of that election, are you yourself aware of any expenditure of money excepting that which is published in the published accounts?—I am not. You will find, I think, a larger amount as travelling expenses to voters.

37,250. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There is a considerable amount?—A much larger amount than the previous one. That election was what one may call more liberally conducted, or more illegally conducted if you like.

37,251. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The next election was in 1859?—Yes, the election of Walters.

37,252. I presume you know at that election of the expenditure that took place?—Yes, I may say, though I was not engaged in it, I know all that took place then. Shall we go into the circumstance of Mr. Walters' coming?

37,253. For myself I do not care to know anything except what bears upon the corrupt expenditure in the borough. We know a considerable sum of money was paid away by a man named Taylor?—Yes.

37,254. That is to say, he had the money, and Daniel Boyes called out a number, 1 or 2 for instance, or whatever it may have been, and Taylor paid the sum, whatever it may have been, according to what he heard in another room?—Yes.

37,255. Do you know who gave the money to Boyes or Taylor?—No, I do not. I know by report, but I do not personally know. I had nothing to do with it.

37,256. We will take from you what you understood by report?—I understood that Mr. Walters gave the money to Boyes.

37,257 Mr. Walters himself personally?—Yes, or some one on his behalf.

37,258. Oh, yes, we know that perfectly well?—I mean some one intimately connected with him. He had friends down with him. I do not know who he had with him; but there were several persons with him.

37,259. You cannot, in point of fact, tell us who was that intermediate hand. We know it came from Mr. Walters, and you do not know who was the intermediate hand between Mr. Walters and Mr. Boyes?—No if there was one, and I have some doubt if there was, at least I never heard of it.

37,260. Then the next election is the one we have been speaking of?—Yes, exactly, which we may take; if you permit me, almost as a part of the same transaction; it arose out of the same transaction.

37,261. You seem to have been more closely connected in point of fact with Gridley's election?—I was, the money came straight to my hands on that occasion.

37,262. The first sum of money paid was 250*l.*; paid to Mr. Clark?—No, 200*l.* was paid to Mr. Clark.

37,263. You are quite right, 200*l.* Did any portion of that come to your hands?—No.

37,264. However there was a sum of money paid away, as we have heard, during that election?—Yes.

37,265. That was paid by a man whose name we do not know, but he has been called "the man with a hairy cap"?—Yes.

37,266. Do you know who he was?—I knew the man, I did know him 10 years ago, but I have not seen him since. He was a man in the employ of Mr. Cross, who was Mr. Walters' agent, you will find in the petition of '59 which you have there, that Mr. Cross was the agent who conducted that petition. He sent down this man to pay the voters, it being perfectly certain that after the prosecution of Boyes was ordered no one in Beverley would do it.

37,267. Do you know whether Mr. Cross is alive now?—No, he is dead, he died three or four years after, and that makes the difficulty of these back elections, because all the people are dead.

37,268. The man was a person sent down from London, a clerk employed by Mr. Cross?—He was more a messenger than a clerk, I think he was a man who was employed for this sort of thing by Mr. Cross; that is my impression.

37,269. Do you know where he got this money?—I will tell you what became of the money that I had, and then I think you will draw your own conclusions.

37,270. That will not quite do, for he must have had the money before you got the cheque?—No, I got the cheque before Mr. Gridley left London; though it was not paid to his bankers, as he said, until the 2nd of February, he gave it to me before he left London.

37,271. He took the dates from the bankers' book, and not from the cheques themselves?—Precisely.

37,272. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was the date it got into his bankers' book?—That was the date it got into the bankers' book, but he gave me the cheque at or about the first interview I had with him in London on that day or the day after when the writ, was ordered by the House of Commons, on the 24th or 25th of January, the election being on the 31st.

37,273. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was the amount of the cheque?—500*l.*

37,274. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you do with the cheque?—I gave it to Mr. Cross, Mr. Cross had conducted the petitions, and I was told by Mr. Walters that Mr. Gridley was to pay 500*l.* for the expenses of these four petitions. I got the cheque, I do not know why it was not given to Mr. Cross direct, I forget the circumstances, but I know I had the cheque given to me, and I gave it to Mr. Cross.

37,275. Do you know what was done with the proceeds of the cheque?—All I know is I gave it to Mr. Cross; I can tell you what I afterwards heard of it.

37,276. When did you give it to Mr. Cross?—The night I left London.

37,277. When did you leave?—On the night of the first interview, on the 24th or 25th of January.

37,278. On the 25th of January you gave the money to Mr. Cross?—Clearly; he was there, he introduced me to Mr. Gridley on that afternoon, I had never seen him before. I have no doubt whatever that was the money spent by the man in the hairy cap. I can assure the Commissioners I gave the

money to Mr. Cross as has been said, with the understanding that this money was to be spent in paying for these four petitions.

37,279. That was in your belief the first money that was paid away in the way you have described?—I have no doubt of it, in fact I heard it from Mr. Cross after that the money was paid away by the man with the hairy cap.

37,280. Did you hear from Mr. Cross what was the whole amount paid away by the man with the hairy cap?—No, I do not think I did; he said the 500*l.* was spent.

37,281. And something more?—No, I do not know.

37,282. We know now there must have been something more, because on the 2nd of March there was a second cheque paid to you?—That was paid to me also, but that did not go to Mr. Cross at all, or into that account, it was a different matter.

37,283. You know, I suppose, the price that was paid a head?—Yes, 2*l.*, and there were about 300 men got it as I understood from Mr. Cross, but they did not all get 2*l.*, some got one; I understood in a general way that was the money. I looked upon this 500*l.* as a payment by Mr. Walters, through Mr. Cross, who had conducted all these petitions, and Mr. Cross acting as Mr. Walters' agent had some knowledge, I suppose, that the money was to be so employed in payment of the petitions.

37,284. You received a cheque which was paid by Mr. Gridley?—I received 500*l.* after the election, no doubt.

37,285. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We are upon the second cheque of 500*l.*; when did you receive it, Mr. Crosskill?—This was given to me after the election. I have not the book here, but you gentlemen have got the date of the petition against Mr. Walker when that was heard. It was tried immediately after the bye election.

37,286. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I can tell you?—If you will tell me the date when that was tried——

37,287. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The report on the petition was made on the 19th of March?—I do not remember.

37,288. The committee was nominated the 4th of March, it sat on the 15th, and the report was received by the House on the 19th?—Then the second cheque was given to me before it was tried.

37,289. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you do with the proceeds of the cheque?—The second cheque I gave to Mr. Clark to pay the remaining part of the expenses of the election that were not included in the published accounts, and with the balance he paid part of the petitions against Walker.

37,290. When was that paid?—The 2nd of March.

37,291. Paid to you?—It was given to me.

37,292. It was paid to Mr. Cross?—No, to Mr. Clark, the first was paid to Cross, I gave the second to Mr. Clark.

37,293. Did he ever tell you what balance he applied to the expenses of the election?—I believe I am correct in saying that he paid about 100*l.* more than the published accounts.

37,294. And the other balance of these expenses were paid by Mr. Walters?—Mr. Walters objected to pay them all.

37,295. Mr. Walters?—Clearly.

37,296-7. The petition against Mr. Walker?—Yes. Mr. Walters had previously told Mr. Clark he would have a petition, although Mr. Gridley was averse to it, and declined to pay more than half the expenses.

37,298. Though he said he would take no part, and though he took no part, yet you thought yourself justified in applying 400*l.* of his money for the petition?—Mr. Clark did so apply it with my knowledge.

37,299. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) For that petition?—For that petition. That petition cost 800*l.*

37,300. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is your recollection clear as to the sum Mr. Clark told you he applied to the expenses of the election, otherwise than the legitimate expenses of the election?—It is clear. That would be about 100*l.* more than was put into the accounts.

37,301. You take it that the sum expended in bribery in Mr. Gridley's behalf in the election of 1860 was 600*l.*?—I think the other 100*l.* was not spent in direct money payment to the voters, it was paid in the way of payment of messengers and travelling expenses. I believe the first 500*l.* was the sum that was actually paid to the voters in what may be strictly called bribes.

37,302. Now your account of your connexion with the election of 1860 ends there. Have you anything more to tell us?—No, I do not think I have. I will just refer.

37,303. Nothing more?—Nothing.

37,904. The next election is Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; did you take any part in that?—I took no part with respect to money. I only canvassed for Mr. Keane, and was generally anxious for his success. I may say as to the 500*l.* that Mr. Sykes said he paid to Mr. Boyes——

37,305. I think you cannot tell us about that?—I can tell you what affects myself, that I knew nothing about that 500*l.* My neutrality or acquiescence in Edwards and Sykes's return was certainly not purchased by any money that was given to him.

37,306-7. Why do you make that remark?—I think it was said generally that that money was given to Mr. Boyes to purchase the neutrality or acquiescence of the Liberal party in Edwards and Sykes's return. That is the impression upon my mind.

37,308. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There was no such impression upon my mind. I thought it was entirely personal. There was no notion on my mind that any farthing of that money was got out of Mr. Boyes' pocket or was ever intended to be so. That is all you have to tell us?—That is all with respect to that election. As to the last election of Maxwell and Trollope you have heard all about that.

37,309. You are a very active man on the Liberal side; can you tell us whether there was any bribery on either side?—No. But there was a meeting held in York. It was partly intimated by one of the witnesses that Mr. Leeman, Lord Herries, Mr. Trollope, and myself met at York, and the question was whether we met to determine the expenses. I will tell you what we did meet for. It was not about money at all, it was a question whether there should be one or two candidates. That is all.

37,310. The only thing that arises out of that meeting that concerns us is the surplus of the money. If you can tell us how that was applied?—I know nothing but what Mr. Wilkinson told you.

37,311. Have you anything further to state as to the election of 1868?—No.

37,312. I will just ask you, as an active man on the Liberal side, is it your opinion that that was a pure election taking it by itself?—Yes; apart from the municipal election, I think there was no expenditure on either side.

37,313. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You spoke of there being an expenditure in 1857, did you get any money then?—No, certainly not. All the money was paid through Mr. Clark.

37,314. In 1859, did you get any money then?—No, I got no money.

37,315. Then with regard to the municipal election of 1868?—I declined to have anything to do with it, fearing it would be mixed up with the parliamentary election, and I was chairman of Maxwell and Trollope's committee.

37,316. You knew there was some money going?—On the Liberal side? I heard so here. Generally, I knew there was a little.

37,317. Do you know where that money came from?—I heard that the people found it out of their own pockets, that is all I know about it. I may say that after voting at the municipal election I went out

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of town that day. I had previously been appointed chairman of the committee of Maxwell and Trollope, and I was anxious to be away.

37,318. From your knowledge of the circumstances of the election, is it your opinion that that money was found by the leaders of the Liberal party?—By those men here who said they did find it.

37,319. And it came from no other source?—I have no notion that it did.

37,320. Do you know whether that money was provided by them of their own motion, or from any arrangement among themselves?—I do not know; I took no part in any such thing.

37,321. I am aware you took no part.—Only from general knowledge.

37,322. From general knowledge. Have you a general knowledge that that money was found by them in consequence of preconcerted arrangement?—I think my knowledge of the last municipal election comes to this, that the Liberals were determined to spend a little money, and to get in if there was a fair chance.

37,323. Whom do you mean by the Liberals?—I mean the men you have examined here.

37,324. Tell me whom you refer to?—Mr. Hind and others.

37,325. Mr. Hind and others arranged to spend a little money?—I am referring to what they said here.

37,326. I am not referring to what they said here, but to your knowledge of what was going on in the town?—I think Mr. Hind managed St. Mary's ward pretty much himself.

37,327. About the time of the election, or before the election, did you hear of any arrangement of that kind?—I may say that I had a general knowledge that they were going to do something at the municipal election, as they had always done at previous municipal elections.

37,328. Mr. Hind for one ward?—Mr. Hind for one ward, and others for the other ward.

37,329. Who were the other?—Mr. Whiting for the Minster ward, and Mr. Boyes also.

37,330. Mr. Boyes also?—Yes, he always took an active part in the municipal elections.

37,331. Mr. Hind, Mr. Whiting, and Mr. Boyes had such an arrangement among themselves?—No, I do not believe Mr. Hind had; I believe he would do it for himself.

37,332. How did you hear that they were going to do something?—I heard it in general conversation. We knew there was going to be a contest.

37,333. You heard it in conversation with them?—No, I do not know how I heard it.

37,334. Your resolution to leave the town was formed after you had heard of that arrangement?—Well, my resolution—I may say, yes.

37,335. And in consequence of it?—No, not in consequence of that.

37,336. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I understood you to say you did not seek to be mixed up with the municipal election?—I did not want to be mixed up with the municipal election at all. I should say plainly that what I heard was going to be done was what had always been done at municipal elections before, whether there was a parliamentary election or not.

37,337. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I want to ask this as a general question. Have you told us of all monies that have come through your hands for the purpose of elections?—Certainly, every farthing.

37,338. Either for municipal elections or previous parliamentary elections?—Yes.

37,339. You have told us all?—Yes, I have.

37,340. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How was it you were selected by Mr. Gridley to receive the second 500*l.*? Did you apply to him for it?—I think I did at the request of Mr. Clark, Mr. Clark and I talked this matter over many many times, both as to the petition and as to the expenses of the election.

37,341. Was Clark concerned in the petition?—Yes, he was agent for the petition. You will find his name in the book. He conducted the petition.

37,342. He was agent for the petition?—Agent for the petition.

37,343. The 1860 petition?—The 1860 petition.

37,344. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The agents were Messrs. Durnford and Co., Mr. William Clark, Mr. Luke Hind?—Mr. Luke Hind and Mr. Clark were agents for the petition; and Messrs. Durnford were the parliamentary agents in London.

37,345. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Explain to me, did you write to him for the money?—No, I believe I went to him. I was in London at the time.

37,346. You applied to him in person?—I went to his house and saw him.

37,347. You did that at the suggestion of Clark?—I may say at our joint suggestion, I took it upon myself with Mr. Clark.

37,348. What strikes me as peculiar is, Mr. Clark being the recognized agent, and if this were a recognized payment, why did he not apply himself for the money?—It was not quite a recognized payment; it was not a payment going to be put into the published account of the expenses.

37,349. That 500*l.* that was got afterwards?—That was clearly not. I think the expenses were not published till after the petition.

37,350. (*Mr. Barstow.*) They ought to have been published before?—I think not. There is a certain time allowed, and the petition came quickly after the election.

37,351. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Six weeks are allowed.

37,352. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The petition was not tried until March.

(*Witness.*) It was immediately afterwards. I feel almost certain that the petition was tried before the expenses were published; because we wanted the expenses of the other side for the purpose of the petition, and we could not get at them.

37,353. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That clearly could not be so from my recollection of the Act. The 31st of January would be a month over the time, and the accounts were not published till the 11th of March?—I know we could not get them.

37,354. Are you acquainted with the political condition of the borough?—I should say I am very well acquainted with it.

37,355. Would you say that 300 on each side would be bribable?—If we speak of the old constituency, the new one has not been tried, the old constituency was 1,100, I think there were 400 of them who would not have changed from their side; but many of them were poor men, and whatever payment was made to secure the floating balance, many of the steadfast voters on that side would take that money without altering their votes.

37,356. What I want to know is this: Out of 1,100 voters, 700 were changeable upon proper temptations being pressed upon them?—No, I said 300. I said 400 on each side are steadfast.

37,357. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Then there was the "rolling stock"?—Then there was the "rolling stock" as Mr. Boyes called it; whatever you applied to purchase the "rolling stock," the poor men would take that.

37,358. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The men who take a bribe are bribable; it does not matter whether they change from their own side or not?—They may be as a matter of words, but not as a matter of fact.

37,359. What I said was "bribable"?—I have endeavoured to put the fact before you, and you can put it into words as you like.

37,360. Out of the 1,100, what portion of them would you say would be fairly accessible to the receipt of money?—That of course depends upon the amount of money paid. If 10*l.* on each side were paid, many more would take it than if 2*l.* or 3*l.* were paid.

37,361. I will take the last amount, how many would be accessible to money?—If the amount was about 2*l.*, which they had been accustomed to until the last two years, in addition to the 250 of the "rolling stock," who are detached from either side,

probably each side would have to pay from 250 to 300 of their own as well.

37,362. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know how much the constituency has been increased by the recent Act?—From 1,100 to 1,900; that is practical voters. There are more lower down.

37,363. I mean, excluding double entries?—Then, there are always 10 per cent. who do not vote.

37,364. The increase is from 1,100 to 1,900?—That is the number that actually vote, but there are more. The Commissioners may always reckon this, that of that number, deducting duplicates, 10 per cent. do not vote.

37,365. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Let me understand this. Assuming there are 250 or 300 who have no convictions, who take money on both sides, assuming these men to get 2*l.* apiece, do I understand you to say that about 300 on each side will expect to receive that 2*l.*?—I think I said from 250 to 300. I think that certainly is so. I think you would get that from the other side also. I think the Conservative party would admit that.

37,366. That would be making about 800 accesible to money?—To the receipt of money, accessible to the receipt of money.

37,367. Is there any other information you can give to the Commissioners?—As to the parliamentary elections, there is one point I wish to speak of with respect to the early ones, and that is the substitution of Mr. Denison for Mr. Gordon. I think it was Mr. Barstow asked about it. I think you put a question which seemed to imply that Mr. Denison came because he was more accessible to corrupt influences than Mr. Gordon was. The real reason why Mr. Gordon was not wanted to come again has never been stated in this court. It was this, that after the break-up of the Aberdeen government in consequence of the Crimean war, there was a disruption of parties. Mr. Gordon did not always vote with the Liberals. He was what 10 years afterwards would have been called an Adullamite. In the Chinese division, some of the Peelites voted with the Conservatives against Lord Palmerston's government, and Mr. Gordon was among them. That created great dissatisfaction down here, because he did not support the party after his father ceased to be prime minister. That was one great reason why he did not come again.

37,368. That was the cause of the general election?—That was the cause of the general election. In that critical division, and some preceding ones, Mr. Gordon had voted with the Peelites on the Conservative side. Then there was the undoubted fact that Mr. Denison, who was to be the future Lord Londesborough, could secure votes that no one else could. Men like Alderman Arden and Mr. Champney voted for him, both being Conservatives. Being a local man he would be sure to secure an amount of support that no other man possibly could. That is all about the parliamentary elections.

37,369. Then, about the municipal elections?—About the municipal elections. I am a member of the town council, and was elected in 1867. I was then out of the town, and there certainly could not have been any bribery then, because I was not afterwards asked to pay any larger amount than the ordinary expenses.

37,370. What are they?—5*l.* paid all my expenses of being elected. I may say, until I heard the evidence of Mr. Barkworth in this court, I was not aware that there had been any bribery on either side at that election. When he gave that money to Burrell, I believe that was spent in St. Mary's ward; it did not come into the Minster ward at all, where I was elected, or I should not have been elected. As to the accounts generally, I wish also to state that, since 1851, I have been actively concerned in council elections, and was secretary of an independent party that was formed to promote the abolition of politics out of town council elections. The elections from 1851 down to 1857 were to my certain knowledge conducted on both sides by subscription out of the pockets of the candidates and their friends. The system of getting money for this purpose from parliamentary candidates dates from 1857, when Sir Henry Edwards came. The allegation that the practice previously existed I believe to be entirely unfounded.

37,371. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I should like to ask you a question. What success had your independent party in returning members to the town council?—We had great success at the first election, because it was after the trees were cut down. We had great success that time, and we had partial success the year afterwards. Then we gradually broke up, and parties fell into their old groove again after a year or two.

37,372. Was there any union at that time of the two political parties for the purpose of returning independent men?—To a considerable extent there was.

37,373. I will take the election after the cutting down of the trees. Can you tell me, first of all, what the politics of the retiring councillors would be?—It is very difficult to say, it is so far back. I really cannot; I cannot, indeed. I believe they were not all on one side, even before the council was somewhat mixed. I think the retiring councillors were on both sides at that election, and I think they were principally re-elected.

37,374. Were they elected in about even proportions the first time after you commenced your efforts to return proper persons?—I should not like to speak without seeing the papers, because it is very long ago. I can only speak generally. It is 20 years ago.

37,375. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I have one more question to ask you with regard to the pasture masters. Was there an impression through the borough that the distribution of Walker's charity was determined by political motives?—There is a belief on the Liberal side that it was; that it was distributed solely for political purposes.

37,376. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Solely for political purposes?—Solely for political purposes. In point of fact, where it was given to a poor man who had met with an accident, he got it because he deserved it and was also a Conservative. He would not have got it if he had deserved it and had been a Liberal.

37,377. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I only want to know the impression?—That is the impression that existed.

37,378. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you known of your own knowledge of a deserving Liberal applicant being refused?—No, I cannot speak as to particulars. I can only speak as to the impression.

37,379. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Still, we have evidence that some Liberals got it?—No doubt they did.

37,380. Therefore, it could not have been exclusively done?—No, it was not exclusively done. But I think the evidence goes to this, that the last year or two, when Mr. Hutton and Mr. Dales remonstrated, and afterwards retired, when there was a division in the camp, the distribution was much fairer than it had been in the previous years, and that the bulk of the Liberals got it after that division in the camp.

JOSEPH CATTLE called, sworn, and examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Cattle.

37,381. Have you voted for many years at the elections?—I voted first in 1843, I believe.

37,382. Did you vote at the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells, in 1857?—I believe I voted for Denison, but I could not be confident whom else I voted for.

37,383. Did you get anything?—No, I got nothing.

37,384. When Major Edwards was up the same year, Edwards and Wells, did you vote then—when Edwards came the first time?—I voted for Glover that time.

37,385. I am speaking of after the election, when Glover was disqualified. There were two elections in 1857. After Glover was disqualified, Major Edwards

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came here. The two candidates were Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Wells.

37,386. Did you get anything?—No.

37,387. Have you got anything at any election?—Yes, I have.

37,388. Tell me which was that?—I got 2*l.* for Keane; at least my wife did.

37,389. You got 2*l.*, and you voted for Keane?—Yes, I did.

37,390. Who gave you the 2*l.*?—My wife got the 2*l.*

37,391. Who gave it to her?—She got it from the Mechanics' Hall.

37,392. Was that all you got at that election?—That was all I got at that election.

37,393. Now, the election before that, Walker and Gridley, did you get anything then?—I got 2*l.* on Gridley's side.

37,394. Who gave you the 2*l.*?—Mr. Luke Hind I believe gave it me, but I would not swear it on my oath.

37,395. Now, I will only go one step further back; Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in 1859?—I got nothing then. I voted for Mr. Walters.

37,396. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I did not.

A. Griffin.

AMBROSE GRIFFIN called, sworn, and examined by the Chief Commissioner.

37,397. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

37,398. How long have you been a freeman?—I do not know.

37,399. Well, about?—The first election I voted, I voted for Stewart and Batley.

37,400. In 1827. You have been a freeman a long time. Did you vote at the celebrated Towneley election?—Yes.

37,401. How much did you get?—I got either 5*l.* or 12*l.* 10*s.*, I could not say which.

37,402. We will come down to the election of 1857. Do you recollect when Mr. Denison, Glover, and Wells were up?—Yes.

37,403. Did you vote at the election?—Yes, I voted.

37,404. For whom?—I do not know whether I voted for Glover or not.

37,405. Did you get anything?—I do not recollect that I did.

37,406. There was 2*l.* going at that election. Do you recollect whether you got that or not?—I should get it if it was generally going.

37,407. You think you voted for Glover?—Yes.

37,408. Have you any distinct recollection of what you received?—No, I am sure I cannot say.

37,409. The next election was in the same year, when Major Edwards came and Mr. Wells. Did you vote at that election?—Yes.

37,410. For whom?—I voted for Edwards.

37,411. What did you receive at that election?—I do not recollect ever receiving anything.

37,412. We know there was a good deal of money spent; do you not recollect receiving any?—I cannot recollect. If it was regularly given I should get some.

37,413. Have you any stronger recollection?—Of what I got?

37,414. Yes, or where you got it. Do you recollect where you got it?—If I got it I should get it from Mr. Vickers.

37,415. Do you recollect the election in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Walker.

37,416. What did you receive?—I do not recollect that I got anything. I might, but I do not know.

37,417. It is not long ago. You cannot possibly forget whether you got money at that election or not. You must know?—If there was money going I have no doubt I should get it, and I should get it from Mr. Vickers, too.

37,418. Cannot you recollect whether you got money or not?—No, I cannot recollect.

37,419. Or what would be the sum?—I cannot recollect that, I am sure.

37,420. Did you ever receive 2*l.*?—Yes, I think I have sometimes.

37,421. When?—I cannot say what election.

37,422. You think you have?—Yes.

37,423. How many times do you think you have received it?—I am sure I cannot remember.

37,424. Seven or eight times?—Well, I have no doubt I have got money at the election six or seven times.

37,425. Now, I will bring you down to 1860, the election between Gridley and Walker, did you vote at that election?—Yes, I believe I did.

37,426. What did you receive?—I am sure I cannot recollect whether I received anything or not.

37,427. Why, I do not understand a memory like that?—I never thought about such things, and I never set anything down, never in my life, about electioneering.

37,428. Who would pay you, do you recollect?—I forget whether it was Mr. Vickers. I do not recollect ever getting money of anyone else. For a number of years before I got it from Mr. Vickers.

37,429. I will come down to 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election; did you vote at that election?—Yes.

37,430. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Sykes.

37,431. How much did you get?—I believe I get 30*s.* That is the election before the last.

37,432. Yes?—I believe 30*s.*

37,433. From whom?—From Mr. Akrill.

37,434. Where?—I should get it in the street. I got it twice from him.

37,435. How much did you get besides, or was it 1*l.* at one time and 10*s.* at another, or did you get more?—No; not to my knowledge.

37,436. Who should know if you do not? What is the use of not telling us all?—It is no use my telling a tale; Mr. Akrill is alive to prove it.

37,437. I mean did you get any more?—No; not that I know of. I did not.

37,438. Did you not expect more money at the time?—No, I cannot say that I did. I did not know that there was any more going.

37,439. What was the general amount? You said you received it six or seven times. Was 2*l.* the average?—I think I have got 2*l.*

37,440. Did you ever get more except at Towneley's?—Well, I am sure I cannot say. If I did it is some years ago. I think I once had 4*l.*; it is so many years ago.

37,441. Did you vote at the town council choosing?—No; I have nothing to do with that.

37,442. Why?—I never did.

37,443. I thought you were a freemen?—Yes.

37,444. You are living out of the town?—Yes.

37,445. Were you ever employed at any of the elections as messenger?—No.

37,446. Or in any way whatever?—Never.

37,447. Never employed in any way?—Never.

37,448. Did you ever receive any money at the "King's Arms"?—No; not to my recollection. I never did.

37,449. You did not vote at the last council choosing?—No.

37,450. You voted at the last election?—Yes.

37,451. For whom did you vote at the last election? Edwards and Kennard, and Maxwell and Trollope were the candidates?—For the Conservatives, both Edwards and Kennard.

37,452. Were you not paid your expenses for coming in?—No.

RICHARD SMITH called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

37,453. Are you a freeman or occupier?—A "ten-pounder."

37,454. How long have you been a "ten-pounder"?—Ever since Glover came.

37,455. Did you vote at Glover's election?—Yes, I did.

37,456. For whom did you vote?—For Glover.

37,457. What did you get?—I got nothing.

37,458. In the same year there was the election of Edwards and Wells. What did you get then?—Nothing.

37,459. Nothing at all?—No.

37,460. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards, and——

37,461. I am speaking of a bye election, where there was only Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Edwards and Wells that time.

37,462. You could not have voted for both?—Yes; I gave half to one and half to the other.

37,463. No; you could not have voted for both. Do you remember for whom you voted?—I voted then for Edwards.

37,464. For Edwards single?—Yes, I did.

37,465. You knew that there was money going?—Well, I never asked any man for a penny, and I never got a penny.

37,466. Have you ever got any money for your vote?—Never since I have had a vote.

37,467. That you pledge your oath to us?—Yes; there is not one man in England can say I did.

37,468. Have you ever been a messenger?—I never had anything to do with them.

37,469. Have you ever got anything for your services in any way?—When Mr. Glover was on I worked for Mr. Bainton, and I got my day's wage when I came and voted.

37,470. In what way did you work for Mr. Bainton?—I was at work there on the land.

37,471. You mean Mr. Bainton of Beverley Park?—Yes.

37,472. Is there any other money you got?—One time I voted there was some flour given away, and I think my wife got two stone.

37,473. When was that?—It was since I had a vote.

37,474. In whose behalf was it given away, do you remember?—No; I do not. I remember I ordered her not to go, and she went all the same, and got two stone of flour.

37,475. You do not know in whose interest the present was made to you?—No, I do not.

37,476. Was it immediately after the election?—I am sure I do not know; I do not know when it was.

37,477. Surely you can remember?—Well, I cannot. It was after I voted. Whether it was Sykes and Edwards I do not know.

37,478. Sykes and Edwards' election is not so long ago. Was it after Sykes and Edwards' election?—I am sure I do not know; I cannot say.

37,479. About how many years ago, you can tell us that?—I am sure I cannot. It is a good bit ago.

37,480. Is it as much as 10 years ago?—No; it would not be so much as that I think. I do not know, so it is no use my saying.

37,481. Is it as much as five years ago?—I should say it would be; but I am sure I do not know. I do not know which year it was in.

37,482. It was soon after you voted?—Well, I do not know, I am sure.

37,483. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Who gave the flour away?—I believe she said—I do not know whether it was Mr. Wreghitt; I never bothered my head about it.

37,484. Did she say Mr. Wreghitt gave it away?—Gave the ticket.

37,485. She said Mr. Wreghitt gave the ticket?—I believe that is it, but I never bothered my head about it, because I did not want her to go.

37,486. Never mind that. Answer the question. You know she said Mr. Wreghitt gave the ticket?—I believe she did.

37,487. That was four or five years ago?—Yes, I believe it is.

37,488. That would be after the election when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up. She brought the flour home?—Yes, I daresay she did.

37,489. And you used it?—I should say she used it.

37,490. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know whether there was a general distribution of flour at that time?—No, I never inquired anything about it.

37,491. You told your wife not to go?—Yes, I did.

37,492. How did you know any flour was going?—A neighbour had got some and told her.

37,493. And she told you you might have it for asking?—She told me she would go over, and I told her, the last word——

37,494. But where did she tell you she would go to?—To Beverley.

37,495. Did she say to whom she would go?—She did not then.

37,496. I am speaking of then?—No, she did not.

THOMAS TINSLEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

T. Tinsley.

37,497. What is your occupation?—A farm labourer.

37,498. Have you had a vote long?—About 16 years.

37,499. As a freeman?—No.

37,500. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) A 10*l.* householder?—I was, but I am not now.

37,501. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote in 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

37,502. For which of them did you vote?—Glover.

37,503. Did you get anything?—Nothing.

37,504. Have you got anything at any elections?—Yes.

37,505. Then we will go on. Edwards and Wells, also in 1857, did you vote then?—Yes.

37,506. For whom?—Edwards.

37,507. Did you get anything?—Five shillings.

37,508. From whom?—Mr. Bainton sent it to me.

37,509. Of Beverley Park?—Yes.

37,510. He gave you 5*s.*?—Yes.

37,511. Was that after the election?—It was.

37,512. Then 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, did you vote then?—I voted for Walters.

37,513. Did you get anything?—Two pounds.

37,514. From whom?—Mr. Taylor, I believe, gave it.

37,515. Then Walker and Gridley, in 1860?—I voted for Gridley.

37,516. Did you get anything?—Two pounds.

37,517. From whom?—Mr. Taylor gave it.

37,518. Then Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, in 1865?—I voted for Keane.

37,519. Keane that time?—Yes.

37,520. Did you get anything?—I got 2*l.*

37,521. Where?—In the Mechanics' Hall.

37,522. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

37,523. And you did not get anything?—Nothing.

37,524. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you promised anything?—No, nothing at all.

The witness withdrew.

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A. Holliday.

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RICHARD ALLEN HOLLIDAY called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

37,525. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

37,526. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1844.

37,527. I won't go through the earlier elections. Did you vote in 1857, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—Yes; I voted for Glover and Wells.

37,528. Did you receive anything?—No.

37,529. Nothing for your vote?—No.

37,530. At the next election in that year, when Major Edwards came, did you vote?—Yes, I voted for Major Edwards.

37,531. We know money was going then; did you receive any?—No, nothing.

37,532. Not at that election?—No.

37,533. When was the first election you received anything?—I received something at Walters's.

37,534. Was that the first?—Yes, all but Towneley's.

37,535. Towneley was the first?—Yes.

37,536. That was Towneley's second election. I do not think you got much then, 4*l.*?—Somewhere about 4*l.*

37,537. Then I understand you got nothing since Towneley's second election down to the time you voted at Walters' election?—I got 2*l.* at Walters'.

37,538. Did you vote for him?—Yes.

37,539. Did you vote at the next election, when Walters was turned out?—Gridley's? I voted for Gridley.

37,540. What did you get?—Two pounds.

37,541. Then at Keane's election, Sykes, Edwards, and Keane?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

37,542. What did you get?—I got 2*l.* 10*s.*

37,543. Did the Keane party bid for you? Did they offer you money?—I got 1*l.* for Keane.

37,544. Then you got 1*l.* for Keane and 2*l.* 10*s.* for the others?—Yes.

37,545. When was the 2*l.* 10*s.* paid you?—On the election day.

37,546. Before you voted?—Yes, the 2*l.* was, and the 10*s.* I got from Akrill was paid after the election.

37,547. At the last election for whom did you vote?—I voted from Edwards and Kennard.

37,548. Did you receive anything?—Nothing.

37,549. Did you vote at the municipal election?—I do not live in the borough.

The witness withdrew.

W. Jobson.

WILLIAM JOBSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

37,550. Are you a freeman?—No.

37,551. You are a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

37,552. How long have you been a 10*l.* householder?—20 years.

37,553. Did you vote at Walters, Edwards, and Walker's?—Yes.

37,554. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Walters.

37,555. What did you get?—I believe I got 1*l.*

37,556. That would be at the Toll Gavel?—No, I got it in the street.

37,557. Who paid you in the street?—A man came up and fetched us down in a cab, and gave me the 1*l.* when I got out of the cab.

37,558. Who was the man?—I am sure I do not know; I do not know him at all.

37,559. Would you know the name if I were to tell you?—I am sure I should not.

37,560. Was that all you got?—Yes.

37,561. Do you know on whose side he paid you, the man who gave you the 1*l.*, was it for Walters or for Edwards?—I never asked him anything, and he gave me the money.

37,562. Where did he pick you up in the cab?—At Molescroft.

37,563. You live at Molescroft?—Yes.

37,564. You do not know on which side you got the 1*l.*?—I do not I am sure; I never asked him.

37,565. Then the next election was Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Gridley.

37,566. Did you get anything?—No.

37,567. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.

37,568. Nothing for travelling expenses?—I did not get anything.

37,569. How did you come from Molescroft then?—I walked.

37,570. Then Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you get something then?—I did not.

37,571. Whom did you vote for?—I voted for Edwards and Keane.

37,572. You know both sides were paying?—Well, I did not get anything.

37,573. Were you promised anything?—I was not promised.

37,574. Did you walk in from Molescroft again?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Christie.

JOHN CHRISTIE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

37,575. What is your occupation?—Beerhouse keeper.

37,576. Are you a freeman?—No.

37,577. A 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

37,578. Have you had a vote for a long time?—At two elections.

37,579. The last two elections?—Yes.

37,580. Was the first election at which you voted the election of 1865, when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were candidates?—Yes.

37,581. That was your first election?—That was the first.

37,582. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

37,583. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

37,584. From whom?—Samuel Suddaby.

37,585. Was that all you got?—Yes.

37,586. From anybody?—I got nothing more.

37,587. Either before or after the election?—No, none at all, either before or after.

37,588. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I am out of the limits.

37,589. Did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—Yes.

37,590. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Maxwell.

37,591. Were you paid the expense of coming in?—No.

37,592. Not paid your expenses in any way?—No.

37,593. Not paid anything?—Nothing at all.

The witness withdrew.

W. Abbott.

WILLIAM ABBOTT called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

37,594. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

37,595. How long have you been a freeman of the borough?—I voted in 1865.

37,596. That was your first time?—Yes.

37,597. Are you a freeman by birth?—Yes.

37,598. For whom did you vote in 1865?—Edwards and Sykes.

37,599. What did you receive?—2*l.*

37,600. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

37,601. For whom, Edwards and Kennard?—Yes, Edwards and Kennard.

37,602. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I have nothing to do with it.

37,603. You got nothing at the last election?—No.

The witness withdrew.

MATTHEW WALKER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

37,604. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—I am free born.

37,605. Where do you live?—I live in Norwood. I have lived there all the time I have been in Beverley, except when I have been away in the country.

37,606. What was the first election you voted at?—I voted for Mr. Wing the first election.

37,607. Ah, that is a very early time. Did you vote in Walker and Gridley's election?—I was looking into the almanac to tell you. I voted first for Fox; that is the first I can see in the book.

37,608. For Fox; that was in Towneley's first election in 1841?—In 1847.

37,609. Never mind that. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—What year would that be in?

37,610. That would be in 1857?—I voted for Denison.

37,611. Did you get anything?—No.

37,612. Were you living in Beverley then?—No.

37,613. Did you get any travelling expenses?—No, I do not remember. I have often come six or seven miles and never got anything.

37,614. Were you promised anything?—No, I never was promised anything.

37,615. Then the next election was Edwards and Wells, in the same year. Did you vote then?—I do not remember polling more than once that year. I might, but I do not recollect.

37,616. You can tell it by looking at the book. Do you know whether you polled or not more than once that year?—I do not know that I polled twice.

37,617. You polled for Edwards that year?—I polled for Denison in 1857, and I polled for Walker in 1859; Edwards and Walker.

37,618. Stop a minute. You polled for Edwards that year, 1857?—No, Denison.

37,619. I know you did, but you voted for Edwards also. There was another election the same year?—I do not remember voting that time. I have looked into the book, and I do not see.

37,620. Are you sure you did not vote?—I do not see it in the book.

37,621. The next election was in 1859, Walters' election?—That was Edwards and Walker I polled for.

37,622. What did you get then?—I do not remember getting anything.

37,623. There was plenty to be got if you had asked for it?—There were places to get it, but I was not going to seek so much for it.

37,624. I should have thought it would not require so much seeking?—Well, I did not get it.

37,625. Have you got it at any election?—Yes.

37,626. What election?—Well, Edwards and Sykes I got 2*l.*

37,627. You voted for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

37,628. Was that the only time you got it?—That is the only time I can remember getting it.

37,629. You can remember that?—Yes, I remember that.

37,630. Did you vote for Walker in Walker and Gridley's election?—In 1860, only for Walker.

37,631. Did you get anything then?—No.

37,632. You live in Norwood now?—Yes.

37,633. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

37,634. What did you get?—16*s.*

37,635. Who paid you?—I believe Thirsk.

37,636. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—For Mr. Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM SPIVEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

W. Spivey.

37,637. What are you by occupation?—A labourer.

37,638. Where do you work?—Anywhere where I can.

37,639. How long have you had a vote?—Nearly 40 years.

37,640. You are a freeman?—Yes.

37,641. Do you remember Denison, Wells, and Glover's election in 1857?—Yes.

37,642. Did you vote?—Yes.

37,643. For whom?—For Lawley and Wells.

37,644. No, Denison, Glover, and Wells. Did you vote for Denison?—Yes.

37,645. And who else?—I voted for Lawley and Wells.

37,646. I mean after Mr. Lawley had gone away, there came Gordon and Hastings, and then after that there was Denison, Glover, and Wells?—I voted for Wells.

37,647. For Wells alone?—Yes.

37,648. Did you get anything?—No, I did not.

37,649. Have you got anything in any election?—Yes.

37,650. The next election, when Major Edwards came here, Edwards and Wells were the candidates, did you vote then?—I voted for Wells.

37,651. Did you get anything?—No.

37,652. The next election after that was Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover, in 1859, did you vote then?—I do not know that I did.

37,653. When have you got anything for your vote?—The last time I voted for Edwards.

37,654. That was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

37,655. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

37,656. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Edwards.

37,657. Alone?—Yes.

37,658. Plumped for him?—Yes.

37,659. And got 2*l.*?—Yes.

37,660. Where did you get it?—My brother got it.

37,661. But where did he get it from?—I cannot say that.

37,662. Where did he he get it from?—I do not know; I never asked him.

37,663. Did you go with him to get it?—No, I did not.

37,664. When did he get it?—I got it the morning of the election day.

37,665. Do you live in the town or out of the town?—In the town.

37,666. And he went for you to get it?—He went and fetched it.

37,667. Do you know where he went to fetch it from?—I do not know exactly.

37,668. Was it somewhere in the town? You knew he was going to fetch it?—Yes, I knew he was going to fetch the money.

37,669. Where from?—He did not say. He said I was to go to his home to fetch it. That is all I know about it.

37,670. You went with him to fetch it?—No, I went to his house and waited till he came back.

37,671. You waited at his house while he went to fetch it?—Yes.

37,672. He told you he was going to fetch it?—Yes.

37,673. Did he tell you where he was going to fetch it from?—No, he did not.

37,674. Where is your brother?—He is here.

37,675. In the room?—Yes.

37,676. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is he a voter?—Yes.

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37,677. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is your brother's christian name?—Charles Spivey.

37,678. And your brother got it for both of you?—Yes.

37,679. Then Walker and Gridley's election in 1860, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Gridley.

37,680. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

37,681. Who gave you that?—I am sure I cannot tell you, from a man with spectacles and a wig on, and a smock.

37,682. Where was he?—At the "Pack Horse."

37,683. Was that the man with the hairy cap?—I cannot say whether it was a cap, or what it was; I do not know; I thought it was a wig.

37,684. Now, what other times have you got money at elections?—I have got it a good way back.

37,685. At the election before that did you get any?—I do not think I polled at the election before that.

37,686. The first time that Major Edwards came here, did not you get money then?—I did not poll for him.

37,687. In 1857, Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Edwards and Wells.

37,688. I thought you said you voted for Wells?—I did.

37,689. Did you get anything?—No, I did not.

37,690. You voted twice for Wells?—Once for Wells. Yes, I got 2*l.* for Wells.

37,691. Which time was it you got 2*l.*?—The first time.

37,692. Then when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up, in 1857?—I do not know.

37,693. Perhaps you will remember it by this, that Mr. Glover afterwards lost his seat, he was disqualified. I am talking of that election?—I know they unseated him.

37,694. Did you vote then?—No, I do not think I did.

37,695. When you got 2*l.* for voting for Wells, do you remember what year that was?—I am sure I do not.

37,696. Lawley, Wells, and Glover, was that the time?—I polled for them two.

37,697. Which two?—Lawley and Wells.

37,698. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

37,699. That was in 1852?—(*No answer.*)

37,700. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you get more than 2*l.* for voting for Wells?—No.

37,701. Have you voted for money two or three times?—I think twice. I did not get anything last time.

37,702. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You did not get anything last time?—No, I did not.

37,703. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you not receive more than the 2*l.* you got from your brother? Did you not receive 2*l.* from a man named Robinson?—No, I swear I did not.

37,704. A man named William Robinson or Benjamin Robinson?—No.

37,705. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are you a gaslighter by occupation?—Yes.

37,706. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Just one question. You say you voted for Lawley and Wells?—Yes.

37,707. Then you got 2*l.*?—Yes.

37,708. Then you voted for Denison and Wells?—Yes.

37,709. Did you get anything then?—I do not know that I did.

37,710. Did you or did you not get anything for Denison and Wells?—No, I do not know that I did. I do not know that I voted.

37,711. I thought you said just now that you did?—You said Mr. Denison.

37,712. You remember Denison coming, and Wells, do not you?—I voted for Mr. Wells.

37,713. Did you get anything?—I got 2*l.* when I voted for Mr. Wells.

37,714. Wells was here with Lawley, Lawley and Wells; did you get 2*l.* at that time?—Yes, I did.

37,715. So you told us, and that I understand. Now Wells was here again with Mr. Denison; Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I voted for Wells.

37,716. Did you get anything?—No, I did not.

The witness withdrew.

C. Spivey.

CHARLES SPIVEY called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

37,717. You are a freeman?—Yes.

37,718. How long have you been a freeman?—Between 30 and 40 years.

37,719. Did you vote at Townley's election?—Yes.

37,720. How much did you get?—I got 12*l.* then.

37,721. Now I come to 1857; did you vote at the election of 1857?—Yes.

37,722. Denison, Wells, and Glover; for whom did you vote?—For Glover when he came. I voted for Glover all the time he came.

37,723. What did you get?—I never got a penny till 1865.

37,724. Did you vote when Edwards and Wells were up?—Yes.

37,725. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards.

37,726. Did you receive anything?—Not a farthing.

37,727. Were you employed in any way?—No.

37,728. Now in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker; did you vote then?—I voted for Edwards.

37,729. Edwards and Walker, I suppose?—No, I think I voted single Edwards that time.

37,730. Did you get anything?—No.

37,731. The next was Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker then.

37,732. Did you get anything?—No.

37,733. What are you?—A labouring man.

37,734. In 1865 did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

37,735. What did you get?—I got 2*l.* for myself.

38,736. How much for others?—I got 10 sovereigns altogether. I paid my brother two, and three of my nephews two, and two for myself. Mr. Robinson paid me.

37,737. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You got 10*l.* from Mr. Robinson?—Yes.

37,738. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You got money for five, and you distributed it amongst them?—Yes.

37,739. Was it the first money you received?—It was the first money for a long time since Towneley's election.

37,740. Did you vote for the council choosing?—Yes.

37,741. Did you ever receive any money for council choosing?—I always received some when there was any to get.

37,742. How much did you get?—I got as high as 17*s.* 6*d.* the last time.

37,743. From whom?—I think it was from Thirsk.

37,744. Do you work at the foundry?—No, I work at Mr. Catterson's.

37,745. When was the last time you received any money at a council choosing before that?—I always had it at the council choosing when there was any.

37,746. Did you get any in 1867?—Yes, I should think I should if there was any to get.

37,747. But did you get any money in 1867?—I could not swear, but I should think I should if there was any to get.

37,748. I asked you did you get any, and if so how much?—I do not know; I got 10*s.* sometimes.

37,749. Did you get any; tell me, did you get any money in 1867?—I should get it if there was any to get.

37,750. That is not an answer. Did you get any, and from whom?—I cannot tell you who paid me.

37,751. Did you get any money?—I daresay I did. That is all. I cannot say any more; I cannot recollect so long back as that.

37,752. What, not 1867, two years ago?—No.

37,753. Did you get any in 1866?—I have always got it when they paid as well as anybody else. I am sure I could not tell you what year it was in.

37,754. Will you tell me any year that you got any money for council choosing except 1868?—I know I have got it when they have paid all the years there have been council choosing.

37,755. Cannot you give me any one year in which you voted and were paid at the council choosing?—I do not know, I am sure, exactly. I know I have got it every year when there has been any to get.

37,756. You will not tell me what you got?—No, I am sure I could not; if I was upon my oath I am sure I could not tell you what I got.

The witness withdrew.

B. Gillyon.

Benjamin Gillyon called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

37,757. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

37,758. How long have you been a freeman?—About 12 years.

37,759. What was the first election at which you voted?—Walters'.

37,760. Was that the first?—Yes.

37,761. Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes.

37,762. For whom did you vote?—For Walters.

37,763. What did you get?—2*l.*

37,764. The next election was in 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker.

37,765. What did you get?—30*s.*

37,766. Then the next election was in 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane.

37,767. What did you get?—3*l.*

37,768. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

37,769. All from Keane?—All from Keane.

37,770. Have you a vote for the town council?—Yes.

37,771. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Catterson and that lot.

37,772. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

37,773. Who paid you?—Watson.

37,774. At the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.

37,775. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election, the last?—I polled for Major Edwards and Maxwell.

37,776. Did you get anything?—No.

The witness withdrew.

G. Monkman.

George Monkman called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

37,777. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

37,778. Do you remember the election of 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

37,779. Did you vote then?—I voted for Glover.

37,780. Did you get anything?—No.

37,781. Have you got anything at any of these elections?—At Towneley's election I got 12*l.*, I think.

37,782. But I mean in later times?—I generally go so much a day as a canvasser or runner, or what they call it.

37,783. Now at this election of Denison, Glover, and Wells in 1857, were you a runner?—Yes.

37,784. What did you get?—I am sure I forget how many days' pay, but I got 5*s.* a day for what I did in the town. I went out of the town sometimes for two or three days, and I got 7*s.* 6*d.* a day for that.

37,785. For about a week or so?—That would be the outside.

37,786. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How much did you get altogether?—Somewhere about 30*s.*

37,787. For whom did you vote?—I never voted for nothing but the Conservatives for 40 years.

37,788. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Always answer the question directly. For whom did you vote?—For Glover.

37,789. Now the next election, Edwards and Wells, were you employed as a runner then?—Yes, doorkeeper, it is all one thing.

37,790. And you got 30*s.* or 40*s.* then?—Not so much as that then.

37,791. Over a pound?—Perhaps, but I could not say exactly.

37,792. For whom did you vote?—Edwards.

37,793. Now go on to the next election, in 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover, did you vote for Edwards and Walker?—I did.

37,794. What did you get then?—I am sure I cannot say what I got; I got paid just the very same.

37,795. About a pound or two?—Yes. Barring Towneley's election I was always paid as a runner or canvasser.

37,796. Now, in this election of 1859 you got something like 2*l.*, is that so?—Yes, I perhaps might.

37,797. Now go on to the election of 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker.

37,798. Did you get about 2*l.* then?—I do not know I got anything at that time; I cannot remember I got anything, but if I did it would be for running.

37,799. Were you employed as a runner?—It was, only, I believe, for a day or two.

37,800. At 5*s.* a day?—I generally got 5*s.* a day.

37,801. Did you at that time?—Yes.

37,802. At the election of 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you vote for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

37,803. Were you a runner then?—Yes.

37,804. Did you get 2*l.* or so?—Four or five days' pay; I am sure I cannot say.

37,805. Over a pound?—Yes, I believe.

37,806. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—I did.

37,807. Did you get anything?—Yes.

37,808. How much?—1*l.*

37,809. From whom?—Mr. Nutchey.

37,810. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

37,811. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you ever get anything else?—I do not know I ever got anything else as runner, except at Towneley's election.

37,812. Did you ever receive Walker's gift?—Yes, I did.

37,813. When was that?—Four or five years ago.

37,814. Can you tell me the date?—I am sure I cannot tell you the date; it would be four or five years ago, but I would not speak to the time.

37,815. On what ground did you receive it?—It was a little money to assist me at the time I was out of work.

37,816. Were you a stocker on the pastures in any way?—I formerly was.

37,817. When you got the gift?—No.

37,818. Then you had lost nothing?—I had not lost any stock. It was assistance as I had been out of work.

37,819. How much did you get?—3*l.*

37,820. I should like you to tell me the date?—I am sure I cannot tell you the date.

37,821. There is another Monkman who had something to do with that; are you a relation of his?—I have several relations in this town; I have a brother Thomas Monkman.

37,822. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Isaac Monkman?—He is clerk to the pasture masters; he is a cousin of mine.

37,823. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you make a written application?—Yes; when I applied for that.

37,824. Had you spoken to anyone before you made the application?—Not a bit; no more than it was given to assist people.

37,825. What ground did you put your application

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upon?—I wanted them to assist me to pay my rent; I was back at that time.

37,826. Was that the ground?—That was the ground.

37,827. What rent had you to pay?—I was paying then 6*l.* a year for the house I lived in.

37,828. Is that your writing in December 1866 (*handing a book to witness*)?—I believe it is.

37,829. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I drive the 'bus at present for Mr. Morley, at the "Beverley Hotel."

37,830. What were you in 1866?—A labouring man.

37,831. What did you labour at?—Any kind of work I could get to do.

37,832. Are you no particular trade? Were you never apprenticed to anything?—I never was apprenticed to anything.

37,833. How long had you been out of work?—I am sure I cannot say, perhaps a month or two, three or four months. I cannot say exactly what length of time to a few days.

37,834. Had you been out of work at all?—Oh yes, else I should not have applied for it.

37,835. Whom did you work for?—I worked at the foundries a good bit, Mr. Crosskill's, at the old foundry.

37,836. Not Mr. Crosskill's?—Yes; it was Mr. Crosskill's at that time.

37,837. I want to know for whom you were working in 1866?—I was working then for any person, any farming work, or anything of that sort. I have drove the 'bus now betwixt two and three years.

37,838. For whom had you been working immediately before you made the application?—I am sure I cannot speak to it exactly, because I was working for several people where I could get a week or two. I cannot say particularly who I was working for.

37,839. What did you generally work at, foundry work?—I think I was at the foundry five years at least, and farming work was my chief work before.

37,840. In those days you called yourself a farm labourer?—Yes.

37,841. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you receive a salary from the corporation?—Yes.

37,842. What is that for?—I am one of the mayor's officers.

37,843. How long have you had that?—Eight or nine years. I am sure I cannot speak exactly.

37,844. How much is it?—10*l.* a year.

37,845. And you had it in 1866 of course?—I have had the situation eight or nine years.

37,846. You had it at the time you made this application?—I had.

37,847. How long was it before you got the money that you made the application? You received the money, Walker's gift, on the 21st December 1866?—I should think it would be a twelvemonth before that, perhaps more.

37,848. More than a twelvemonth?—I really believe it was, to the best of my recollection.

37,849. Is your salary as a mayor's officer paid half-yearly?—Quarterly.

37,850. At Christmas Day, at the usual quarter days?—I believe there is one quarter due on Christmas Day.

37,851. Then of course you would get one quarter immediately after you received the Walker's gift?—It would not be long after, I believe.

37,852. What is the nature of your office under the mayor?—I am what they call mace bearer.

37,853. Do you remember what time of the year the election of 1865 was?—I am sure I cannot speak exactly to that.

37,854. Was it after the election that you applied for Walker's gift?—I believe it would be, but I am sure I would not say.

37,855. How is it that your application remained so long? Was there no answer made to it?—To tell you the very reason, I believe, there as been so many applications for that that they came one after another as they made the applications.

37,856. Did you make your application more than once?—No, never but once. I never made any application but once.

37,857. You made this application in writing, and heard no more of it for a twelvemonth?—I never heard no more of it but a word that I was to attend a meeting.

37,858. Do you remember who were present at that meeting?—I am sure I do not know; it was the pasture masters.

37,859. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who suggested to you that you should make this application?—Well, I suggested it to myself through wanting a little money, and this kind of gift had been given away to a great many. I thought in my own mind that I had as much right for them to assist me as other people.

37,860. You mean the gift had been given away to a great many people in similar circumstances to yourself?—I believe it had, I do not know any other, for losses, and so on.

37,861. But you had no loss; you were in receipt of a very decent sum of money, and did not say you were out of work more than a month?—Oh, longer than that, a month or two, or two or three months; I could not tell exactly.

37,862. Now do you know any person exactly in similar circumstances to yourself who received the gift, anyone who has not had a loss?—I cannot be answerable for any person else. I know a good few that has got it.

37,863. Without having a loss?—Why, there is no doubt, but I cannot be answerable for any person.

37,864. You told us just now you made the application because you had known many persons in circumstances like your own who had received this gift?—For assistance to pay the rent, or anything that they had got bad.

37,865. Whom do you know? This was in December 1866, you know, only about three years ago. You told us that you applied because you had know several persons in circumstances like your own, that is to say, as I take it, who had not lost stock, who applied and got the gift?—I had not lost at that time.

37,866. Understand my question. I want to know whom you know who applied and got the gift who had not lost stock?—I am sure I do not know; there is so very many that has got it I cannot pretend to mention the names.

37,867. You must have known at the time who the persons were that had been in similar circumstances to yourself, and got the gift. Did you or did you not know at the time you made the gift persons in circumstances like yours who had got Walker's gift?—I have seen it in the paper. There is no doubt but there was a very great deal.

37,868. Did you or did you not know them?—I cannot mention the names.

37,869. Answer my question?—Well, I cannot mention the names just now.

37,870. Did you know then?—I should know at that time; there is no doubt of it.

37,871. Three years ago?—Yes.

37,872. Now who were they?—I am sure I cannot speak to the names, not to mention the names of the persons that got it. If I had the list of names before me I might. There is no doubt but there would be several I should know.

37,873. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They were published you say?—Yes, every year.

37,874. Was your name published?—Yes.

37,875. Were you described in the published list as the mace bearer to the mayor?—It would not be put in that way on the list. It would be "George Monkman, labourer," I should say, which I was at that time.

37,876. No, you were in the employ of the mayor as mace bearer?—I do not think I was ever described as "George Monkman, mace bearer," in any papers or list, or anything of that sort.

The witness withdrew.

CHARLEY VALENTINE BISHOPRICK called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

37,877. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

37,878. How long have you been a freeman?—12 years.

37,879. Have you taken an active part in the elections?—No.

37,880. Not a very active part?—No.

38,881. Have you voted at the municipal elections?—Yes.

37,882. And you have voted for the pasture masters, I suppose?—Yes.

37,883. And you have voted for the parliamentary? Yes.

37,884. When was your first vote?—In 1859.

37,885. Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes.

37,886. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

37,887. What did you get?—Nothing.

37,888. Nothing?—No.

37,889. Were you promised anything?—No.

37,890. Were you employed?—I think I was employed as a messenger.

37,891. When I say employment, how much did you get?—I got just the same as others, I suppose.

37,892. Tell us plainly and honestly what you did receive?—I received about 10*s.*

37,893. 10*s.* a day?—No, I was not employed day by day, but only occasionally.

37,894. How much did you receive at the election of 1859?—I think about 10*s.*

37,895. From whom?—I should get it at Mr. Bainton's office.

37,896. Do not say I should get it, you must know?—I got it at Mr. Bainton's office.

37,897. Who from? Come, tell me from whom did you get it?—From Mr. McCoy.

37,898. How much?—I do not remember.

37,899. About how much? Was it before or after the election?—After the election.

37,900. Did you go up to the place?—We were ordered to attend there.

37,901. Who ordered you to attend there?—I do not know.

37,902. Who employed you?—Mr. McCoy employed me.

37,903. How many days were you employed before the election?—Perhaps a week.

37,904. Was anything said how you were to be remunerated when he employed you?—No.

37,905. Nothing was said?—Nothing that I knew of.

37,906. Was anything said about the matters you were to be employed in?—No.

37,907. He said to you, "Will you act as messenger?"—Yes.

37,908. Had you known at the time a number of persons who were also employed as messengers?—Yes.

37,909. And that there were such a set of people in Beverley were called messengers' money?—Yes.

37,910. And in fact it amounted to 2*l.* or 3*l.* a-piece?—I never had that amount.

37,911. Will you venture to say on your oath you did not receive more than 10*s.*?—I will not.

37,912. Or more than 1*l.*?—I will not say what I did receive.

37,913. Will you venture to say you did not receive more than 1*l.* at the elections?—No.

37,914. Will you venture to say you did not receive more than 2*l.*?—I did not receive 2*l.*, I may venture to say that, I think.

37,915. Is it not your belief you received 1*l.* or 2*l.*?—I did not receive more than 1*l.*

37,916. I am asking you about your recollection?—I do not remember.

37,917. Do you remember receiving 1*l.*?—No, I do not.

37,918. You were sent out a week before the election by Mr. McCoy; well, I will take you to another election, the next election, 1869?—Yes.

37,919. Did you vote then?—Yes, I should vote for Mr. Walker.

37,920. Were you similarly employed?—I should be.

37,921. By Mr. McCoy?—I do not know.

37,922. Who did you get your money from?—I think from Mr. McCoy.

37,923. How many days were you employed?—About a week, but I will not speak positively.

37,924. Did he ask you how many days you were employed?—I think not.

37,925. How many persons were present when you were paid?—No one was there when I was there.

37,926. When you say, "We were ordered," who were we?—I was ordered.

37,927. No written order?—No.

37,928. Who ordered you?—Mr. McCoy.

37,929. He did not ask you how many days you were employed?—No.

37,930. How much money did he give you?—At Walker's election?

37,931. Yes?—I do not know.

37,932. Consider for a moment the position you were in. You were employed by McCoy. You recollect all the circumstances of his asking you to attend his office. Do you not know as a matter of fact whether you received 5*l.* or 5*s.*?—I do not know whether I received 5*s.* or 5*l.*

37,933. You received money?—Yes, I received money. I daresay I did receive the same as the others.

37,934. What did you receive?—I have not the slightest recollection.

37,935. Did you sign any paper?—No.

37,936. You were employed as a messenger, will you give me the names of any persons you took a message to?—I was employed generally to deliver circulars.

37,937. Where?—About the town.

37,938. You took a parcel of papers round the town and delivered them at the door?—Yes.

37,939. What are you?—A hair dresser.

37,940. Do you carry on business on your own account?—Yes.

37,941. And did you then?—Yes.

37,942. And I suppose had assistants?—No.

37,943. Go to the election in 1865, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards.

37,944. Were you employed?—Yes.

37,945. How long before the election?—About the same time, about a week.

37,946. In 1865?—Yes.

37,947. What did you receive; how much did you receive?—1*l.*, I think.

37,948. When you received money, from whom did you receive it? You know the amount of money that was going on; from whom did you receive yours?—I think I received it from Mr. McCoy.

37,949. Are you sure, for there were other paymasters then?—I really forget.

37,950. Where did you receive it?—I do not know; Mr. Champney's perhaps.

37,951. Who told you to go to Mr. Champney's?—One of his clerks.

37,952. Which of his clerks?—I do not know; it was a youth.

37,953. Is the youth there still?—No, I think not.

37,954. A youth in Mr. Champney's office told you go there, how many days after the election?—A week or a fortnight perhaps.

37,955. He came to your shop?—Yes.

37,956. You keep a shop in Beverley?—Yes.

37,957. Is it over 10*l.* a year?—5*l.*

37,958. He came to you, and did he ask you to go to Mr. Champney's office?—Yes.

37,959. And who did you see there?—I forget who paid me.

37,960. Did you see one of his senior clerks?—Yes.

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37,961. Is this man in his employ now, do you know?—No, I forget.

37,962. I think there is a sponge applied to all the men's memories here in Beverley to wipe out all recollection?—I forget who it was that paid me; it was one of his clerks.

37,963. Who was it?—It was a senior clerk; I do not know his name.

37,964. I did not ask you his name; was it a senior clerk?—Yes.

37,965. What did he pay you?—I forget.

37,966. Did he pay you in sovereigns?—No, a few shillings; it was a few shillings.

37,967. A few shillings and employed for a week?—I was not employed every day.

37,968. Do you mean to say he did not pay you more than 2*l.*?—Yes.

37,969. More than 1*l.*?—I will say he did not pay me more than 1*l.*

37,970. Did you sign any receipt?—No, I did not.

37,971. Did he ask you how many men were employed?—No.

37,972. Did you send anybody to him?—No.

37,973. Did you leave it entirely to himself what he should pay you?—Yes.

37,974. Now we will come down to 1868. Did you vote for the council choosing?—Yes.

37,975. What did you receive?—1*l.*

37,976. From whom?—David Nutchey.

37,977. Where did he pay you?—Padget's shop.

37,978. Did you vote at the parliamentary election, the then coming election?—Yes.

37,979. Who for, was it Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

37,980. Were you employed?—No.

37,981. You were not employed?—No.

37,982. And I suppose nobody asked you to go to their office to receive money after that?—No.

37,983. Who canvassed you; did Nutchey canvass you to vote for Edwards and Kennard this last time?—No.

37,984. Who did?—Edwards and Kennard.

37,985. And who else?—From half-a-dozen to a dozen.

The witness withdrew.

W. Johnson.

WILLIAM JOHNSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

37,986. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

37,987. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-four years.

37,988. Did you vote at the election when Denison, Wells, and Glover stood?—Yes.

37,989. Whom did you vote for?—Wells.

37,990. Wells singly?—Yes.

37,991. Not for Denison?—I think not.

37,992. Did you get anything?—No.

37,993. You are quite sure?—Yes.

37,994. Next election is Edward and Wells?—Yes.

37,995. You voted again for Wells?—Yes.

37,996. What did you get that time?—I think 2*l.*

37,997. Where was that paid you?—I really do not know, but I think at the "Pack Horse."

37,998. Who paid you?—I do not know.

37,999. Oh, yes you do?—I do not know who the gentleman was. He was upstairs at the "Pack Horse."

38,000. I ask you who it was?—I cannot say, I am sure.

38,001. The next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election in 1859?—Yes.

38,002. Who did you vote for?—Walters.

38,003. What did you get?—Nothing.

38,004. How came you not to get anything?—I never applied for anything.

38,005. You knew money was going?—I never got anything.

38,006. Were you never promised anything?—No.

38,007. Did you never ask for anything?—No.

38,008. The next election was in 1860, Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

38,009. You voted for Gridley?—Yes.

38,010. What did you get then?—Nothing.

38,011. Are you quite sure?—I believe I got 2*l.*, in Toll Gavel.

38,012. No, you got 2*l.*, at Walter's?—In Toll Gavel.

38,013. No, "Pack Horse"?—No, that was Gridley's.

38,014. Were you paid in the Toll Gavel?—I believe I was.

38,015. By Robert Taylor?—Yes, I remember that.

38,016. Then you remember being paid at Walters' election?—I got 2*l.*

38,017. From Walters?—Yes.

38,018. What did you get in 1860 at Walker and Gridley's?—I got 1*l.*

38,019. You said the "Pack Horse"?—I got 2*l.* at the "Pack Horse" and 2*l.* at Toll Gavel.

38,020. You were paid by a man with a hairy cap?—I cannot say that.

38,021. You were paid at the "Pack Horse"?—Yes.

38,022. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, who did you vote for?—I voted for Keane and Edwards.

38,023. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

38,024. Was this at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

38,025. What did you get for Edwards?—Nothing. I never did get anything from him.

38,026. Then all you got in 1865 was 2*l.* from Keane?—Yes.

38,027. Have you voted at the council choosing?—Yes.

38,028. What did you get?—15*s.*

38,029. Who paid you?—Thomas Harris.

38,030. Who did you vote for, the Conservatives?—Yes.

38,031. Which ward did you vote for?—The Minster ward.

38,032. Who did you vote for at the last election? Edwards and Captain Kennard.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,033. What are you by occupation?—At present I am working as a driver at a mill.

38,034. You work for some miller?—Yes, Lawson, a miller in Westwood.

38,035. Have you had Walker's gift?—Yes.

38,036. When was that?—I do not know for certain, it may be 12 months back, it is a long time since.

38,037. When did you get it?—About Christmas time.

38,038. Last Christmas?—No, the Christmas before.

38,039. Was it the Christmas of '67 or '68?—I cannot say, I am sorry I do not remember, it may be two years ago or one. I cannot say exactly whether it is two years or one, but I believe it may be two years ago.

38,040. It is nearly two years ago?—Yes, I think it was.

38,041. And in Christmas time?—Yes.

38,042. Did you get anything?—Yes.

38,043. For a loss?—Yes.

38,044. What was it?—I had two cows who both slipped their calves.

38,045. Did you say kicked their calves?—No,

slipped their calves. The cows were ill before their time.

38,046. And the calves died?—Yes, both of them.

38,047. It was the 13th of December '67?—I think it was.

38,048. You got 4*l.*?—I did.

38,049. That is your handwriting (*handing a book to the witness*)?—Yes.

38,050. Where were you living then?—Close to the Westwood where I am living at present.

38,051. What is the amount of your rent?—5*l.* a year.

38,052. Not more than that?—No, it is 5*l.* a year.

38,053. Whom did you rent it of?—I rented it of no one.

38,054. It is your own freehold?—No.

38,055. It is your own?—It is my own, but not exactly my own.

38,056. Do you hold it on lease?—No.

38,057. What then?—I have had some money on it.

38,058. It is your own, but you have mortgaged it?—Yes.

38,059. You have had the freehold of it?—It is my own house, but I have a mortgage on it.

38,060. It is your own freehold house, but you have had some money on it?—Yes.

38,061. And it was so when you got this 4*l.*?—They asked me if it was my own house, and I said I had something on it.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

38,062. What other cattle had you after that?—I had two cows.

38,063. Only two cows?—No.

38,064. Do you know what the value of your house is?—It cost me 80*l.* building.

38,065. What are you rated at?—5*l.* or 6*l.*

38,066. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You paid 80*l.* for building it?—Yes, besides the ground rent.

38,067. When was that?—Some time back.

38,068. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What money did you borrow on it, I am forced to ask you?—I split the house in two, I tenant one and let the other, it cost me about 80*l.* building.

The witness withdrew.

Benjamin Loft called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commmissioner Cox.

38,069. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,070. Did you vote at the election when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up, in 1857?—I should think I did vote, but I am sure I have forgotten who I voted for.

38,071. Would you vote for the crimson or the orange?—I cannot say.

38,072. Did you get anything?—No, sir.

38,073. You did not?—No.

38,074. Not at that election?—No, I think not; I do not recollect getting anything at all.

38,075. Were you promised something?—Not that I know of.

38,076. Were you employed in any way?—No, I never was employed in any election at all.

38,077. Do you know of Major Edwards coming here in 1857?—Yes.

38,078. When Edwards and Wells were the candidates; do answer me, did you vote then?—Most likely I should vote for one of them.

38,079. Which one?—I cannot tell you, but I think Mr. Edwards.

38,080. Did you get anything?—No.

38,081. That you are positive about?—I am.

38,082. Then in 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover, for whom did you vote?—I should vote for Mr. Edwards, I think.

38,083. Did you vote for Mr. Walker?—No, I think not.

38,084. You think you voted for Mr. Edwards?—Yes.

38,085. Did you get anything?—Yes, I think I did that time.

38,086. How much was it?—I think 2*l.*

38,087. From whom?—From Samuel Suddaby, I believe.

38,088. At the next election, 1860, Walker and Gridley, did you vote for Mr. Walker then?—Yes, I should vote for Mr. Walker then.

38,089. You did vote for Mr. Walker then?—I think so.

38,090. What did you get?—Nothing.

38,091. Did you have a promise of anything?—No.

38,092. Did you get anything after the election?—No.

38,093. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, for whom did you vote then?—I should vote for Edwards and Sykes.

38,094. And what did you get, was it 2*l.*?—That was the time I got the 2*l.* from Mr. Suddaby.

38,095. Then that was the election at which you got the 2*l.* from Suddaby?—Yes.

38,096. Then the latter election did you get anything?—Nothing in the latter election; not in '65.

38,097. Did you vote at the town council choosing?—Yes.

38,098. Did you get anything?—18*s.*

38,099. From whom?—From Robert Thirsk.

38,100. Did you vote for the Conservatives at the council choosing?—Yes.

38,101. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

38,102. Have you told me all the money you got?—Yes, all the money I know of.

38,103. All that you got at the elections?—Yes, except very forward elections.

38,104. Never mind them, I mean from 1857 downwards?—Yes, in these elections I have told you all that I got that I know of, but there were other elections before that time I got a little out of.

38,105. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get anything at Keane's election in 1865?—No.

38,106. Nothing?—No.

38,107. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What was the last election at which you ceased to get money?—I got 1*l.* Mr. Padget ordered me, it was at Walters' election. I was told there was money going at Toll Gavel. They were giving 2*l.* a head away. I saw D. Boyes on the ground and he said 1*l.* Of course I told Taylor and he gave me 1*l.*

38,108. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Walters.

38,109. The election before that was in 1857, when Major Edwards came here a stranger?—I got nothing at all.

38,110. That was an election when Major Edwards came into the town with reputation for a great deal of money; did you not receive some money at that election?—Was Glover here at that time?

38,111. Glover was here, though in an odd way. He received 200*l.*, and got out of the way; some people were watching him. I think you must have got some money then?—I did not get any money at that election.

38,112. Glover was here twice?—Yes.

38,113. Well, at the election I have been speaking of did you not receive money? there was plenty of

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money going?—No, I did not receive any money then, the only money I received was when Mr. Suddaby gave me the 2*l.* I told you of.

38,114. That was not the only money, for there was 1*l.*?—I mean Major Edwards.

38,115. I did not say on whose behalf, but did you not get some money?—No, I did not.

38,116. Can you pledge your oath to your memory that you did not?—I cannot think who I voted for, so I cannot positively say.

The witness withdrew.

S. B. Loft.

SAMUEL BARKER LOFT called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

38,117. Are you a freeman, Loft?—Yes.

38,118. How long have you been a freeman?—Fourteen years.

38,119. Are you a brother of the last witness?—A son.

38,120. What is your first election?—Glover, Denison, and Wells.

38,121. Why did you vote for?—Mr. Glover.

38,122. Were you employed?—Yes, I was employed as a runner.

38,123. For Glover?—As a runner and watcher.

38,124. I mean that. What did you get?—I got nothing.

39,125. Did you not?—Never got a halfpenny.

38,126. What were you promised? Who engaged you?—It was the committee in North Bar Street.

38,127. How many days did they require you?—It was night and day.

38,128. What were you to receive?—I never was promised nothing, so I never got anything.

38,129. What did you expect to get?—5*s.* a day.

38,130. To whom did you apply afterwards?—Nobody.

38,131. How was that?—Because I did not think it was worth my while to bother them. I never asked them for it.

38,132. And you voted for Glover?—Yes.

38,133. Now we come to the second election of 1857; for whom did you vote on that occasion?—Mr. Edwards.

38,134. Were you employed at that time?—No.

38,135. You had no employment?—No.

39,136. Did you get any of the money that was owing to you from Glover's people?—No.

38,137. Did you receive any money?—No; yes, I received 3*l.* from Vickers.

38,138. I know you intend to tell us the truth, but you are hasty. Was that at the first election of Edwards?—Yes, that was the first election of Edwards.

38,139. Did you give any money to your father?—No.

38,140. Did you tell your father you had received it?—No, I did not.

38,141. In 1859, you recollect Walters, Edwards, and Walker. Were you employed?—I voted single Walters.

38,142. How much did you get?—Nothing.

38,143. What, polled single Walters?—Yes.

38,144. You were promised money?—That was because I got vexed in the morning of the election day.

38,145. What vexed you?—Mr. Vickers there (*pointing*).

38,146. Vickers vexed you?—Yes.

38,147. I suppose you asked him for money?—No, I did not. I went into the Corn Exchange, and as soon as I went in he said, "Have you voted for Mr. Edwards." I said, "There is plenty of time before the day is over, and I shall consider." He said, "You "ought to do for you would not have got the other "money if I had not have given it."

38,148. You heard money was going afterwards?—Yes, but I did not go and seek it; I never did seek it.

38,149. Better to get it without asking for it. Did you vote in 1860?—Yes, I did.

38,150. For whom?—For Mr. Walker.

38,151. Had you been employed at all?—No.

38,152. What did you receive?—Nothing.

38,153. Did you receive any money?—I received nothing at all; nothing.

38,154. Did you receive anything after the election?—No.

38,155. You had heard money was going?—I did not hear of it until I heard the Liberals screaming out about it in front of the hustings.

38,156. Now I come to 1865, for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

38,157. How much did you get?—2*l.* from Suddaby.

38,158. Had you been promised the 2*l.* before you voted?—No.

38,159. Where did you receive it?—At the "King's Head."

38,160. Who paid you?—Somebody told me in the street if I should follow Suddaby I should get something, and I did so and he gave me 2*l.*

38,161. You did seek it you see. In 1868, did you vote for the council choosing?—No, I have not a vote.

38,162. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

T. Weatherill.

THOMAS WEATHERILL called and sworn; examined by Mr Commissioner Barstow.

38,163. Are you a freeman?—No.

38,164. A 10*l.* occupier?—Yes.

38,165. How long have you been a 10*l.* occupier?—I cannot say exactly, sir.

38,166. What was the first election you ever voted at?—Glover, I think.

38,167. Denison, Wells, and Glover, was that the one?—Was not Glover here before that?

38,168. Yes. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

38,169. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Denison.

38,170. Denison single?—I cannot say whether it was single. I should think it would be for Glover and Denison.

38,171. Did you get anything?—No.

38,172. Quite sure?—I am sure of that.

38,173. The next election was Major Edwards' first election, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

38,174. Who did you vote for?—Edwards.

38,175. What did you get?—Nothing.

38,176. Quite sure?—I am.

38,177. You always voted without being paid?—Yes, I never got a farthing.

38,178. You swear positively that you never got a farthing at any election that you voted at?—Not at any of the borough elections.

38,179. You never got a farthing at any of them?—I do not know that I did.

38,180. Will you just answer?—Then I say I did not.

38,181. You have never been employed in any way?—No.

38,182. Have you paid anybody?—No.

38,183. At council choosings have you ever got anything?—I got at the last.

38,184. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

38,185. Was that at the "Golden Ball"?—It was.

38,186. How did you vote the last parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

38,187. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you always vote on the Conservative side?—Yes, always, except at Denison's. Denison was not Conservative.

38,188. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Denison was not.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN CONSTABLE LANCASTER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,189. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,190. When did you first vote? Which was the first election?—Lawley and Wells.

38,191. Pass over that and the next election and go to the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells, in 1857, did you vote then?—Yes, Denison and Glover.

38,192. Did you get anything?—No, nothing.

38,193. Have you got anything at any of these elections?—Yes, 3*l.* at Lawley and Wells.

38,194. What did you get then?—3*l.*

38,195. Go to later elections; have you got anything since then?—Yes.

38,196. Which election?—Walters', 2*l.*

38,197. In 1859?—Yes.

38,198. Walters' you got 2*l.* at?—Yes.

38,199. From whom?—From Taylor, the pump.

38,200. Was that all the money you got at that election, at Walters' election?—Yes.

38,201. I want to ask you about the election just before that, Edwards and Wells, 1857?—I did not get anything then. I do not remember anything.

38,202. Neither before or after the election?—Not to my knowledge.

38,203. Or did you have any promise?—No.

38,204. Now we will go on to the election of 1860; you seem to have some book to refresh your memory there?—Yes, 2*l.* from the hairy cap, that is at the "Pack Horse."

38,205. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes, I voted for Edwards and Sykes that time.

38,206. What did you get?—I got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, but I did not vote for Keane because I had been promised before a certain amount of money, and I did not get it at Gordon's election from John Crosskill.

38,207. What did you get the 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall for, what had that got to do with Gordon's election; that was years ago. Did you get anything from the other side?—Yes, I got 2*l.* from Charles Arnott.

38,208. He gave you the 2*l.*?—Yes.

38,209. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—I did.

38,210. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

38,211. Who gave you that?—Bentley.

38,212. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Pottage and the two Tory candidates.

38,213. And for whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

38,214. What are you, what is your occupation?—I am in the wood yard belonging to the old foundry.

38,215. Have you received Walker's gift?—I have, twice.

38,216. When did you receive it last?—I cannot tell you at present.

38,217. Was it in 1867?—It might be so, I cannot remember the date.

38,218. You got 3*l.* on the 16th of May 1867?—Yes.

38,219. Was that the last time?—Perhaps it might be.

38,220. Two years ago?—Yes, that would be it.

38,221. You have not got it since then?—I have not.

38,222. What was that for?—I lost a mare. I applied for the charity, and I got 3*l.* for her.

38,223. When did you get it before then?—It would be five years ago perhaps, when Ramshaw and Co. were in the pasture masters.

38,224. What year was that?—I have forgotten the date, Ramshaw and Company, and so on.

38,225. You got 3*l.* and lost a beast?—I did not lose the beast, but Mr. Carrington condemned it to go to the dogs. She was a heifer calf.

38,226. It was diseased?—He condemned it to go to the dogs, and of course I was compelled to sell it for a sovereign.

38,227. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you buy another horse; you lost one in 1867; did you buy one after you received the 3*l.*?—No.

38,228. How long had you the mare?—Only a day. I believe I bought it on Saturday night, and she died on Sunday.

38,229. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you give for her?—3*l.*

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

38,230. What did you get her for?—To turn away to get fat.

38,231. Were you working at the old foundry when you applied?—Yes.

38,232. What were your wages?—Twenty-two shillings a week.

38,233. You bought a mare; she died. You immediately applied for your money to the charity, and got 3*l.*?—Yes.

38,234. Did you sell the carcase?—Yes, to Mr. Catterson.

38,235. How much for?—Fifteen shillings.

38,236. Do you mean to Mr. Catterson, the candidate for municipal honours?—Yes, the same man.

38,237. This is an extremely queer transaction. Was it the day you bought her or the day after?—On the Saturday night I bought her and paid the gate money, and on Sunday she died.

38,238. Was the man you bought her from a friend of yours?—No.

38,239. Will you tell me, because I want to know, had you ever bought a mare before?—Yes, several.

38,240. How long ago?—All my life; I have bought several mares.

38,241. Did they die?—No, never before.

38,242. Now we have heard so much about the mare we will go back to the cow. When did you lose the cow?—Perhaps 10 years ago.

38,243. That is a long time?—Mr. Carrington condemned her to go to the dogs.

38,244. I think it was in 1863?—It was eight years ago.

38,245. Was it in 1861 shall we say?—No, it is further back than that.

38,246. What time shall we say, 1859?—I cannot tell you, I cannot remember.

38,247. Now, a man having such a severe loss as a calf—how old was it, the animal, the beast you call it, how old was it?—She was a calved heifer three years old, calved in Tickton.

38,248. How long had you had her?—I bought her during the summer.

38,249. And she died in the autumn?—No, Mr. Carrington condemned her for the dogs.

38,250. In the same year that you bought her?—Aye, it would be in autumn.

38,251. Within a few months after you bought her?—No, she was a heifer all right. It was two or three months afterwards when he condemned her.

38,252. To whom did you sell her?—To Sherwood. He is what they call a cat merchant.

38,253. What did you pay for her?—Eight pounds ten shillings.

38,254. You were then at work on the ironworks?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,255. Do you swear you paid 3*l.* for that mare of yours?—I do.

38,256. What did you get back out of the 3*l.*?—I got 3*l.* from the pasture masters.

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J.C. Lancaster.

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38,257. What did you get back out of the 3*l.* you paid for the mare?—Thirty shillings from Mr. Smith.

38,258. Then in truth you only gave 30*s.* for her?—Of course not.

38,259. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is only 12*s.* in fact, because the difference between 30*s.* and 18*s.* you got for her is 12*s.* You bought a mare for the purpose of her dying, and you sold her.

The witness withdrew.

C. Duncum.

CHRISTOPHER DUNCUM called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,260. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,261. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

38,262. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Glover.

38,263. What did you get?—Nothing.

38,264. Nothing at all?—No.

38,265. In Edwards and Wells' election who did you vote for?—Mr. Edwards.

38,266. You would get something then?—No.

38,267. Quite sure?—No.

38,268. Nothing?—Nothing.

38,269. Since that time, at any election since, have you ever got any money?—No.

38,270. Never?—Never.

38,271. Have you never looked for it?—I never had none.

38,272. Have you been promised any?—Once.

38,273. On what occasion was that?—That was when I was promised it at Glover's election.

38,274. Who promised you then?—A man of the name of Dawson.

38,275. Is he alive now?—Yes.

38,276. What is he?—A clerk in Mr. Silvester's office.

38,277. He is the chairman of the pasture masters, perhaps, is he?—Yes, I think he is.

38,278. He promised you something?—Yes.

38,279. How much did he promise you?—He did not say what it was.

38,280. You were to have the same as the rest, was that so?—Yes.

38,281. Since that time you have not been promised anything?—No.

38,282. Nor received anything?—No.

38,283. Have you paid anybody else?—No.

38,284. Did you vote the last council choosing?—I did not vote.

38,285. Were you offered any money at the last council choosing?—No.

38,286. By any person whatever?—No.

38,287. Quite sure?—Yes.

38,288. On neither side?—No.

38,289. Neither side? If I mention the name of anyone will you be able to say whether you had any money or not?—I never had any money offered.

38,290. You have a clear recollection, have you, and pledge your oath that no money was offered to you?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,291. Have you had Walker's gift?—Once.

38,292. When was that?—Two or three years since.

38,293. How much was it?—30*s.*

38,294. What was it for?—A neighbour of mine persuaded me to go; he thought I had a right to make application for it, and that was the way.

38,295. That was in December 1866 you got 1*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

38,296. Had you lost anything?—No; I had nothing to lose.

38,297. In what mode did you make your application for the gift? Did you write to the pasture masters to ask for the gift?—I cannot say.

38,298. You asked for it, did you not?—Yes.

38,999. Who did you ask for it?—I do not know.

38,300. How long since?—Two or three years since.

38,301. You got it on the 21st December 1866?—Yes.

38,302. How long before was it that you asked for it?—Some time in the same year.

38,303. Did you send them a letter to ask for it?—I cannot say.

38,304. What did you say was your ground?—I never had no question put to me.

38,305. When you asked for it you made some sort of statement as to why you thought you ought to have it?—I perhaps might, but I do not remember.

38,306. You might have said that you were out of work or something of that sort?—I had been talking to some of them and they made me make application for it. I cannot say whether I sent a writing in or not, I will not say.

39,307. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you in distressed circumstances at the time you made the application?—I was doing nothing and had not been for some time.

38,308. That is not exactly an answer to the quesion. Were you at the time in distressed circumstances?—I thought that I wanted some little money.

38,309. I wish you would answer the question. Do you know what I mean? Were you or were you not at that time in want?—I wanted some money.

38,310. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you live in a house of your own?—Yes.

38,311. Have you any other houses?—Yes.

38,312. How many houses have you?—I have some small tenements.

38,313. How many?—Twelve.

38,314. What is the rent of each of them?—1*s.* a week.

38,315. Are they your own freehold?—They are my own freehold, but I pay a little money extra.

38,316. How long have you had them?—I had them left by my father.

38,317. I do not know when your father died; how long have you had them?—I should think 40 years since.

38,318. You have had them all that time?—No, they were divided, I had three brothers.

38,319. Had you them in 1866, three years ago, were they your own then?—Yes.

38,320. At the time you applied for Walker's gift?—I did not receive my rents, however.

38,321. You were the landlord of eleven tenements, and you lived in one?—Yes.

38,322. And you received the rents of these eleven?—No, I did not receive the rents then.

38,323. Why did you not receive the rents?—Because there was a clerk of Mr. Crust collected them.

38,324. For you?—No, not for me; if he did he took them and his son kept it.

38,325. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you them now?—Yes.

38,326. You receive the rents now; when did you begin to receive the rents?—I cannot tell you now; I could if I was at home.

38,327. About a year ago?—It is more, two I think.

38,328. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you your deeds now?—No.

38,329. Where are they?—Mr. Crust has them.

38,330. At the time that you applied for Walker's charity were you receiving anything from those tenements?—No, I think not.

38,331. Do not think on the matter, your livelihood depended upon it and you must know; were you receiving anything at the time you applied for Walker's gift?—I could tell you if I was at home.

38,332. You can tell us here; you have told us that

for two years you have been receiving them. This is only in 1866, it is not so long ago. What were you receiving from these houses in 1866? Come, come, do not keep us, you know quite well?—I cannot tell you, I could if I was at home.

38,333. You could tell us quite well. The whole value seems to be about 30*l.* a year; what were you receiving in 1866?—(*No answer.*)

38,334. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is Mr. Crust your lawyer?—Yes.

38,335. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you receive the whole of these rents now?—Yes.

38,336. And you have received the whole of the rents for the last two years?—Yes.

38,337. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And you have other property besides that?—A garden.

38,338. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where is that?—Just again it, it is a piece of ground to let for 10*s.* or 12*s.* a year.

38,339. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have saved money, have you not, you have money by you?—I do not know what you mean.

38,340. You have money in your possession, in the bank or somewhere else?—In a bank?

38,341. Or anywhere?—I do not know that I have.

38,342. Do you mean to answer that you do not know that you have any money in a bank?—I do not understand what you mean.

38,343. Have you any other property in the way of money, or in any other shape whatever, you had better be careful, except the 12 houses and the garden?—No.

38,344. No other property whatever?—No.

38,345. Have you any cattle?—No cattle.

38,346. Have you any money in the savings bank, or in anyone's hands for you?—No.

38,347. In your lawyer's hands, or anywhere else?—No.

38,348. Have you lent any money?—No.

38,349. Have you a family?—Yes.

38,350. What family?—Seven.

38,351. Grown up, I suppose?—Two in America.

38,352. Are any of your sons voters for the borough?—Yes.

38,353. How many?—One; he is in America.

38,354. When did he go?—He has gone two years.

38,355. He has voted?—He voted when he was here.

38,356. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was his occupation?—A gardener.

The witness withdrew.

William Leck called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,357. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,358. Did you vote when Denison, Glover, and Wells, were candidates in 1857?—Yes.

38,359. 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Glover.

38,360. Did you get anything?—No, not at that time.

38,361. When did you get it?—A fortnight after.

38,862. Who gave it you?—John Tilson, or Billy Tilson, I do not know which.

38,363. How much did he give you?—He gave me 10*s.* for five days' canvassing.

38,364. Was that all you got at Glover's election?—It was.

38,365. Go on to the next election of the same year, Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote then? There was another election in 1857, Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Edwards.

38,366. What did you get?—I think I got 5*s.* for carrying papers out that was all.

38,367. Was that all?—It was.

38,368. Who gave you that?—I think Mr. Kemp, it was in his bill, the printer.

38,369. 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover, did you vote then?—Yes.

38,370. For whom?—Edwards and Walker.

38,371. And did you get anything?—I believe I got 7*s.* I was a messenger.

38,372. How long a time were you employed as a messenger?—Perhaps the week after I got it.

38,373. But how long were you employed as a messenger?—Four or five days, but I was very badly paid, I tell you.

38,374. Seven shillings for five days' work?—But I can tell you worse than that.

38,375. Never mind, keep to this for the present; do you say you only got 7*s.* at that election?—No, I did not.

38,376. Did you get anything else besides that?—I did not.

38,377. Were you promised any more?—No, never.

38,378. Not at the election?—No.

38,379. Go on to Walker and Gridley, in 1860, who did you vote for, Walker?—I voted for Mr. Walker.

38,380. And what did you get?—I believe I got 5*s.* from Mr. McCoy for delivering some bills.

38,381. Was that all?—It was; he behaved shamefully to me, I have voted at 20 elections for them.

38,382. Go on to 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for them both, Edwards and Sykes.

38,383. What did you get that time?—I got 11*s.* from Mr. McCoy for running, and I was a week.

38,384. Was that all the money you got?—It was.

38,385. You got no more than that?—No.

38,386. Neither before or after the election?—No.

38,387. Were you promised any?—No.

38,388. Not by Mr. McCoy?—No.

38,389. Or anybody else?—Or anybody else.

38,390. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I believe not these five years, so that is done with.

38,391. Have you had Walker's gift?—Yes.

38,392. When?—Seven years since.

38,393. That is not the last time?—No, it is three years come next time.

38,394. When did you have it last?—It is two years since, I believe; better than two years, three perhaps this time.

38,395. On the 21st of December 1866 you had 2*l.*?—Yes.

38,396. Had you lost anything?—No, I had lost the use of my arm, that is all, that is worse than a beast.

38,397. When had you lost the use of your arm?—Seven years since.

38,398. Can you work now?—Well, I can hardly work now; I cannot lift my hand.

38,399. I want to know whether you lost anything in 1866?—No, I have lost worse than that, my wife has lost her eyes, and it was a charity that was a good one, and no doubt if Mr. Walker was living he would have given me something himself.

38,400. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you know the late Mr. Walker?—I knew his father and all the lot of them when they first came.

The court was here adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to the Sessions House.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

East Riding Sessions House, Thursday, 21st October 1869.

THIRTY SECOND DAY.

C. Cook.

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CHARLES COOK called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

38,401. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

38,402. How long have you been a freeman ?—Thirty years.

38,403. And I suppose you have voted at many of the elections ?—Yes.

38,404. Did you vote at the celebrated Towneley's election ?—Yes.

38,405. What did you get at that election ?—12*l.*

38,406. Did you vote at many of the subsequent elections ?—Yes, I believe at all of them.

38,407. And did you receive money at most of them, I do not want to go into the particulars ?—No.

38,408. Did you receive money at some of them ?—At Mr. Walker's.

38,409. In '57, did you vote, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up ?—Yes.

38,410. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Glover.

38,411. Did you get any money ?—No.

38,412. Were you promised any ?—No.

38,413. In the following election, when Major Edwards came, "Edwards and Wells," for whom did you vote ?—Mr. Edwards.

38,414. Did you get any money ?—No.

38,415. Were you promised any ?—No.

38,416. Now come to the next election, in '59, "Walters, Edwards, and Walker," for whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Walker.

38,417. Were you employed at all ?—No.

38,418. Did you receive anything after voting, or before ?—No.

38,419. Not in respect of that election ?—No.

38,420. Now come to Walker's election, did you vote then ?—Yes.

38,421. For whom ?—Walker.

38,422. What did you receive ?—2*l.*

38,423. Where ?—I cannot say where, but I received 2*l.*

38,424. From whom ?—Mr. Dales.

38,425. That will do. Was it before or after you voted ?—Before I voted.

38,426. The same day ?—Yes.

38,427. Now we will come to the election of '65, when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up, for whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Sykes.

38,428. What did you receive ?—Nothing.

38,429. We know money was going ?—I did not receive it.

38,430. You did not get it ?—No.

38,431. Who spoke to you about going up to the poll ?—No one.

38,432. Not in '65 ?—I went by myself, I did not go up while betwixt three and four o'clock.

38,433. Did not you know or hear that money was going ?—No, I did not while I went up, and then I heard that there had been money going.

38,434. You did hear money had been going when you went up ?—Yes.

38,435. Did not you expect money after you voted ?—No, I did not.

38,436. Did not you apply for it ?—No. I did not.

38,437. Did any one tell you you would be paid as well as the others ?—Nobody spoke to me about it.

38,438. Did you vote at the council choosing in '68 ?—No, I had not a vote.

38,439. Then you only received at Walker's election ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

R. R. Ranson.

ROBERT ROBINSON RANSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,440. Are you a freeman or an occupier ?—A freeman.

38,441. How long have you been a freeman ?—Since '52.

38,442. What was the first election at which you voted ?—Lawley and Wells.

38,443. Then you voted in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—No, I believe not. I can give you the elections that I have voted at.

38,444. Yes, do ?—In '52 I voted for Lawley and Wells and received 3*l.* I voted for Hastings and got nothing. I voted for Gridley and got 2*l.*

38,445. Then you did not vote in the election of Denison, Wells, and Glover ?—No.

38,446. You did not vote, in that election ?—No, nor in Edwards and Wells I did not vote, I was away from town.

38,447. And you did not vote in Walters' election ?—Yes.

38,448. Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Walters, Edwards, and Glover, was not it ?

38,449. Mr. Glover was here but he was not much supported ?—I voted for Walters and received 2*l.*

38,450. Then you voted for Gridley and received 2*l.* ?—Yes.

38,451. Then in '65, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I voted, and received 2*l.*

38,452. Whom did you vote for ?—Edwards and Sykes.

38,453. Did you receive anything on the other side ?—No, I think not.

38,454. Have you voted for council choosing ?—Yes.

38,455. Did you vote last time ?—Yes.

38,456. What did you get ?—15*s.*

38,457. Who paid it ?—Mr. Cook.

38,458. How did you vote at the last election ?—Edwards and Kennard.

38,459. You said you voted for Gridley in '60, did not you ?—I think it was.

38,460. It is said that you voted for Walker; who paid you in '60 ?

38,461. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You certainly voted for Walker. You are a tailor ?—Yes.

38,462. Living in St. Andrew Street ?—I did at that time.

38,463. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted for Walker ?—Then I have made a mistake.

31,464. Were you paid at the "Cross Keys" ?—I believe I was by Kemplay; yes, it is a mistake.

38,465. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Are you a master tailor ?—No.

38,466. Have you received Walker's gift ?—Yes, twice.

38,467. When was the last time ?—Two years last Christmas.

68,468. You got 2*l.* ?—Yes.

38,469. Had you lost anything ?—No.

38,470. You received 2*l.* on the 21st of December 1866 ?—Yes.

38,471. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a stocker at all ?—No.

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R. R. Ranson.

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38,472. On what ground did you make your application ?—Through being in bad circumstances at the time, I believe.

38,473. What were your bad circumstances ?—I was very indifferently off.

38,474. Very indifferently off?—Through family affliction, that was the principal cause.

38,475. I think you must be more definite than that. What was your family affliction ?—Why, I had been ill myself and I had my wife ill.

38,476. Had you been unable to work at your trade ?—Unable to work.

38,477. Do you swear that was so, that were then in distressed circumstances ?—Yes.

38,478. Had you any journeymen working for you ?—No.

38,479. Are you a journeyman yourself ?—Yes.

38,480. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were you out of work at the time you received this money ?—I was doing no work, I had been ill.

38,481. Were you out of work at the time you received this money ?—I had work to go on with if I had been able to follow it.

38,482. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you out of work when you made the application ?—I think not.

38,483. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were not out of work when you made the application ?—No.

38,484. You were not out of work when you made the application, that is your answer, is not it ?—Yes, but I had been ill previous.

38,485. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He said that though he had the work he could not do it ?

38,486. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were you at work at the time you made the application ?—Well, I believe I was.

38,487. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At what time had you been out of work ?—Well, as near as I can say, about three weeks, that was about the time ; I had the doctor attending me at the time.

38,488. You had a medical attendant at the time you were ill ?—Yes, Mr. Brereton attended me.

38,489. How long was he attending you or any member of your family ?—Well, most of a week, I suppose.

The learned Commissioner remarked he thought that was sufficient reason.

38,490. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Your wife had been afflicted, I believe ?—Yes, seriously.

The witness withdrew.

M. Arnott.

Mark Arnott called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,491. What are you by occupation ?—A labouring man at present.

38,492. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

38,493. Did you vote in 1857 when Denison, Glover, and Wells were candidates ?—Yes. My first election was in 1826.

38,494. I do not want to trouble you to go so far back as that. I think you told me you were a freeman ?—Yes, and I am free now.

38,495. Just go to the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells in 1857, you voted then, you say ?—Yes.

38,496. For whom did you vote ?—Glover.

38,497. Glover alone ?—Yes, Glover.

38,498. Did you get anything ?—I cannot say that I did.

38,499. But can you say you did not ? you voted for Glover, did you get anything ?—(*No answer.*)

38,500. Do you remember what time in the day you voted ?—Well, I cannot say.

38,501. Did anybody take you you up to vote ?—No, I went myself.

38,502. Did you go anywhere else after you had voted for money ?—No.

38,503. Come, tell me, did you get anything ?—I think I got 2*l.* ; but I am not sure ; I will not be positive on that election.

38,504. Go on to the next election after that, when Edwards and Wells were the candidates. Very shortly after, in the same year; Glover was disqualified and Edwards and Wells were the candidates. Did you vote then ?—Yes.

38,505. For whom ?—For Mr. Edwards.

38,506. Did you get anything ?—I think not.

38,507. Did you get anything after you voted ?—No, I think not ; my memory is short, and I cannot recollect so long back.

38,508. It is 12 years ago. The next election was Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover ? Did you vote then ?—Yes, for Walker and Glover.

38,509. For Walker and Glover ?—No, wait ; did you say Edwards ?

38,510. Walters, Edwards, Walker, and Glover ?—Then I voted for Edwards and Walker.

38,511. Did you get anything ?—2*l.*

38,512. Who gave you that ?—Mr. Oxley at my own house.

38,513. Go on to the next election in the following year, 1860, when Walker and Gridley were the candidates ; did you vote for Walker ?—Yes.

38,514. Did you get anything ?—No, I think not.

38,515. Can you say positively that you did not ?—No.

38,516. Did anybody promise you anything ?—No, I do not know that they did.

38,517. It was the bye election when Walker and Gridley were up ; did anybody offer you anything ?—Yes, I got 2*l.*

38,518. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I thought you would recollect it ?—Yes, I got 2*l.* in that election.

38,519. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Take your time, I am perfectly satisfied with your mode of answering. Who gave you that ?—I cannot now say who it was gave it me.

38,520. Do you know where you got it ?—I got it in the market-place among the butchers the election day, when all the stir was ; I cannot say who gave it to me then.

38,521. The next was 1865, the candidates being Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ; for whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Sykes.

38,522. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

38,523. What was it, how much ?—2*l.*

38,524. Who gave you that ?—Mr. Oxley gave me that and all.

38,525. He gave you that also ?—He was always my friend to get it. I always applied to him.

38,526. You always applied to him ?—I always applied to him and he got it. I never looked to anyone else.

38,527. Did you vote at the last election, when the candidates were Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope ?—Did you say Kennard ?

38,528. At the last election, the candidates Edwards, Captain Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope, which way did you vote ?—Edwards.

38,529. Did you vote for Captain Kennard ?—I cannot tell.

38,530. You cannot tell whether you voted for Kennard?—No.

38,531. Did you vote for Captain Kennard ?—No.

38,532. Only for Edwards ?—For Edwards.

38,533. Did you apply to Oxley that time ?—No.

38,534. Why not ?—I went, but he was not at home.

38,535. You did go ?—Yes.

38,536. Did you vote at the municipal election, the council choosing ?—No.

38,537. Did you get anything ?—No, I had nothing to do with council choosing.

38,538. I think you made a mistake. I think you did vote for Captain Kennard ?—I might, but my

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M. Arnott.

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memory is bad. I wish to speak what is right and the truth.

38,539. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You did vote for both?—I cannot think of it, and what I cannot think of I wish to put back; I might have done so, but I cannot say. I came here to tell everything, I am upon my oath.

The learned Commissioners informed the witness they believed he had been telling them the truth.

The witness withdrew.

A. C. Gleadhill.

ANDREW CLARK GLEADHILL called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

38,540. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,541. How long have you been a freeman?—About 40 years.

38,542. Then you remember the celebrated Towneley election?—I was not in the town then.

38,543. When did you come back to the town?—In the '49, at the latter end of the year.

38,544. Did you vote in '52?—Yes.

38,545. Look at your paper; it is a very proper thing for men to bring a paper, it looks as if they intended to tell the truth, and it saves time. Tell me yourself when you voted and how much you got, and we will rely upon you; read it?—In '52 I voted for Lawley and Wells.

38,546. What did you receive?—Nothing.

38,547. Go on?—'57, Edwards.

38,548. What did you receive?—3*l.*, and that was the only time I ever received anything in my life.

38,549. Then I will accept it; I accept that statement?—In '60 I polled for Walker, I polled for him twice, and got nothing. Last time I polled for Edwards and Kennard.

38,550. Did you vote in '65?—Not when Gordon was here.

38,551. In '65, when Keane was here, "Keane and Edwards"?—Yes, I polled for Keane.

38,552. You voted for Keane and got nothing?—Yes.

38,553. Were you promised?—There was a man who was a painter, I do not know what his name was, but he was at the Mechanics' Hall, and he promised me I should have 2*l.*

38,554. And then you voted?—I voted, and when I came back it was stopped, the tap was run out.

38,555. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

38,556. What did you receive?—This last time?

38,557. Yes?—The last three times I have supported the Liberals for the council.

38,558. Did you receive anything?—The first time I think it was Whiting and his colleagues with him I supported.

38,559. Did you receive anything?—Nothing, but three pennyworth.

38,560. Never mind, if you got no money?—I believe that was all. I got no money.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,561. Did you get any money in last council choosing, in '68?—Not at the time I did not.

38,562. But did you at any time?—A few days before the election I got 10*s.*

38,563. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Before the parliamentary election?—Yes, before the parliamentary election, but not at the two former ones.

38,564. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who paid it?—Daniel Boyes.

38,565. Do you remember on what day that was?—No. I do not know, it was only a few days after when the gentlemen were canvassing about.

38,566. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How did you vote then?—For Kennard and Edwards.

38,567. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you rembember how long after the election it was that Daniel Boyes gave you this 10*s.*?—I cannot say exactly.

38,568. Was it two or three days after the council choosing?—Yes, perhaps it might be that; it was when the gentlemen were about canvassing.

38,569. About five or six days before the parliamentary election?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,570. What did you understand that 10*s.* for?—Well, I expect it was for canvassing for them at the council choosing. I was one that went to canvass. I was appointed to canvass for them on the municipal day.

The witness withdrew.

W. Whitfield.

WILLIAM WHITFIELD called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,571. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,572. How long have you been a freeman?—About 15 or 16 years.

38,573. Did you vote in the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

38,574. Did you get anything?—No.

38,575. Who did you vote for?—Glover.

38,576. The next election was Edwards and Wells, who did you vote for then?—Edwards.

38,577. Did you get anything?—No.

38,578. Have you ever got anything?—I got a sovereign in 1865, that is all I have got.

38,579. A sovereign in 1865?—Yes, the day after the election.

38,580. Whom did you vote for then?—Edwards and Sykes.

38,581. Have you ever been promised anything?—No.

38,582. Never promised anything for your vote?—No.

38,583. Except on this occasion?—That is all.

38,584. That is your oath to us?—Yes.

38,585. Did you vote at the council choosing?—I am not a voter for the council.

The witness withdrew.

S. Smelt, jun.

SAMUEL SMELT, jun., called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,586. How long have you had a vote?—Seven years.

38,587. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,588. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Then the first time you voted, if at all, was in 1865, "Edwards, Sykes, and Keane"?—Yes.

38,589. For whom did you vote?—Keane and Edwards.

38,590. Did you get anything?—2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, and 3*l.* from Mr. Skinn, for Edwards.

38,591. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

38,592. Did you get anything then?—Yes, 1*l.*

38,593. Who gave you that?—Nathaniel Kemplay.

38,594. And did you vote at the following parliamentary election?—Yes.

38,595. For whom?—Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS WARD FLINT called.

(*The witness.*) Before being sworn or giving any evidence——

38,596-7. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In what way? What objection have you to being sworn?—I decline.

38,598. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What objection have you to be sworn?

(*The witness.*) I decline giving any evidence whatever.

38,599. What is your name?—Flint.

The learned Commissioners consulted.

38,600. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) On what grounds do you refuse?—Because I think there have not been proper goings on. I do not approve of the way it has been going on.

38,601. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien, addressing the officer.*) Officer, take him into custody, and keep him in custody till the rising of the court, and then we will adjudge what to do with him. (*The officer took the witness into custody.*)

D. Duncan.

DAVID DUNCAN called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

38,602. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,603. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-two years.

38,604. Will you read that paper for me that you hold in your hand, if you tell us when you voted and what you received we shall be perfectly satisfied?—I voted at Towneley's second election.

38,605. What did you get?—1*l.* from Towneley, and 1*l.* 10*s.* from Goldsmid.

38,606. Go on?—In '52, "Lawley and Wells," I got 2*l.* In '54, "Gordon," I got nothing.

38,607. Go on?—'57, "Wells," I got nothing. '59, "Walters and Walker——"

38,608. Stop, there were two elections in '57, did you vote on both occasions?—No, I voted for Wells in '57.

38,609. And got nothing?—No.

38,610. In '59 for whom did you vote?—Walters and Walker, and I got 2*l.*

38,611. From whom?—Well, I think I got the 2*l.* from one of the Arnotts.

38,612. Now '60?—In '60 I voted for Gridley, and got 2*l.*

38,613. Go on?—In '65 for Edwards and Sykes, 2*l.*

38,614. Yes?—In '68, Edwards and Kennard, nothing.

38,615. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I did not.

The witness withdrew.

W. Hoggard.

WILLIAM HOGGARD called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,616. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,617. How long have you been a freeman?—Three years.

38,618. Have you ever voted at any election before the last?—No.

38,619. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

T. Best.

THOMAS BEST called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,620. How long have you had a vote?—About 40 years.

38,621. Can you remember voting when Denison, Glover, and Wells were the candidates?—It is here.

38,622. I will look at your book. In '57 did you vote for Denison?—Yes.

38,623. And you got 2*l.*?—Yes.

38,624. Who gave it you?—I do not know, I went to the committee rooms the same as others.

38,625. Then the next election was in '57; do you know whether you voted then; you do not know whether you voted?—No, I think not.

38,626. In '59 you voted for Walters?—Yes.

38,627. And got 2*l.*?—Yes.

38,628. In '60 you voted for Gridley?—Yes.

38,629. And got 2*l.*?—Yes.

38,630. In '65 you voted for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes, the last but one.

38,631. And got 3*l.*?—Yes.

38,632. And in '68, that is last year, you voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

38,633. And got nothing?—No.

38,634. Did you vote at council choosing last year?—No, not for the last four or five years.

38,635. When you got that 2*l.* do you remember whom you got it from?—No.

38,636. Don't you remember who gave it you?—No.

38,637. If I told you?—If you told me I might know.

38,638. Was it Boyes?—I am sure I do not know, it might have been in Boyes' house; it might have been, I am not sure.

The witness withdrew.

C. J. Jewison.

CHARLES THOMAS JEWISON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

38,639. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,640. How long have you been one?—About five years.

38,641. I suppose you voted at the Sykes and Keane election?—Yes.

38,642. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Keane.

38,643. What did you receive?—I received 3*l.* from Keane's side.

38,644. And how much from Edwards?—Nothing.

38,645. Nothing for Edwards?—No.

38,646. Were not you promised?—No.

38,647. You had not been promised anything?—No.

38,648. And you did not apply for anything from Edwards?—No.

38,649. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,650. For whom?—Edwards and Kennard.

38,651. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I have not a vote.

38,652. Were you a freeman by birth?—No, servitude.

38,653. Who took up your freedom?—Myself.

The witness withdrew.

G. Cattle.

GEORGE CATTLE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,654. How long have you been a freeman?—About five and thirty years.

38,655. I daresay you voted at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

38,656. Who did you vote for?—I fancy I have got as far as Towneley down, nothing further.

38,657. Nothing further than Towneley's down?—I started with Towneley.

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G. Cattle.

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38,658. Very well, what did you get at Towneley's election?—I got 12*l.*

38,659. Who did you vote for?—Towneley.

38,660. Now we will go on from that, and miss all till we come down to "Denison, Wells, and Glover." Whom did you vote for then?—I voted for Towneley twice.

38,661. But miss Towneley, and come down to '57, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I voted for Denison.

38,662. Denison singly?—Yes.

38,663. Did you get anything?—I got nothing.

38,664. Now the next is Major Edwards', first election "Edwards and Wells," who did you vote for then?—Wells.

38,665. Did you get anything then?—I got nothing.

38,666. The next was Walters?—I got 2*l.*

38,667. And voted for Walters?—Yes.

38,668. Did you vote for Walters single?—Yes.

38,669. The next election was Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

38,670. Who did you vote for then?—Gridley.

38,671. What did you get?—3*l.*

38,672. Then the next election was "Edwards, Sykes, and Keane"?—I voted for Keane.

38,673. What did you get?—2*l.*

38,674. Did you vote for the last council choosing?—Yes, I voted, but I got nothing.

38,675. You got nothing; you voted for the Liberals?—Yes, I always vote that way.

The witness withdrew.

D. Cattle.

DANIEL CATTLE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,676. How long have you had a vote?—About ten years.

38,677. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,678. Did you vote at the election of 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walters.

38,679. Did you get anything?—Yes, 2*l.*

38,680. Did you vote at the election of Walker and Gridley, in 1860?—Yes, I voted for Gridley.

38,681. Did you get anything?—I got 3*l.*

38,682. Where did you get it?—At Toll Gavel.

38,683. In 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you vote then?—Yes, for Mr. Keane.

38,684. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

38,685. Where was that?—At the Mechanics'.

38,686. Did you vote at the last council choosing in last year, 1868?—Yes.

38,687. Who did you vote for then?—Edwards and Keane.

38,688. No; I mean council choosing?—Oh, it was a mistake; I had no vote.

The witness withdrew.

T. Griffin.

THOMAS GRIFFIN called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

38,689. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,690. Tell me of yourself have you voted, and what money you got. When did you vote first? How long have you been a freeman?—1855.

38,691. Then, I suppose, you voted in 1857?—Yes.

38,692. Tell me, and if you like look at your paper, for whom did you vote?—For Mr. Edwards, and I received 1*l.*

38,693. Did you vote in 1859?—Yes.

38,694. For whom?—Walters.

38,695. How much did you receive?—2*l.*

38,696. Did you vote in 1860?—Yes.

38,697. For whom?—Walker.

38,698. How much did you get?—1*l.*

38,699. Did you vote in 1865?—Yes.

38,700. For whom?—Sykes and Keane.

38,701. How much did you get?—2*l.* from either.

38,702. Did you vote Conservative?—Yes.

38,703. For whom?—Edwards and Maxwell.

38,704. Did you receive anything?—No, nothing; not a farthing.

38,705. Had you voted at the council choosing?—Yes.

38,706. For whom, Liberal or Conservative; which side?—The Liberal.

38,707. Did you receive anything?—1*l.*

38,708. From whom?—David Nutchey.

38,709. But he was on the side of the Conservatives, was he not?—Yes.

38,710. Did you vote for the Conservatives in the council choosing?—Yes.

38,711. It was a mistake your saying the Liberals?—Yes.

38,712. In 1859, did you not vote for Walters and Edwards, do you recollect?—Yes.

38,713. You received 2*l.* from Walters?—Yes.

38,714. Did you receive anything from Edwards?—I got 1*l.*

38,715. Had you been employed at all?—As a runner?

38,716. Well, yes?—No, they would not have me.

The witness withdrew.

G. T. Clough.

GEORGE THOMAS CLOUGH called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,717. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,718. How long have you been a freeman?—Twelve years.

38,719. Did you vote at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—I think I did not vote then.

38,720. How often have you voted?—Four times.

38,721. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—No.

38,722. What was the first time you voted?—Edwards and Walters was the first.

38,723. Whom did you vote for?—Mr. Walters and Mr. Edwards.

38,724. What did you get?—2*l.*

38,725. 2*l.* from Walters?—Yes.

38,726. Anything from Edwards?—No.

38,727. Anything from Edwards?—No.

38,728. The next election was Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

38,729. What did you get?—4*l.*

38,730. From whom?—Walker.

38,731. Did you vote in 1865 for Edwards and Keane?—Mr. Keane and Mr. Edwards.

38,732. What did you get?—2*l.* for voting.

38,733. From whom?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

38,734. Did you get anything from Major Edwards?—No.

38,735. Nothing from the major?—No.

38,736. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I had not a vote.

The witness withdrew.

J. Dawson.

JOHN DAWSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,737. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,738. You have had a vote a long time, I suppose?—Yes.

38,739. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes.

38,740. Glover and Wells?—Yes.

38,741. In 1859?—I can recollect that, but I cannot recollect more. I am a very old man.

38,742. Cannot you remember whether you voted in 1857?—No.

38,743. *Mr. Barstow* inquired if anyone had a poll book.

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J. Duncan.

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Mr. Crosskill stated the witness voted for Denison and Wells in '57.

38,744. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you not remember voting for Mr. Denison ?—No.

38,745. Did you ever vote for Mr. Denison ?—No.

38,746. Did you ever vote for Mr. Wells ?—No.

38,747. Surely you will remember when Major Edwards came here first ?—I cannot say I do; I am a very old man, I am 86.

38,748. How old do you say you are ?—Eighty-six.

38,749. Do you say you cannot remember whether you voted for Major Edwards when he came first ?—No.

38,750. Did you vote for Wells ?—No.

38,751. You say you remember '67 ?—Yes.

38,752. Who did you vote for ?—Mr. Walters.

38,753. Did you get anything ?—No.

38,754. Not before the election ?—Nor after since; I did not.

38,755. Did you not talk to anybody about money ?—No.

38,756. Walker and Gridley ?—I voted for Gridley.

38,757. You voted for Gridley; what did you get for that ?—1*l.* 10*s.*

38,758. Who gave you that ?—I got it at the "Pack Horse."

38,759. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election in 1865 ?—I voted for Keane.

38,760. What did you get ?—I got 2*l.*

38,761. At the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

38,762. Was that all you got in 1865 ?—Yes.

38,763. Did you get Walker's 2*l.* ?—No, I did not.

38,764. How was it you did not get it ?—I did not apply for it.

38,765. You did not look for it ?—No.

38,766. At Keane's election you got 2*l.*—Yes.

38,767. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes, I voted at the council choosing many times.

38,768. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

38,769. Did you get anything then ?—No, I never got anything at no council choosing, nor the pasture masters neither.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,770. I suppose you have always voted for the Liberals ?—I have.

38,771. And you voted for Denison and Wells ?—I do not remember, my memory has failed.

38,772. You have always voted for the Liberals ?—Yes.

38,773. Have you voted at every election ?—I think I have.

38,774. And for the Liberals ?—Yes.

38,775. Then I suppose you voted for Denison and Wells ?—Then perhaps I might.

38,776. Did you get anything ?—No.

38,777. Are you quite sure ?—I am quite sure.

38,778. You are quite sure of that ?—Yes.

38,779. Is all you ever received 1*l.* 10*s.* from Gridley and 2*l.* from Keane ?—Yes.

38,780. All the time you have been a voter ?—Yes, to my recollection.

38,781. And have you ever paid anyone ?—No.

38,782. You have never paid a voter ?—No.

38,783. Is that your oath to us ?—It is.

38,784. You never paid any money at all ?—No, I don't remember that ever I did.

CHARLES EDWARD FITZGERALD called.

C. E. Fitzgerald.

Upon being presented with a Testament to be sworn: (*Witness.*) I decline to be sworn.

38,785–6. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why do you decline being sworn ?—I do decline.

38,787. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien, to an officer in attendance.*) Take him into custody. (*To the witness.*) Have you any religious scruples ?—No, nothing particular.

38,788. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You have no scruples against taking an oath on religious grounds ?—No.

38,789. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien, (to the officer.*) Then take him into custody, and keep him in custody until the rising of the court. (*The witness left the court in custody of an officer.*)

RALPH FOSTER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

R. Foster.

38,790. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

38,791. How long have you been ?—My first voting was for Towneley's second election.

38,792. What did you get ?—About 3*l.* 10*s.* or 3*l.* 11*s.*

38,793. We will come down to 1857; do you remember when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up ?—Yes.

38,794. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Wells.

38,795. Did you receive any money ?—I do not think that I got a halfpenny then.

38,796. Did you ?—Not that I know; I cannot say that I did; I will tell you as far as I know truth.

38,797. You say you did not ?—I do not know; if I did it is unknown to me.

38,798. Did you vote for Wells alone ?—I did.

38,799. Do you recollect voting on the second occasion in that year ?—Yes.

38,800. When Wells and Edwards were up ?—Yes.

38,801. For whom did you vote ?—Major Edwards.

38,802. What did you receive on that occasion ?—Nowt, I got welshed out of it.

38,803. Who promised you the money ?—Mr. James Baker.

38,804. How much did he promise you ?—5*l.*

38,805. And after you had voted you did not receive any ?—Not a halfpenny piece.

38,806. Did you apply to him for it ?—I did.

38,807. He is dead ?—I suppose he is.

38,808. In 1859 did you vote ?—Yes.

38,809. For whom ?—If you would tell me the names I will tell you.

38,810. Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I voted for Walters.

38,811. How much did you get ?—2*l.*

38,812. In 1860 for whom did you vote ?—If you will tell me the gentlemen's names I will tell you.

38,813. Gridley and Walker ?—Mr. Gridley.

38,814. How much did you get ?—2*l.*

38,815. That was 1860; in 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, for whom did you vote ?—Mr. Keane.

38,816. How much did you receive ?—2*l.*

38,817. At the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes.

38,818. Did you vote in 1868 ?—Yes.

38,819. For whom ?—This last election ?

38,820. Yes ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

38,821. Had you voted at the council choosing ?—Yes.

38,822. For whom ?—For the Tories.

38,823. Did you receive anything ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

38,824. From whom ?—I believe it was Mr. Watson, at the "Golden Ball."

38,825. And you voted for the Tories ?—I voted for the Tories.

The witness withdrew.

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R. Bell.

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RICHARD BELL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

38,826. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,827. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

38,828, Who did you vote for?—Glover.

38,829. Did you get anything?—I believe 1*l.* for running.

38,830. The next election was Edwards and Wells?—Major Edwards I voted for.

38,831. What did you get then?—Nothing.

38,832. Just bethink yourself, are you quite sure?—Yes, I am.

38,833. You are sure?—Yes, I think so.

38,834. Do not think; I suppose you can remember whether you got it or not, surely you can do that?—I do not remember.

38,835. Very well then, we will go on for the present. Then the next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; who did you vote for?—Edwards and Walker.

38,836. You got something then?—I think I got 2*l.*

38,837. The next election was Gridley and Walker?—Yes.

38,838. What did you get then?—Nothing.

38,839. Did you vote for Walker?—Yes.

38,840. And you got nothing?—No.

38,841. You have no doubt about it?—I think I did not.

38,842. Do you say for certain you did not?—I did not.

38,843. Very well, I take your answer. Then the next was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

38,844. You got something then?—Yes.

38,845. Who did you vote for?—Edwards and Sykes.

38,846. What did you get?—2*l.*

38,847. Did you vote the last council choosing?—Yes.

38,848. What did you get?—I got 1*l.*

38,849. From whom?—David Nutchey.

38,850. And you voted for the Conservatives?—Yes, always.

33,851. Who did you vote for at the last parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

38,852. You got 1*l.* for Glover and you got 2*l.* for Edwards and Walker?—Yes.

38,853. Did you get nothing at Edwards' election, when he stood alone with Wells?—Not to my knowledge.

38,854. Because it is the only election at which you did not. There was one other election only in which you did not.—There was Walker and all I did not.

38,855. How came you not to get any money at Edwards' election?—I do not know; I was too late, I presume.

38,856. What time in the day did you poll?—About 3 o'clock.

38,857. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you promised anything?—No.

38,858. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who paid you at Keane's election; were you paid at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

38,859. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I thought you voted for Edwards and Sykes, did you not?—Yes.

38,860. And got 2*l.*?—Yes.

38,861. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get anything from Keane as well?—Yes.

38,862. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Then you got 4*l.*?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. T. Bishoprick.

JAMES TURNER BISHOPRICK called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,863. What are you by occupation?—A labourer.

38,864. A farm labourer?—No.

38,865. Where do you work?—At Mr. Richardson's.

38,866. In what way?—A stone sawyer; I saw stone.

38,867. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,868. Did you vote in 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

38,869. For whom? Have you got a paper there?—Yes.

38,870. Refer to it; put it on the desk and give yourself all the assistance?—I voted for Mr. Glover.

38,871. What did you get?—Nothing.

38,872. You did not?—No.

38,873. Edwards and Wells was the next election?—I got 2*l.*

38,874. Who did you vote for?—Edwards.

38,875. And you got 2*l.*?—Yes.

38,876. Who gave you that?—I believe Mr. Oxley, the bricklayer.

38,877. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in 1859; which way did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

38,878. What did you get?—Nothing but messenger money.

38,879. How much did you get for messenger money?—1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

38,880. Who gave you that?—Mr. McCoy.

38,881. Walker and Gridley, in 1860; for whom did you vote?—Mr. Walker.

38,882. What did you get?—Nothing.

38,883. Not at all?—No.

38,884. Not in any way whatever?—Yes, I was a messenger then, and got 8*s.*

38,885. Who gave you that?—Mr. McCoy, for two days.

38,886. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865?—Yes.

38,887. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

38,888. Did you get anything?—3*l.*

38,889. Where did you get that?—David Nutchey gave it me.

38,890. Did you get anything else?—No, not then.

38,891. After?—At council choosing?

38,892. I mean about the 1865 election?—No, I was not a messenger then.

38,893. You did not get anything from the other side?—No, not a penny.

38,894. You say you voted at the last council choosing?—Yes.

38,895. What did you get?—1*l.*

38,896. Who gave you that?—David Nutchey.

38,897. And you voted at the parliamentary?—Yes.

38,898. For whom?—Edwards and Kennard, and got nothing.

38,899. You have had Walker's gift, did you not?—Yes.

38,900. When did you get Walker's gift?—I cannot say, I am sure.

38,901. It was on the 15th of April 1865?—Yes, that perhaps would be it.

38,902. What is your christian name?—James Turner Bishoprick.

38,903. What did you get it for; had you lost anything?—No.

38,904. Were you at work at the time?—I was out of work. It was to help me on in the world, I expect.

38,905. How long had you been out of work?—I cannot say; I am always out of work in winter when the bad weather, the frost, comes in.

38,906. Did you get it in the winter?—No, I believe it was in the spring.

38,907. Were you out of work then?—Yes.

38,908. Were you out of work at the time you asked for it?—Yes.

38,909. How long had you been out of work?—I am sure I cannot say.

38,910. What are your usual wages?—I am a pieceworker; sometimes I earn 26*s.* a week, and sometimes 10*s.*

38,911. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What do you work at?—Stone sawyer; the least frost knocks me off work.

38,912. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You say you got it in the spring?—Yes, but there was a frost then; I should be out of work.

38,913. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You voted for Edwards and Kennard in 1868?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES CATTLE called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

38,914. Are you a freeman?—Yes, I believe I am.

38,915. How long have you been?—Well——

38,916. Some 30 or 40 years?—Well, I should think I have, or more.

38,917. Did you vote at the famous Towneley election?—Yes, and I voted at Hastings and all.

38,918. Do you remember in 1857 when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—I am sure I cannot make that election out in my mind.

38,919. Then I will not ask you another question about it.

38,920. Do you recollect when Edwards and Wells were up?—Yes.

38,921. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards.

38,922. Did you receive any money?—No, I did not that time.

38,923. Were you employed in any way?—No, I never was employed any way.

38,924. Now tell us, I will take your answer, what elections do you recollect did you receive money at?—I will tell you all I know, I am sure. I believe I got some at Edwards and Walker.

38,925. That was the next election in 1859, Edwards, Walker, and Walters, did you vote for Edwards and Walker?—Yes.

38,926. Tell me, as near as you can, how much you got?—I should get a sovereign.

38,927. The next was Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

38,928. What did you get?—I got too much then, I got a broken leg.

38,929. Did you get any money?—No, I did not get any, nor they did not pay my doctor's bill either; I got nothing then.

38,930. When you voted you know in 1865, the next election, that would be Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

38,931. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

38,932. What did you get?—I got another sovereign then.

38,933. Only one sovereign?—Only one sovereign. I did not get it, it was given to my wife, I do not want to bring her in.

38,934. You are perfectly right, if it was given to her it was given to you. Only a sovereign was left? Who left it?—Mr. Larkin; he is dead.

38,935. Did you vote at the council choosing?—The last?

38,936. Yes?—Yes, I did.

38,937. You voted Edwards?—Yes, I did.

38,938. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

38,939. How much?—12*s.* 6*d.*

38,940. From whom?—Mr. Browsho.

38,941. For whom did you vote?—I voted for the Conservative party, of course.

38,942. Did you vote at the parliamentary election afterwards?—Yes.

38,943. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

38,944. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you ever receive Walker's gift?—No.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM DUFFILL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

W. Duffill.

38,945. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

38,946. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirty-seven years.

38,947. Did you vote at the election of Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes, I believe I did.

38,948. Who did you vote for?—Denison, I believe.

38,949. Denison single?—I cannot recollect exactly. I have not a poll book here.

38,950. Was it Denison single, or Denison and Wells?—Perhaps Denison and Wells, I think so.

38,951. What did you get?—Nothing.

38,952. You are quite sure of that?—Sure.

38,953. The next election was Edwards and Wells, who did you vote for?—Edwards.

38,954. What did you get then?—4*l.* odd.

38,955. That is a larger sum than usual; how was it you got 4*l.*?—I got it from Mr. John Richardson.

38,956. How did you come to get such a large sum?—I do not know, he came to me and asked me if I would vote their way, there was money stirring, and he said he would give me 4*l.*

38,957. The next election was Walker's election in 1859?—Yes, I got 2*l.*

38,958. For Walters?—Yes.

38,959. Who did you vote for?—Walters and Edwards.

38,960. Did you get anything on Edwards' side that time?—No.

38,961. Nothing?—No.

38,962. The next election was Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

38,963. For whom did you vote?—Gridley.

38,964. What did you get?—2*l.*

38,965. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, who did you vote for?—Keane and Edwards.

38,966. What did you get?—2*l.*

38,967. Did you vote the last council choosing?—Yes.

38,968. Who did you vote for?—For the Liberals; no, for the Conservatives.

38,969. What did you get?—15*s.*

38,970. Who paid you?—David Nutchey.

38,971. Who did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—The last?

38,972. Yes?—Edwards and Maxwell.

38,973. In 1865 you seem to have voted for Keane and Edwards, not Edwards and Sykes?—Keane and Edwards.

38,974. Did you get anything from Edwards that time?—No.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

38,975. What are you by occupation?—A shoemaker.

38,976. In your own business?—Yes.

38,977. You carry on your own business?—Yes.

38,978. Have you received Walker's gift?—Yes.

38,979. When was that?—Last year.

38,980. On what account was that, had you lost anything?—No, I had not lost anything.

38,981. What is the value of your house, the rateable value?—5*l.* a year.

38,982. Do you keep men working under you?—No, nobody but myself.

38,983. You got 2*l.* did you not?—Yes.

38,984. What did you ask for it for?—I asked for it to enable me to get a pony to go in the fish trade, as shoemaking was very bad, nothing to do.

38,985. And you got 2*l.* to assist you to buy a pony?—Yes.

38,986. Did you buy a pony?—No, I have not bought one yet.

38,987. Did you get it on the 29th of October 1868, just a twelvemonth ago, and you said it was for the following purpose, viz., "to assist me to buy a pony," and you have not got the pony?—No.

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W. Duffill.

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Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

38,988. When had you applied for it?—I applied before that time, a few weeks before.

38,989. I suppose you have gone in the fish trade, have you?—Yes.

38,990. You are a fishmonger now?—Yes.

38,991. How long have you been a fishmonger?—15 or 16 years off and on, and I work a little at my own business.

38,992. And I suppose your wife and children attend to the fish business; who assists you?—My son.

38,993. How old is he?—He would be 23 or 24.

38,994. What is he?—He is a fishmonger.

38,995. He is a freeman?—Yes.

38,996. And has a vote?—Yes.

38,997. Did he vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,998. For whom?—I cannot tell you, I never heard him say.

38,999. But you know?—No, I do not.

39,000. I think you know for whom your son would vote?—No, I really cannot tell; the poll book would tell, I should say.

39,001. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember what time you made this application?—Two or three weeks before the election came on.

39,002. Were you out of work at the time?—Very little work.

39,003. Had you as much work as usual?—No not as much.

39,004. Where do you live?—Dog and Duck Lane.

39,005. What street is that out of?—It is out of Walker Gate.

39,006. Were you in distressed circumstances when you made the application?—Rather so.

The witness withdrew.

J. Ellerker.

JOHN ELLERKER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,007. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,008. What are you by occupation?—A cabinet maker.

39,009. You work on your own account?—I do not work at that business at present; I do a little in the flour trade.

39,010. Did you vote at the election of 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Glover and Wells.

39,011. Did you get anything?—I have no recollection, not the least, of getting anything at that or any other up to Mr. Sykes' election.

39,012. You pledge your oath to that?—I will pledge my oath that I do not recollect of having a farthing.

39,013. At Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election, that was 1865, for whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Sykes.

39,014. And I think you intimated that you got nothing till then?—Yes.

39,015. What did you get?—2*l.*

39,016. Who gave you that?—Train, I think his name was, William Train.

39,017. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

39,018. And did you get anything then?—Yes.

39,019. What was it?—15*s.*

39,020. From whom?—David Nutchey.

39,021. Which side did you vote at the council choosing?—It was for the Conservatives.

39,022. How did you vote at the election?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

R. C. Farrah.

ROBERT CLUBLEY FARRAH called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,023. What are you?—A joiner.

39,024. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,025. How long have you been a freeman?—Over 20 years.

39,026. You recollect the election of Denison, Wells, and Glover, in 1857?—Yes.

39,027. Did you vote?—Yes.

39,028. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.

39,029. On that occasion?—No.

39,030. Do you recollect Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

39,031. Did you vote?—Yes.

39,032. For whom?—Wells.

39,033. Did you receive any money?—No.

39,034. Come down to Edwards and Walker; did you vote at that election?—Yes.

39,035. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

39,036. On which side?—Mr. Walker's.

39,037. Did you vote for Walker?—Yes.

39,038. How much did you receive?—2*l.*

39,039. Walker and Gridley; did you vote at that election?—Yes.

39,040. What did you receive?—2*l.*

39,041. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; what did you receive?—Nothing.

39,042. Did you vote?—Yes.

39,043. For whom did you vote?—Sykes and Edwards.

39,044. What did you receive?—Nothing.

39,045. How is that, you voted Walker and you voted Edwards?—I am speaking the truth.

39,046. I am not imputing to you in any way that you are not. How did it come about that you voted Edwards and Keane?—I beg your pardon, Edwards and Sykes.

39,047. Were you promised anything?—Nothing.

39,048. Were you offered anything on the part of Keane?—Nothing.

39,049. Did you look for it?—No.

39,050. Then you were determined to act upon principle and to vote as you thought right?—It is so.

39,051. I am putting it in a favourable light for you?—I understand you.

39,052. I suppose we may take it that you had improved in circumstances?—No, I do not know that I had.

39,053. Did you vote at the council choosing in 1868?—Yes.

39,054. For whom?—Norfolk and his colleagues.

39,055. Did you receive any money?—I did.

39,056. How much?—1*l.*

39,057. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Maxwell.

39,058. I want you to explain to me, because I was attributing it to a different motive, how it is that you voted for Edwards and Sykes in 1865?—You want my thoughts about that?

39,059. What induced you?—A man changing his mind.

39,060. No; was any money offered to you or did you expect any?—No.

39,061. You knew money was going?—I knew from hearsay.

39,062. On both sides?—I do not know about both sides.

39,063. Did you not hear that money was going on both sides?—I will not be positive about it.

39,064. On which side did you hear that money was going?—I voted for Keane, and there might be on the other side.

39,065. Did you apply to anyone about Keane?—I did not.

JOSEPH GREENHOUGH called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

39,066. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,067. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-seven years.

39,068. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

39,069. Whom did you vote for?—Glover.

39,070. Did you get anything?—No; I voted eight parliamentary elections, and never received anything at all.

39,071. You have never received anything at all?—Never received anything at all until the last council choosing.

39,072. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

39,073. Whom did you vote for?—For the Conservatives.

39,074. Did you get anything?—Yes.

39,075. How much?—15*s.*

39,076. Who paid you?—David Nutchey gave it me.

39,077. Whom did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

I. Garbutt.

ISAAC GARBUTT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,078. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,079. What are you by occupation?—A shoemaker.

39,080. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes.

39,081. Denison, Glover, and Wells; for which of those did you vote?—Glover and Denison.

39,082. Did you get anything?—Not a farthing.

39,083. Did you expect anything?—Why, I never had promise of anything, neither did I ask for it; and I did not expect there was anything.

39,084. Edwards and Wells the same year, the first time Major Edwards came?—I got 3*l.*

39,085. First of all, for whom did you vote?—Edwards.

39,086. You got 3*l.*?—Yes.

39,087. Who gave you the 3*l.*?—Nathaniel Kemplay.

39,088. Coming down to the election of 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker were the candidates; for which of those did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

39,089. Did you say Edwards and Walker?—I stated that. Edwards and Walker. Who was the other? There was another,

39,090. Mr. Glover; he got a few votes?—Glover and Edwards.

39,091. You voted Glover and Edwards?—Yes.

39,092. Did you get anything?—Not at that election I did not.

39,093. You are sure of that?—Quite sure.

39,094. The following election was Walker and Gridley, in 1860, did you vote then?—I got 2*l.*

39,095. For whom did you vote?—Gridley.

39,096. Who gave you the 2*l.*?—A man at the "Pack Horse."

39,097. The man with the hairy cap?—No, he had not a hairy cap. It was a person I met in the passage. He was quite a stranger to me. I heard of the man with the hairy cap, but that was not the man who gave me it. I met him in the passage in the "Pack Horse."

39,098. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Keane and Edwards.

39,099. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

39,100. From which party?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

39,101. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

39,102. Did you not get anything on the other side?—Not a halfpenny, and I never had promise of anything from the other side.

39,103. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

39,104. Did you get anything?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

39,105. From whom?—David Nutchey.

39,106. And you voted for the Conservatives?—Yes.

39,107. How did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Kennard and Edwards.

The witness withdrew.

T. Wardell.

THOMAS WARDELL called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,108. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,109. How long have you been a freeman?—Ever since 1859.

39,110. Then you voted I suppose at the elec ti of 1866?—No.

39,111. You did not?—No.

39,112. Your first election then was 1865?—Yes.

39,113. For whom did you vote at that election?—Mr. Keane.

39,114. What did you receive?—3*l.*

39,115. Where did you get it?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

39,116. Did you get all at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

39,117. Did you vote at the last election?—No, I was cut off; I lived at Hull.

The witness withdrew.

D. Mercer.

DAVID MERCER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

39,118. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,119. How long have you been a freeman?—About 18 years.

39,120. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—No.

39,121. Did you vote Edwards and Wells?—No.

39,122. Did you vote at Walters' election?—No.

39,123. Did you vote at Walker and Gridley's?—No.

39,124. Did you vote at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

39,125. Whom did you vote for?—Edwards and Sykes.

39,126. What did you get?—2*l.*

39,127. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

E. Hobson.

EDWARD HOBSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,128. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,129. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes.

39,130. Denison, Wells, and Glover, did you vote for Mr. Denison?—Yes, I did.

39,131. And for Mr. Wells?—No.

39,132. Only for Mr. Denison?—Single.

39,133. Did you get anything?—No.

39,134. Not before the election?—No.

39,135. Nor after it?—No.

39,136. Did anybody offer you anything?—No.

39,137. No talk about money?—Not any.

39,138. Edwards and Wells?—Single Edwards.

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E. Hobson.

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39,139. Did you get anything?—No.

39,140. No?—Not a halfpenny, and never had anything offered me.

39,141. Not at any election?—Not at any of them.

39,142. Eh?—No, not one.

39,143. You never had money at any election?—No.

39,144. Have you ever been employed as a runner?—No. I got something at the last council choosing.

39,145. How much?—15*s.*

39,146. Who gave you that?—Benjamin Moore.

39,147. For whom did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

39,148. Was that the first time you ever got any money in any way connected with your vote?—It will be 50 years since I got anything; George Lane Fox in 1820.

39,149. From that time till 1868 you never got anything for any vote?—No.

39,150. Nor anything connected with any vote?—No.

39,151. Nor electioneering matters?—No, I did not.

39,152. What is your occupation?—I am a hawker, and sell pots and glass. I am very seldom at home.

32,153. But you voted?—Yes, I came down to vote and went off again.

39,154. For instance, you voted in 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes, I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

39,155. And you got nothing?—Nothing at all.

39,156. There was money going?—I am sure I do not know, I never inquired for any.

39,157. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You voted Edwards and Kennard in 1868?—No, Edwards and Maxwell, the last election.

39,158. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you never had anything for travelling expenses?—No, not from anyone. I was promised once my expenses, but I never got a farthing. A man came over and fetched me, but I never got a halfpenny.

The witness withdrew.

C. Griffin.

CHARLES GRIFFIN called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,159. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,160. How long have you been a freeman?—About 17 or 18 years, as near as I can tell.

39,161. Do you recollect Denison's election?—Yes, I do.

39,162. Did you vote?—I hardly can tell you whether I did or not. I have not the book to see.

39,163. Do you recollect when Edwards and Wells were up, the same year?—Yes, I believe I do.

39,164. When Edwards first came?—Yes.

39,165. For whom did you vote on that occasion?—Edwards.

39,166. Did you get anything?—No.

39,167. Were you employed in any way?—No.

39,168. And you received no money?—No.

39,169. Have you a distinct recollection upon the subject? If you have not, I will not press you further upon it. Have you a distinct recollection that you got none?—I did not.

39,170. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Edwards and Walters I believe I voted for.

39,171. You voted for Edwards and Walters?—Yes.

39,172. How much did you get?—2*l.*

39,173. From whom did you get it?—I believe from Benjamin Moore.

39,174. On behalf of Walters?—2*l.* for Walters.

39,175. How much did you get on the other side?—2*l.*

39,176. 2*l.* on the other side also?—Yes.

39,177. You got 2*l.* from Moore; from whom did you get the second 2*l.*, do you recollect?—The second 2*l.*?

39,178. You told me you got 2*l.* from Mr. Moore?—Yes.

39,179. Did you get any more than that?—Yes.

39,180. From whom?—I cannot tell you whom I got the other 2*l.* from; I cannot, to speak the truth.

39,181. Do you recollect where you got it?—No, I do not.

39,182. Did you get it at the Toll Gavel?—Yes, I recollect that place.

39,183. In 1860, Walker and Gridley, for whom did you vote?—I believe I voted for Walker.

39,184. Did you receive any money?—I think not; I cannot tell you, not to speak the truth; I cannot.

39,185. You have no recollection whether you received money or otherwise?—No, not for Walker.

39,186. Did you receive any from Gridley's side?—I believe I did in a place, somewhere or other, but there was no voting mentioned.

39,187. I do not say there was, but how much did you get?—I believe I got 2*l.*

39,188. You got 2*l.* on the Gridley side?—Yes.

39,189. And voted for Walker?—Yes.

39,190. How many days before the election was it you got it?—On the same day, the day of the election.

39,191. The morning of the election?—Yes.

39,192. Do you recollect where, at the "Pack Horse," or in the street?—I was in the "Pack Horse."

39,193. It was there you got the money, no doubt?—Yes, I did get some there.

39,194. In 1865, Sykes, Edwards, and Keane?—Edwards and Keane I voted for.

39,195. What did you receive?—I believe I received 2*l.* from each side.

39,196. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

39,197. For whom?—For the Conservative party.

39,198. What did you receive?—1*l.*

39,199. From whom?—William Browsho.

39,200. Did you vote at the subsequent election?—Yes.

39,201. For whom?—Edwards and Maxwell.

39,202. What are you by occupation?—A blacksmith.

39,203. Do you work on your own account?—No.

39,204. You work as a journeyman?—Yes.

39,205. You have received Walker's gift?—Yes, I have.

39,206. When was that?—Perhaps about a year or two ago.

39,207. The 13th of December 1867; 2*l.*, was it not?—Yes.

39,208. What was it for?—I was out of work.

39,209. How long had you been out of work?—I had been out of work, I should think, about nine or ten months, getting a day or two now and then, and perhaps a week in places.

39,210. Were you ill?—No, I was not ill at that time.

The witness withdrew.

R. Horner, jun.

RICHARD HORNER, jun., called.

The witness asked to be relieved from the necessity of taking the oath. In answer to the Chief Commissioner he said he had religious scruples on the subject, and he was accordingly allowed to make affirmation that he would speak the truth.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

39,211. You have got a paper there of the way in which you voted ?—Yes.

39,212. And the sums you received ?—Yes.

39,213. Begin with Denison, Wells, and Glover. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Glover.

39,214. Did you get anything ?—No.

39,215. You got nothing at all ?—Nothing at all.

39,216. The next election was Edwards and Wells ?—1857 again. I voted for Edwards at that election.

39,217. What did you get ?—Nothing.

39,218. Is your memory quite clear upon that ?—Quite clear upon the subject.

39,219. Then the next election was Walker's election ?—1859. I voted for Walters, and got 2*l.*

39,220. Then the next election was in 1860, Walker and Gridley ?—Yes, I was working in Buxton, Derbyshire, at the time, and got 4*l.* for my expenses.

39,221. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Gridley.

39,222. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I did not vote at all.

39,223. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

39,224. What did you get ?—12*s.* 6*d.*

39,225. From whom ?—David Nutchey.

39,226. Did you vote that way ?—Yes.

39,227. Whom did you vote for at the parliamentary election ?—For Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

William Horner called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

W. Horner.

39,228. What are you ?—A bricklayer.

39,229. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

39,230. Did you vote in 1857 ?—Yes.

39,231. For whom did you vote ?—Glover.

39,232. Did you get anything ?—No.

39,233. That is really the case ? You are sure of that ?—That I got nothing ?

39,234. Yes ?—Yes, that is the case.

39,235. The next election was Edwards and Wells. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards.

39,236. Did you get anything ?—Yes, I got 2*l.*

39,237. Who gave you that ?—I am sure I do not know. I got it in the "Dog and Duck." There were a good many people there at the time.

39,238. 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I voted for Walters and Edwards.

39,239. Did you get anything ?—I got 2*l.* for Walters.

39,240. And what on the other side ?—Nothing at all.

39,241. That is so ?—Yes.

39,242. Walker and Gridley, in 1860 ?—I voted for Walker.

39,243. What did you get ?—I got 8*s.* for two days' messenger money.

39,244. Was that all you got ?—That is all I got, and a good bit of bother to get that.

39,245. That was really all you got at that election ?—That was all I got.

39,246. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, in 1865 ?—Edwards and Keane.

39,247. Well ?—I got 2*l.* for Keane.

39,248. At the Mechanics' ?—At the Mechanics'.

39,259. And—— ?—Nothing else.

39,250. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

39,251. Did you get anything ?—I got 12*s.* 6*d.*

39,252. Who gave you that ?—Mr. Kemplay.

39,253. On which side did you vote ?—For the Conservatives.

39,254. How did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—I voted for Edwards and Maxwell.

The witness withdrew.

William Richard Jameson called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. R. Jameson.

39,255. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

39,256. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 29 years.

39,257. Did you vote at the Towneley election ?—Yes.

39,258. What did you get at that election ?—12*l.*

39,259. In 1857 did you vote ?—Yes.

39,260. Denison and Wells' election ?—Yes.

39,261. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Denison and Glover.

39,262. Did you receive any money on that occasion ?—I did not receive any money. I ought to have received a hare, but I never got one ; I was too late. I understood at the time it was Mr. Denison's wish that all who voted for him should have a hare given to them, and some parties got three. I was two consistent a Conservative.

39,263. Never mind that. You got no money ?—I got no money at all.

39,264. Did you vote at Edwards and Wells' subsequent election ?—Yes, I did.

39,265. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Mr. Edwards.

39,266. Did you receive any money ?—No, not at all.

39,267. In the election of 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, did you vote ?—I voted for Edwards and Walker.

39,268. Did you receive anything ?—I got two guineas or 2*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, I cannot say to a sixpence. I was put down as messenger.

39,269. You use a proper phrase in saying you were "put down as messenger." Did you act as messenger ?—I was never called upon.

39,270. The next election, Walker and Gridley ?—I voted for Mr. Walker.

39,271. What did you receive ?—I did not receive anything to my knowledge. I have tried to call to mind. I cannot call to mind receiving anything at that election. If I did I think I should have remembered it ; but I do not recollect ever receiving anything at that election.

39,272. Mr. McCoy paid after the election was over some time ?—Yes ; but I think I did not receive anything for that.

39,273. You cannot call to mind ?—I cannot call to mind at all that.

39,274. But you will not pledge yourself that you did not receive some ?—Well, I think I should remember it if I had, but I cannot remember anything about it.

39,275. In 1865 for whom did you vote ?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

39,276. What did you receive ?—I received 3*l.*

39,277. Was it in the form of your being put down as a messenger ?—I was put down as messenger, and I acted as one in at that election. I got 5*s.* for that, and some refreshment.

39,278. And besides that you got 3*l.* for your vote ?—Yes. I gave you to understand that I promised before ever I received. I promised Sir Henry Edwards as soon as ever he asked me for the vote. I did not get that as an inducement to vote.

39,279. No, we understand. Did you get the 3*l.* before you voted or after you voted ?—I got 2*l.* before and 1*l.* afterwards.

39,280. Did you get the 2*l.* the day of the polling ?—Yes.

39,281. Where ?—Well, I was in the "Cross Keys," and a person of the name of Henry Barnes, a whitesmith, said he would, to save trouble, draw it for a lot

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of us together, and I think he got it out of their dining room.

39,282. Were there many of you there?—I came out and he followed me out, and he gave me the money in the street.

39,283. But I mean, were there many in the house, many at the "Cross Keys"?—No, there were not many.

39,284. When did you get the other 1*l.*?—I got it at the "Beverley Arms."

39,285. When; after the election?—No, the same day, but after I voted.

39,286. Who paid you at the "Beverley Arms"?—Not the "Beverley Arms," the "King's Arms," I should say.

39,287. Who paid you there?—Mr. Boyes.

39,288. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I did.

39,289. For whom?—For Edwards and Kennard.

39,290. Had you voted before at the council choosing?—Yes, I had.

39,291. Did you receive at the council choosing?—I got 1*l.*

39,292. From whom?—From David Nutchey.

39,293. Where?—At Mrs. Padget's shop.

39,294. Were you set down as a runner?—At this last election?

39,295. Yes?—Oh no, I voted.

39,296. Not at the council choosing?—I voted before five minutes after eight, and I was out in the country during the day.

The witness withdrew.

A. Marshall.

AARON MARSHALL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

39,297. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,298. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

39,299. For whom did you vote?—Wells; no, Denison.

39,300. Denison single?—I think I did. I have a bad memory.

39,301. Or Denison and Wells, do you remember?—I could not say, I am sure.

39,302. Did you get anything?—No.

39,303. The next election was Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote then?—I voted for Edwards.

39,304. Did you get anything?—No.

39,305. Nothing at all?—No.

39,306. Perhaps you will tell me what is the next election at which you did get anything?—I got some at one election, 2*l.*

39,307. What election was that?—It was for Edwards and somebody.

39,308. Would that be Edwards and Sykes?—It might be, I could not say. I polled for Edwards always.

39,309. Now, the election after that was Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in 1859. Whom did you vote for?—I polled for Edwards again.

39,310. Edwards and Walker?—Edwards and Walker.

39,311. What did you get then?—I think I got 2*l.*

39,312. Then the next election after that was Walker and Gridley. Whom did you vote for then?—Walker.

39,313. You would get something then?—I could not recollect getting anything then.

39,314. You got something at the "Cross Keys"?—No.

39,315. Are you quite sure you did not?—Yes.

39,316. The next election was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I polled for Keane.

39,317. What did you get?—Nothing.

39,318. How was that?—I did not get anything.

39,319. Were you promised anything?—They said they would give me some if I polled for them, but I never got anything. I polled for them.

39,320. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

39,321. Who for?—For the crimson.

39,322. Whom did you vote for at the last parliamentary election?—Nobody.

39,323. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What did they say they would give you if you polled for them?—3*l.*

39,324. Who promised you?—Mr. Duffill.

39,325. Mr. Duffill promised you?—Yes.

39,326. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Was that at the "George and Dragon"? His nephew lives at the "George and Dragon."

39,327. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You said you would, I suppose?—Yes.

39,328. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you have Walker's gift?—Yes.

39,329. When did you get it?—It is a good bit back now.

39,330. Two or three years?—Yes, more.

39,331. It was in 1865. What did you get it for?—I had been unlucky in the trade.

39,332. What is your occupation; a butcher, I suppose, by your dress?—Yes.

39,333. Do you keep a shop of your own?—Yes, I did.

39,334. At that time?—No, not at that time.

39,335. You did not keep a shop at that time?—I had not one at that time.

39,336. What was the gift for? what did you have it for?—To help me to buy a sheep or two with.

39,337. Was that in 1865?—I am sure I could not say when it was.

39,338. Because here the purpose is stated to be to enable you to buy a pony?—I have not a pony, I am sure.

39,339. Is that your handwriting (*handing a book to witness*)?—Yes, it is.

39,340. Well, was it to enable you to buy a pony?—I am sure I forget at the time. I know I bought some sheep with the money.

39,341. Was it to buy a pony or to buy sheep?—It was to buy a pony, if you say so.

39,342. If I say so! It is what you say?—Well, I used the money to buy a sheep with.

39,343. You applied for the money to buy a pony, and you bought a sheep with it?—Yes.

39,344. Had you lost anything?—I was unlucky.

39,345. Unlucky, everybody is unlucky. What do you mean by that?—I was unlucky in the trade.

39,346. Had you lost anything?—Yes, I had lost a good bit with bad debts.

39,347. Were you in distressed circumstances?—I was not well off, I am sure.

39,348. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a butcher?—Yes.

39,349. Had you failed in business?—Yes.

30,350. Do you mean you had been insolvent or bankrupt?—No, I was never insolvent.

30,351. What do you mean by saying you had failed in business?—I could not go on any longer, and I was forced to give up.

30,352. Did you make an assignment for the benefit of your creditors?—No, I did not owe so much as that.

39,353. Were you a journeyman butcher?—No.

39,354. Did you give up being a butcher?—No, I am a butcher now.

39,355. Were you butchering at the time you made the application for this gift?—No; there was a good while I did nothing, and then I worked for anybody.

39,356. You had a shop?—Yes.

39,357. You gave that up?—Yes.

39,358. And then became a journeyman?—Yes.

38,359. What time did you give up your shop?—I am sure I cannot say; six or seven years I should think, or more; eight or nine years.

39,360. I thought you told me just now that you

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were keeping a shop when you applied for this Walker's gift; is that so? Yes or no, did you keep a shop when you applied for Walker's gift?—I used to have a bit of meat, and sell it in the house; I had not a shop then.

39,361. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where was your house? What house had you in April 1865, when you got this 2*l.*?—In Hen Gate.

39,362. What was the rent of your house?—8*l.*

39,363. Did not you have a stall in the market?—I have now.

39,364. But at that time?—No.

39,365. Did you carry on any trade in the house at that time, in April 1865?—I used to kill a sheep, and hawk it about to anybody that would buy of me.

39,366. I mean at this time, when you got the 2*l.* from Walker's gift, did you use to kill a sheep then?—Yes.

39,367. And hawk it about?—Yes.

39,368. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you then a stocker?—No, I did not stock; I have not done so a long while.

39,369. Did you at the time you made this application?—No.

39,370. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I want to ask you one question. You state here it was to enable you to buy a pony; did you buy a pony?—No, I did not.

The witness withdrew.

J. Needham.

John Needham called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,371. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,372. Did you vote in 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—No, I do not remember polling for them; I do not remember them.

39,373. When did you vote next after that? Did you vote in 1857?—Yes.

39,374. Then you voted at Edwards and Wells' election?—Yes.

39,375. Which way did you vote?—For both of them.

39,376. No, you could not have done that. There was an election at which Edward and Wells put up?—For Edwards.

39,377. You voted for Edwards alone?—Yes.

39,378. And what did you get?—I am sure I cannot say what I got.

39,379. Did you get anything?—I do not remember. I should get the same as others, I should think.

39,380. Did you get a couple of pounds?—Yes, I most likely should, but I have a very bad memory; I cannot recollect.

39,381. Where did you get it?—I am sure I cannot say now.

39,382. In 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker were candidates; did you vote then?—Yes, I think I voted for Edwards and Walker.

39,383. Did you get anything?—I do not remember, I am sure; I cannot recollect.

39,384. Do try and think?—I do not recollect now.

39,385. Try and remember; people can remember by trying?—I do not remember.

39,386. You remember that you voted for Edwards and Walker?—Yes.

39,387. Now remember; did you get any money?—I am sure I do not know; I cannot say. I should get the same as the others, perhaps.

39,388. Did you get a couple of pounds?—Most likely I should.

39,389. Walker and Gridley; did you vote for Mr. Walker?—Yes.

39,390. Well?—2*l.* I got for that; I remember that.

39,391. Do you remember where you got it?—At the "White Swan."

39,392. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865; did you vote for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes, I believe I should; I forget.

39,393. What did you get?—I really cannot say; perhaps the same.

39,394. The same as others?—Yes.

39,395. Two pounds?—Two pounds I should say.

39,396. That was so?—Yes, I believe it was, but I almost forget.

39,397. Where did you get that?—I am sure I cannot say now. I got it in the street, I think.

39,398. You got that in the street?—I believe I did.

39,399. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

39,400. What did you get?—15*s.*

39,401. Who gave you that?—David Nutchey.

39,402. Did you vote for the members of parliament last year?—Yes.

39,403. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

R. Pottage.

Richard Pottage called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,404. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,405. How long have you been a freeman?—I voted for Denison the first time.

39,406. Did you get anything at that election?—No.

39,407. Did you vote at Edwards' election, Edwards and Wells, the same year?—Yes.

39,408. For whom did you vote?—Edwards.

39,409. Did you get anything?—Not a halfpenny.

39,410. Did you vote in 1859, when Walters was here?—Yes.

39,411. For whom?—Walters.

39,412. Then you got, I believe, how much?—Two half sovereigns for my expenses from Hornsea.

39,413. Was that after the election or before?—It was before.

39,414. You had to come from Hornsea?—Yes, and I went for my expenses.

39,415. Who paid you?—I think a man called Taylor.

39,416. Now, did you vote the year afterwards, when Walker and Gridley were up?—Yes, Walker.

39,417. Did you receive anything?—No.

39,418. Not for your expenses?—No.

39,419. Now in 1865, for whom did you vote. That was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—I vote for Keane and Edwards.

39,420. What did you get?—Nothing.

39,421. Did you not get anything from Keane's side?—No.

39,422. Were not you promised anything?—No.

39,423. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—No.

39,424. Nothing on either side?—No.

39,425. Did you apply to anyone?—No.

39,426. Had you heard that money was going?—No.

39,427. You got no money?—No.

39,428. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

39,429. What did you get then?—I got a sovereign.

39,430. From whom?—Mr. Voase.

39,431. Did you apply to him, or how?—No, he gave it to me.

39,432. Where?—In the market place.

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39,433. You, I suppose, and a number of others were there before you voted. What time did you get the sovereign ?—About the middle of the day.

39,434. What time did you come into the town ?—I was in the town all day.

39,435. Had you heard that money was going ?—I never heard. I got it.

39,436. Did you vote at all at the last election immediately following the council choosing ?—Yes.

39,437. For whom ?—For Edwards and Kennard.

39,438. Now, you seem an intelligent man, and do you pledge your oath that is all the money you received ?—That is all the money I got.

39,439. Was Denison's your first election ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

G. Simpson.

George Simpson called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

39,440. How long have you been a voter ?—Twenty-eight years.

39,441. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—Yes.

39,442. Whom did you vote for ?—Glover.

39,443. Did you get anything ?—No.

39,444. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

39,445. Then the next election was Edwards and Wells ?—Yes, in 1857.

39,446. What did you get ? — I voted single Edwards.

39,447. Did you get anything ?—No.

39,448. Nothing ?—Not a farthing.

39,449. You are quite sure ?—I am, upon my oath.

39,450. The next election was Walker's election ?—Edwards and Walker.

39,451. Have you ever got anything ?—No.

39,452. Never ?—Never at a parliamentary election.

39,453. Upon your oath you never have ?—I have not.

39,454. Either before or after ?—No, nor never promised.

39,455. Had you ever any employment ?—No.

39,456. You never received money colourably for employment or travelling expenses ?—No.

39,457. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—I did.

39,458. Did you get any money ?—Yes.

39,459. How much ?—1*l.*

39,460. From whom ?—David Nutchey.

39,461. Did you vote for the Conservatives ?—I did.

39,462. And whom did you vote for at the parliamentary election ?—Edwards and Kennard.

39,463. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What time in the day did you get the money ?—About 10 o'clock in the morning.

The witness withdrew.

T. Simpson.

Thomas Simpson called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,464. Are you a freeman ?—Yes. I voted in 1847.

39,465. I do not want to trouble you so far back as that. Go to 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—I voted in 1857 for Edwards.

39,466. But there was an election just before that ?—I never voted at all.

39,467. You voted for Edwards ; did you get anything ?—Yes.

39,468. What ?—2*l.*

39,469. Who gave you that ?—I believe Benjamin Moore.

39,470. Go on to 1859, did you vote then ?—Walters.

39,471. Did you get anything ?—2*l.*

39,472. Who gave you that ?—I believe Tailor Gray.

39,473. Walker and Gridley in 1860 ?—I did not vote.

39,474. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865 ?—I voted Edwards.

39,475. Did you get anything ?—2*l.*

39,476. Who gave you that ?—Benjamin Moore.

39,477. Did you vote for Edwards singly ?—Yes.

39,478. Not for Mr. Sykes ?—No.

39,479. How did you vote last time ?—Edwards and Kennard.

39,480. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—Yes.

39,481. Did you get anything ?—1*l.*

39,482. Who gave you that ?—Mr. Browsho at the "White Swan."

39,483. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you quite sure it was Tailor Gray who paid you when you voted for Walters ?—I am sure it was, in Walker Gate.

39,484. That would be at the back of the "White Horse" ?—Yes.

39,485. Is that near the back of the house in Toll Gavel ? — Between Walker Gate and the market place ; the "Pack Horse" I mean ; it was my mistake.

39,486. Is the "Pack Horse" near Poole's shop in Toll Gavel ?—I never was in Toll Gavel.

39,487. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You don't understand me, I see. That will do.

The witness withdrew.

F. Tritschler.

Fidel Tritschler called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,488. Are you a freeman ?—No ; a 10*l.* householder.

39,489. How long have you been on the 10*l.* list ?—About eight years.

39,490. When was the first time you voted ?—1865.

39,491. For whom ?—Edwards and Sykes.

39,492. Did you receive anything ?—I got 2*l.*

39,493. From whom ?—Mr. Underwood, the saddler.

39,494. And did you vote at the council choosing last time ?—Yes.

39,495. Did you receive anything ?—15*s.*

39,496. And did you vote at the parliamentary election afterwards ?—Yes.

39,497. For whom ?—Edwards and Kennard.

39,498. What are you ?—A watchmaker.

The witness withdrew.

W. Stubbings.

William Stubbings called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

39,499. Are you a freeman or an occupier ?—An occupier.

39,500. How long have you been an occupier ?—Fourteen years.

39,501. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—No, I am not a ten-pounder.

39,502. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You only voted the last time ?—Yes, only the last time.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS WATSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,503. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,504. What is your occupation in life?—I am a furniture broker now.

39,505. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes.

39,506. Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

39,507. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards.

39,508. But the election previous to that, Denison, Glover, and Wells, just before that?—Glover.

39,509. A plumper?—Yes.

39,510. Did you get anything?—No; never got a farthing from any party whatever since Towneley's election.

39,511. You have never received anything for your parliamentary vote; that you say?—Never since Towneley's election.

39,512. Have you voted at the municipal elections?—Yes.

39,513. Do you say the same thing as to that?—No, I cannot. I am sorry to say I received 10*s.* last municipal election, and I did not seek for it neither.

39,514. And for whom did you vote?—I voted for the Conservatives both at the council choosing and the parliamentary election.

39,515. You voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Edwards and Kennard, yes.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM WATSON sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,516. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,517. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1837.

39,518. And you voted in Towneley's election?—No.

39,519. Did you vote in 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

39,520. For whom did you vote?—Wells and Denison both.

39,521. Did you receive any money on that occasion?—No, I did not.

39,522. You have a recollection that you did not?—Yes.

39,523. The next election was Edwards and Wells; if you recollect, Glover was disqualified; did you vote upon that election; it was a single contest between Edwards and Wells?—I cannot recollect.

39,524. They tell me you voted Wells?—I might.

39,525. Did you get anything?—I could not recollect that.

39,526. You will not say you did not?—No.

39,527. In 1859 for whom did you vote; that was Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walker.

39,528. Money would be going then; what would you get?—2*l.*

39,529. In 1860 for whom did you vote; it was Gridley and Walker?—I voted for Gridley.

39,530. Walters was turned out?—Yes.

39,531. What did you get?—I did not get anything.

39,532. Were you promised anything?—No, I was not.

39,533. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; what did you get?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes, and I got 2*l.*

39,534. Where?—At the "Cross Keys."

39,535. From whom?—Charles Arnott.

39,536. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

39,537. What did you receive?—I got 1*l.* at the last council choosing.

39,538. From whom?—From David Nutchey.

39,539. For whom did you vote?—At the parliamentary?

39,540. Yes?—Edwards and Keane.

39,541. And what did you get?—I got nothing.

39,542. What are you?—A whitesmith.

39,543. Have you a place of your own?—I have a small place of my own.

39,544. How many men have you at work?—I have only one, my son.

The witness withdrew.

ROBERT WATSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

39,545. Are you a freeman?—No, sir.

39,546. A 10*l.* occupier?—No, sir.

39,547. Have you ever voted at the parliamentary election?—Only the last.

39,548. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then I will not examine you any more.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN WILSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,549. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,550. Did you vote at the election of Denison, Glover, and Wells in 1857?—Yes.

39,551. For whom did you vote?—Gridley.

39,552. Did you get anything?—No.

39,553. Did you vote at the next election of 1857, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

39,554. For whom?—Edwards.

39,555. Did you get anything?—Nothing.

39,556. You did not?—No.

39,557. Not before, or at, or after this election?—No.

39,558. Nor any promise?—No.

39,559. Walters, Edwards, and Walker; did you vote then?—Yes, for Edwards and Walker.

39,560. Did you get anything?—No.

39,561. Did you get anything at any parliamentary election?—Yes, at Towneley's first election.

39,562. And since that?—Yes, Goldsmid's.

39,563. But since that?—No.

39,564. Never got anything since Goldsmid's election?—No.

39,565. That you say?—Yes.

39,566. Have you ever got anything from Sykes?—No.

39,567. Have you ever got anything for running?—No.

39,568. Have you never been employed in any way?—No.

39,569. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

39,570. Did you get anything then?—Yes.

39,571. How much?—15*s.*

39,572. And for whom did you vote?—The Tory party.

39,573. And for whom at the parliamentary?—Edwards and Kennard.

39,574. At the previous elections did you vote for the Conservative party?—Yes, except at Towneley's.

39,575. In 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

39,576. I believe you voted for Walker once?—Yes.

39,577. You voted for the Conservative party?—Yes.

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39,578. Who gave you the 15*s.*?—David Nutchey.

39,579. And you never got anything before for those nine years?—No.

39,580. What are you?—A tailor.

39,581. How did Nutchey give it you?—In Padget's shop.

39,582. Who told you to go there?—I went to fill up a paper—a list of voters.

39,583. You not expecting anything?—No.

39,584. And not laying yourself out for it in any way?—No.

39,585. And, if you are telling us true, he gave you 15*s.*?—Yes.

39,586. What time in the day was it?—After dinner.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

39,587. You can read and write, I suppose?—Yes.

39,588. Why could not you fill it up?—They filled it up; I could have filled it up if I had liked.

39,589. But you chose to go to Padget's shop?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Spivey.

John Spivey called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,590. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,591. How long have you been a freeman?—10 years.

39,592. When did you first vote?—For Gridley.

39,593. Was that the first vote you gave?—Yes.

39,594. For Gridley?—Yes.

39,595. What did you get?—2*l.* from a man with a hairy cap.

39,596. Your next vote was in 1865?—Yes.

39,597. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Keane, and got 2*l.*

39,598. And the council choosing?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

39,599. From whom?—Robert Thirsk, the man in the wood-yard at the old foundry.

39,600. You voted for the crimson?—Yes.

39,601. And how did you vote at the parliamentary?—I voted for Edwards and Keane.

The witness withdrew.

W. Spivey, jun.

William Spivey, jun., called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,602. How long have you been a voter?—11 or 12 years.

39,603. What was the first election you voted at?—Major Edwards.

39,604. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

30,605. Was that Edwards and Wells?—Yes, I think it was.

39,606. Who did you vote for?—Edwards.

39,607. Did you get anything?—Yes.

39,608. How much?—Three sovereigns.

39,609. The next was Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes.

39,610. For whom did you vote?—Walters.

39,611. What did you get?—2*l.*

39,612. The next election after that was Walker and Gridley?—I did not poll at all; I think I was not here.

39,613. Then we come to 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane and Sykes.

39,614. What did you get?—4*l.*

39,615. That would be 2*l.* perhaps at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

39,616. Where did you get the other?—My uncle Charles gave it me.

39,617. So you got 2*l.* from Keane and 2*l.* from Sykes?—Yes.

39,618. Did you vote at the council choosing?—I did not vote at all.

The witness withdrew.

R. Bielby.

Robert Bielby called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,619. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,620. Did you vote in 1857, at Denison, Glover, and Wells' election?—I did.

39,621. For whom did you vote?—Glover.

39,622. Did you get anything?—No.

39,623. Did you vote the next election, Edwards and Wells?—I did.

39,624. For whom?—Wells.

39,625. Did you get anything?—No.

39,626. Did you get anything at any election?—Yes. If you will proceed on I will tell you.

39,627. Walters, Edwards, and Walker; did you vote then?—Yes, and got 2*l.*

39,628. You may look at your memorandum if you like; you voted at that election?—Yes.

39,629. And got 2*l.*?—Yes.

39,630. Walker and Gridley?—I got 2*l.* from Gridley.

39,631. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I got 2*l.* at that election. I voted for Edwards and Sykes. I got 2*l.* at that affair.

39,632. Was that all?—Yes.

39,633. You did not go to the Mechanics'?—No.

39,634. Did you vote for Edwards and Kennard at the parliamentary?—Yes. I got 10*s.* at the municipal, at the "Golden Ball."

39,635. And you voted crimson?—Indeed I did.

The witness withdrew.

H. T. Freebury.

Henry Thomas Freebury called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,636. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,637. How long have you been a freeman?—About 10 years.

39,638. How long have you exercised your right of voting; what was the first time?—The last election but one of Edwards.

39,639. That is 1860. Do you recollect Walters' election?—I do.

39,640. Did you vote at that election?—No.

39,641. You recollect Walker and Gridley's election?—Yes.

39,642. Did you vote at that election?—No, I only voted the last time.

39,643. In 1865?—Yes.

39,644. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

39,645. Did you get anything?—Yes, 4*l.*

39,646. For yourself?—Yes.

39,647. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Keane.

39,648. Had you voted at the council choosing?—Yes.

39,649. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

39,650. From whom?—I got it at the "Golden Ball" stairs.

39,651. What time did you go to the poll?—At 2 o'clock, or half-past 1.

39,652. You said you voted for the Conservatives?—Yes.

39,653. And of course you voted for the crimson at the council choosing?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM CROSS called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *W. Cross.*

39,654. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—A freeman.

39,655. Do you recollect Denison, Glover, and Wells' election?—Yes.

39,656. For whom did you vote?—For Wells and Glover.

39,657. Did you get anything?—No.

39,658. Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote at that election?—Edwards.

39,659. Did you get anything?—3*l.*

39,660. The next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walters, and got 2*l.*

39,661. The election after that was Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker, and got nothing.

39,662. Then Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted Edwards and Keane, and got 2*l.* from each party.

39,663. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I have no vote.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES NEEDHAM, jun., called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *J. Needham, jr.*

39,664. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,665. Did you vote as far back as 1857?—No.

39,666. When do you begin?—I was a freeman in 1864.

39,667. You voted for Keane?—I voted for Keane, and got a sovereign before the election.

39,668. At the Mechanics'?—Yes.

39,669. Did you get anything on the day of the election?—A shilling at Mr. Hind's office.

39,670. Who gave it you?—Mr. Luke Hind.

39,671. Is that all you got?—All I got.

39,672. What was the 1*s.* for?—I do not know; he said all the money was paid and gone, and he would give me that.

39,673. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I was not here.

39,674. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did anyone promise you any money in 1865?—No, sir.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS DAVID ENGLISH called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *T. D. English.*

39,675. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,676. How long have you been so?—14 or 15 years.

39,677. Did you vote the first time Edwards came?—Yes.

39,678. Had you voted before?—Yes, for Denison and Wells.

39,679. Did you get anything?—I got my expenses from Cambridge.

39,680. Was that about 3*l.*?—Yes, about 3*l.*

39,681. Did you vote next year Edwards and Wells again?—Yes.

39,682. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Wells.

39,683. What did you get?—Nothing.

39,684. Did you vote at the next election, Walters, Edwards, and Walker in 1859?—Yes.

39,685. Who did you vote for?—Walters and Edwards.

39,686. How much?—2*l.* from Walters and nothing from Edwards. I had five or six sovereigns offered me, and I refused.

39,687. From whom?—Richard Arnott; he showed me the money, and asked if that was of any use.

39,688. You took 2*l.* from Walters?—I always voted Liberal, and do not think it any bribery to take money on that side.

39,689. Very good. I will not argue that question with you. The next election was Walker and Gridley?—I voted Gridley.

39,690. How much?—I am not sure I got anything.

39,691. Gridley was a Liberal, and according to your notion that it is not bribery to take money on your own side, you should have got something?—I cannot say whether I did or did not.

39,692. In 1865 for whom did you vote; that was the time when Keane was up?—I voted for Mr. Keane.

39,693. What did you get?—2*l.*

39,694. Did you vote for Keane alone?—Yes.

39,695. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I never voted at the council choosing. I may say, gentlemen, I have twice applied for Walker's gift and have not received it on either occasion. The first time was through distressed circumstances on failure of business. The last time I had lost some pigs to the value of 5*l.* or 6*l.* I never received the gift either time.

39,696. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where were you paid your expenses for coming from Cambridge?—I believe at the committee room, by Mr. Clark, of York.

39,697. Where was the committee room?—At Toll Gavel.

39,698. The Reform Association?—Yes.

39,699. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you any reason for supposing the refusing of Walker's gift arose from political grounds?—I believe it has been made a party concern of. I have a copy of one of the applications I made.

39,700. Have you any ground for that supposition of yours of party?—Yes; I have been looked at shyly by the Conservatives, and treated in a manner as if I were wrong in choosing to vote independently.

39,701. Has anybody in authority given you ground for supposing you were refused from party motives?—I do not know that any person has in authority.

39,702. Have you anything beyond suspicion?—I do not suppose I could bring any proofs.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN HOGGARD called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *J. Hoggard.*

39,703–4. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—I am a freeman. I have been an occupier five years.

39,705. I think the first time you voted was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes; and I got 2*l.* at the "Mechanics'."

39,706. How did you vote?—I voted for Keane singly.

39,707. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

39,708. Who did you vote for?—I voted Tory, and got nothing.

The witness withdrew.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

R. Hoggard.

21 Oct. 1869.

ROBERT HOGGARD called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,709. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,710. Did you vote in 1857 at Denison, Glover, and Wells?—No.

39,711. Did you vote when Edwards and Wells were candidates?—Yes.

39,712. Which of them did you vote for?—Edwards.

39,713. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

39,714. Who gave you that?—A man of the name of Baker.

39,715. Walters, Edwards, and Walker in 1859?—I voted for Walters.

39,716. Only Walters?—Yes, only Walters.

39,717. And then what did you get?—2*l.*

39,718. Where did you get that?—At Toll Gavel.

39,719. Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Mr. Gridley.

39,720. Was anything got?—5*l.* I came from Newcastle.

39,721. 1865; Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I polled for Keane.

39,722. That was 2*l.*?—Yes.

39,723. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

39,724. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The 5*l.* included the expenses?—Yes, altogether.

39,725. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you ever had Walker's gift?—No, sir.

39,726. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are a sailor?—Yes; I have been 27 years at it.

The witness withdrew.

J. Scruton.

JOHN SCRUTON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,727. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,728. How long have you been a freeman?—30 years.

39,729. Then you recollect Towneley's election?—Yes; and I should like just another such election.

39,730. How much did you get then?—Something about 12*l.*

39,731. And you say you would like another such election?—Yes.

39,732. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes.

39,733. For whom?—Denison and Wells.

39,734. How much?—Nothing.

39,735. And you were not employed?—No, not in any way whatever.

39,736. When Edwards came into the town, when it was Edwards and Wells, you know they had an election the same year?—Yes.

39,737. Did you vote?—Yes.

39,738. Whom did you vote for?—Edwards.

39,739. How much?—3*l.*

39,740. That was a great fall?—Yes, that it was.

39,741. The next election was in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes.

39,742. Who did you vote for?—Walters.

39,743. Then you came back, how much?—2*l.*

39,744. For Walters alone?—Yes.

39,745. Now Walker and Glover; for whom did you vote?—Glover.

39,746. How much?—Nothing.

39,747. How was that?—Because I did not know then there was such a place as the "Pack Horse."

39,748. The "Pack Horse" was a place unknown to you at that time?—Yes.

39,749. How soon did you discover there was such a place as the "Pack Horse"?—Not till after I had voted, and then afterwards I did not go at all.

39,750. I suppose when you voted you thought you would get something?—I did not think at all about it; my principles were on that side, and I did not care if I had it or not.

39,751. But if it were going you would have it?—Yes.

39,752. Did you complain to anyone about it?—No.

39,753. Now we will come to 1865; did you vote in 1865 Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Oh, yes, for Keane.

39,754. How much?—2*l.*

39,755. Where?—At the Mechanics'.

39,756. One one day, and then one another?—Yes.

39,757. Did you vote for the council choosing?—Yes.

39,758. For which side?—Conservative.

39,759. Where were all your Liberal principles gone to; how much did you get at the council choosing?—10*s.*

39,760. Who paid it?—Thomas Harris.

39,761. You voted for the Liberals at the parliamentary?—Yes.

39,762. Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

39,763. Then you went back again?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

F. Kirby.

FREDERICK KIRBY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

39,764. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—A freeman.

39,765. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

39,766. What did you get?—2*l.*, I believe.

39,767. Whom did you vote for?—Denison and Wells.

39,768. Where were you paid?—In Toll Gavel, I believe.

39,769. Those were the rooms of the Liberal Association?—Yes.

39,770. Do you remember who paid you?—No.

39,771. Were there many people in the room when you were paid?—Yes.

39,772. Can you give me the names of any who were present?—I think there was Mr. Boyes.

39,773. Mr. Boyes was present?—Yes.

39,774. Who else?—Mr. Taylor.

39,775. Robert Taylor; any other person?—Mr. Hind.

39,776. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is that the gentleman there (*pointing to Mr. Hind*)?—Yes.

39,777. (*Mr. Barstow.*) If I were to mention any other names would you be able to say whether they were there?—I do not know; there were a good many there.

39,778. Had you been travelling from any place; were you living in Beverley then?—Yes.

39,779. Were you employed as a messenger or anything of the kind?—No.

39,780. You say there were a good many people in the room besides those three?—Yes.

39,781. Are you a Beverley man?—Yes.

39,782. You have voted at a good many elections?—Yes.

39,783. And you know generally the principal men of the Liberal party?—Yes.

39,784. Were they present in the room where you were paid?—Not all of them.

39,785. I do not say all, but a large number of the principal members of the Liberal party were in the room when you were paid?—The committee.

39,786. The committee?—Yes.

39,787. The next election was Wells and Edwards?—Yes.

39,788. For whom did you vote then?—Wells.

39,789. Did you get anything?—1*l.*

39,790. Where were you paid that?—I believe that was given me in the street, but I forget the person who gave me it.

39,791. Walters' election was the next, what did you get? Did you vote for Walters?—Yes.

39,792. What did you get?—*2l.*

39,793. We know all about that?—Walters and Glover I voted for then.

39,794. The next election was Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

39,795. What did you get then?—*2l.*, I believe.

39,796. You voted for Gridley?—Yes.

39,797. Now Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes, Keane, and Sir Henry Edwards, *2l.*

32,798. *2l.* from each?—No.

39,799. *2l.* from which side?—Keane, Mechanics' Hall.

39,800. Did you get anything from Sir Henry?—No.

39,801. Nothing?—No.

39,802. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

39,803. What did you get?—Nothing.

39,804. Nothing at all?—No.

39,805. Which way did you vote?—For the Liberals.

39,806. You are sure of that?—Yes.

39,807. And you voted for the Liberals, I suppose, at the parliamentary election?—For Trollope.

39,808. And Maxwell?—Trollope and Sir Henry Edwards.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,809. But in the Keane and Edwards' election were you promised nothing on the other side?—Last election.

39,810. You got *2l.* on the Keane side?—Yes.

39,811. Were you promised anything on Edwards' side?—No.

39,812. Nobody promised you anything?—No.

39,813. And you did not expect it?—No.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES ARNOTT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *J. Arnott.*

39,814. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,815. Did you vote in 1857, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—I did, yes.

39,816. Which of them did you vote for?—I voted for Glover and Wells.

39,817. Did you get anything?—Yes, I got *1l.* for Glover.

39,818. Edwards and Wells did you vote then?—I voted for Edwards.

39,819. Did you get anything?—Nothing.

39,820. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in '59, did you vote then?—Yes.

39,821. Well, which of them did you vote for?—I voted for Edwards only.

39,822. Did you get anything?—No.

39,823. You did not?—No, nothing at all.

39,824. Walker and Gridley; did you vote for Walker?—I voted for Walker without a penny.

39,825. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I did not vote; I was not on the list that election at all; I had not a vote.

39,826. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I have not a vote for years.

The witness withdrew.

JACOB TURNER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,827. Are you a freeman?—No.

32,828. You are an occupier?—A *10l.* occupier.

39,829. How long have you been a voter?—Denison and Wells I believe was the first time.

39,830. Look at the paper you have; did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

39,831. For whom?—Denison and Wells.

39,832. Did you receive anything?—No.

39,833. Did you vote at both the elections the same year?—Yes.

39,834. For whom did you vote?—Wells.

39,835. Did you receive anything?—No.

39,836. I beg your pardon for asking you; you did not receive anything?—No.

39,837. Tell me when did you receive anything?—I voted in '59 for Edwards and Walker, but I did not receive anything.

39,838. Not in '59; well, in '60?—In '60 I voted for Gridley, but I did not receive anything.

39,839. For whom did you vote in '59?—Edwards and Walker.

39,840. Did you receive any money then?—No.

39,841. Nor in '60?—No.

39,842. Well, in '65 for whom did you vote?—Keane.

39,843. How much?—I received *2l.*

39,844. Was that the only money you ever received?—Yes.

39,845. In respect of your vote?—Yes.

39,846. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

39,847. For whom?—For the Conservatives.

39,848. What did you get?—*1l.*

39,849. I think in 1860 you voted for Walker; instead of voting for Gridley you voted for Walker?—No, I did not.

39,850. You are put down here as having voted for Walker?—But I did not. I voted for Edwards and Walker once, but I never voted for Walker but once, and I did not get anything. I did not vote for Walker twice, I only voted for him once.

39,851. Who paid you the *1l.*?—Mr. Cook.

39,852. Mr. Cook?—Yes, a gentleman.

39,853. Where?—He paid me somewhere near—oh, it was somewhere about the town hall; it was near to the town hall just there.

39,854. Was it in the street?—Yes. Well, he gave me *5s.* then, and he had no more change, and he left *15s.* next day at my house.

39,855. Then you had arranged you were to get *1l.*?—Yes; he said he would give me *1l.*, and he only had *5s.* in change.

39,856. I would rather you would adhere to what you said at first, that he arranged to give you *1l.*?—Yes.

39,857. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—For Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Maxwell.

39,858. What are you?—Well, I have a little bit of land to look after of my own at present that I rent.

39,859. Of your own?—No, I rent it.

39,860. You are a farmer?—Yes, I farm now.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES HALL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *J. Hall.*

39,861. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,862. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes, I think I did.

39,863. For whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells.

39,864. What did you get?—*2l.*

39,865. Where did you get it?—At the "Pack Horse."

39,866. Are you quite sure that that was the election?—Yes, I think it was.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

J. Hall.

21 Oct. 1869.

39,867. Do you remember who paid it you?—No.

39,868. Do you remember what likenessed man he was?—No, I never saw him.

39,869. You never saw him; you mean you never saw him before?—No.

39,870. You saw him when he paid you?—Yes.

39,871. Do you remember Sir Henry Edwards first coming here?—Yes; I polled for him the first time he came.

39,872. Did you get anything?—I do not know whether I did or not, I am sure.

39,873. Come, come, I think you did get something?—I am sure I cannot think on it.

39,874. You cannot think on it?—No, I am sure I cannot.

39,875. It is a long time ago; we will go on to the next. You remember Walters' election, I'll be bound?—Yes.

39,876. For whom did you vote then?—I voted for Walters.

39,877. Single?—Yes.

39,878. What did you get?—2*l.* I believe.

39,879. The next election to that came very shortly after "Walker and Gridley"?—I voted for Walker.

39,880. What did you get?—I believe a sovereign.

39,881. Then the next is Edwards, Sykes, and Keane. Who did you vote for?—Edwards and Keane.

39,882. What did you get?—I do not know whether it was three sovereigns or not.

39,883. Was it all one side?—I do not know.

39,884. Where did you get it; did you get it at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

39,885. How much did you get at the Mechanics' Hall, all the three sovereigns?—No, I got two sovereigns there.

39,886. Did you get the other at the "George and Dragon," Duffill's?—No, I got two sovereigns at the "Pack Horse," in the market place, at one election.

39,887. But at Keane's election you got two in the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

39,888. Now there is one more; you must have got one somewhere else?—No, I do not think I did.

39,889. Well, I do not care much about it. Did you vote for the council choosing?—Yes.

39,890. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

39,891. You voted for the Conservatives?—Yes.

39,892. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You voted for Keane?—Yes.

39,893. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted for Edwards and Keane, and got 3*l.*?—Yes.

39,894. Who did you vote for at the last parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

39,895. Were you paid at the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

B. Spivey.

Benjamin Spivey called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

39,896. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,897. Did you vote in '57?—No.

39,898. When did you vote first?—In '60.

39,899. Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

39,900. Which did you vote for?—Walker.

39,901. Did you get anything?—Yes.

39,902. What?—I got 2*l.*

39,903. Who gave you that?—David Nutchey.

39,904. Did you vote at the next election, 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

39,905. For whom?—Keane.

39,906. Did you get anything?—Yes, I got 2*l.*

39,907. All at once?—No.

39,908. In two sums?—Yes.

39,909. 1*l.* one day, and 1*l.* the next, was not it?—Yes.

39,910. At the Mechanics' Hall, I suppose, "Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope." Did you vote for either of them?—Yes.

39,911. For which of them?—Maxwell and Trollope.

39,912. Did you vote at the previous council choosing?—Yes.

39,913. Which way did you vote?—For the Liberals.

39,914. Did you get anything?—Yes.

39,915. What did you get?—I got 15*s.*

39,916. Who gave you that?—Mr. Vickers.

39,917. Have you told us of all the monies that you have received; have you told us everything that you suppose we ought to know?—I have for voting.

39,918. Well, what else is there; have you told us all that you ought to tell?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

39,919. Did you pay any money to any other person at the last council choosing?—No; if I had I should have paid myself first,

39,920. You paid yourself first, did you; did you pay anyone?—No.

39,921. Did you offer anyone any money?—No.

39,922. Do you mean you did not make anyone an offer of money to vote?—No, I did not.

39,923. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you ever paid people at any election?—No, I never had the chance.

39,924. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you offer a man named Duffill 15*s.*?—No.

The witness withdrew.

G. F. Wynn.

George French Wynn called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

39,925. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,926. How long have you been a freeman?—Since '59.

39,927. Did you vote in '60?—I voted in '60 for Gridley, and received 2*l.* before the election from John Tuting.

39,928. Did you receive anything else?—No.

39,929. In '65 for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

39,930. And what did you receive?—1*l.* from Whitton, the builder, after the election.

39,931. How did that come; did he come to you, or did you go to him?—I went to him.

39,932. What made you go to him?—Because I was told, I suppose.

39,933. Who told you?—I cannot say that.

39,934. Somebody told you to go to Whitton?—I cannot say who.

39,935. But somebody told you?—Somebody told me.

39,936. How many days after the election?—Either the day after, or the election day night; I could not say which.

39,937. But after you voted?—Yes.

39,938. You went to Mr. Whitton, the builder, and received 1*l.*?—Yes.

39,939. Did he tell you why it was so small?—No.

39,940. Because more money was given. Did you know what you were going to receive?—No.

39,941. In '68 for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

39,942. Had you voted at the council choosing?—No, not for three years.

39,943. How was that; had you lost your vote?—I had left the town and lost my vote.

The witness withdrew.

SAMUEL GOULDWELL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *S. Gouldwell.*

39,944. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,945. What was the first election at which you voted?—1865.

39,946. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Keane.

39,947. What did you get?—2*l.* at the Mechanics'.

39,948. Did you get anything from the other side?—Yes.

39,949. How much?—3*l.* from Musgrave, of the "Valiant Soldier."

39,950. That was 5*l.* altogether?—Yes.

39,951. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

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JOSEPH GAWAN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *J. Gawan.*

39,952. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,953. When did you first vote?—In 1865.

39,954. For whom?—Keane.

39,955. What did you get?—2*l.*

39,956. Where did you get it?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

39,957. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS GAMBLE called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *T. Gamble.*

39,958. Are you a freeman?—No.

39,959. You are an occupier?—Yes.

39,960. When did you become a voter?—Last year.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES MERCER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *J. Mercer.*

39,961. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,962. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty years.

39,963. I won't go further than the election of '57, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I did not vote.

39,964. Were you away?—I was not in the town.

39,965. Did you vote when Major Edwards and Wells were up in '57?—No.

39,966. When was the first time you voted?—I voted for Glover in Lawley, Wells, and Glover's election.

39,967. Then after that?—I voted for Gordon and Hastings.

39,968. After that?—I voted for Keane.

39,969. Was that the only time you voted between Gordon and Keane?—Yes.

39,970. I suppose you were out of town?—Yes. I was away from the town at the elections.

39,971. You voted for Keane?—Yes.

39,972. What did you receive?—2*l.*

39,973. Is that all the money you received?—That was all the money that ever I received for parliamentary elections.

39,974. Did you vote at the last municipal?—Yes; I have about ten times for the municipal.

39,975. I will take you to the last?—Yes.

39,976. What did you receive?—I received 1*l.*

39,977. From whom?—Thomas Richmond.

39,978. For whom did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

39,979. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary?—For Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard; them is the only twice that ever I received a farthing for voting.

39,980. On those two occasions?—Yes, once on the parliamentary and once on the municipal.

The witness withdrew.

SAMUEL IRELAND called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *S. Ireland.*

39,981. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

32,982. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

39,983. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Glover single, I believe.

39,984. Did you get anything?—I believe not.

39,985. Just think?—I cannot remember that I got anything that election.

39,986. We want accurate information?—Yes.

39,987. The next election was Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote?—For Edwards single.

39,988. Did you get anything then?—2*l.*, I believe, at the "King's Head."

39,989. Nothing else?—No.

39,990. The next was Walters's election?—Yes.

39,991. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Walters.

39,992. What did you get?—I believe 2*l.*

39,993. The next election was Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

39,994. For whom did you vote then?—For Mr. Gridley.

39,995. What did you get?—2*l.*, I believe.

39,996. The next election was in 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

39,997. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Keane only.

39,998. Did you get 2*l.*?—I believe I did, to the best of my memory.

39,999. That is on Mr. Keane's side?—Yes.

40,000. Did you get anything on the other side?—No; I have not voted for them this 10 or 11 years perhaps.

40,001. Did you vote for the council choosing?—No, never for council choosing, or pasture masters either.

The witness withdrew.

GEORGE MERCER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *G. Mercer.*

40,002. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,003. When did you vote first?—Denison, Glover, and Wells.

40,004. For which of them?—Glover.

40,005. Did you get anything?—I got 2*l.*—I was out of town—for coming to town.

40,006. Who gave you the 2*l.*?—Baker.

40,007. Did you vote at the next election, Edwards and Wells?—Yes, I voted at that election, but I never got anything from that time until Keane's election, not a farthing.

40,008. At Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's you got something?—Yes.

40,009. Did you vote for Keane?—Yes.

40,010. And you got 2*l.*?—Yes.

40,011. At the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

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40,012. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

40,013. You got something ?—Yes.

40,014. Who gave you that ?—Edward Campey.

40,015. Did you vote for the crimson ?—Yes.

40,016. How did you vote at the parliamentary ?—Edwards and Kennard.

40,017. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you had Walker's gift ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

C. Pickard.

CHARLES PICKARD called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

40,018. Are you a freeman ?—No.

40,019. When did you first vote ?—At Langdale's election.

40,020. Did you vote in 1857 ?—I voted the first election that the ten-pounders voted. I have nothing to do with elections ; I never spend my time on them.

40,021. In 1857 did you vote for Denison, Wells, and Glover ?—Glover.

40,022. Any money ?—Nothing at all.

40,023. Did you receive anything ?—No.

40,024. Edwards and Wells, the next election ; for whom did you vote ?—I voted for Edwards ; I voted for the Tories, and never received a halfpenny.

40,025. In 1859 for whom did you vote ; there was Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I voted for Edwards.

40,026. For Edwards and Walker, did you ?—Yes, and never received a halfpenny.

40,027. Gridley and Walker ; for whom did you vote ?—I voted for Walker.

40,028. Did you get anything ?—Yes, a man about six weeks after brought me a sovereign, and made me a present of it.

40,029. Who was he ?—Mr. Padget, the painter.

40,030. In 1865 for whom did you vote ; there were Edwards, Sykes, and Keane up ?—I voted for Sykes and Keane.

40,031. How much did you get ?—I will tell you exactly after study. I got 1*l.* ; I got 1*l.* about a fortnight after. I always voted at 8 o'clock in the morning.

40,032. Who paid you the 1*l.* ?—Padget.

40,033. Did he come to your house ?—No, he met me in the street when I was coming down Keld Gate.

40,034. Did you vote last council choosing ?—Yes.

40,035. For the crimson ?—Yes.

40,036. How much did you get ?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.* about a week after.

40,037. Who gave it to you ?—Richmond came into my house and gave it me.

40,038. A week after the election ?—Yes.

40,039. How did you vote at the parliamentary ?—I voted for Edwards.

40,040. Edwards and Kennard ?—Yes. I never received nothing then.

40,041. Nobody came to you a week after, then ?—No, not a bit of it ; I never looked for it.

The witness withdrew.

W. Osgerby.

WILLIAM OSGERBY called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

40,042. Are you a freeman ?—Yes

40,043. What is the first election at which you voted ?—Glover's.

40,044. Denison, Wells, and Glover ?—No, before that.

40,045. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—Yes.

40,046. For whom did you vote ?—Denison and Wells.

40,047. Did you get anything ?—No.

40,048. At the next, Edwards and Wells in 1857 ?—I got 50*s.*

40,049. Walters, Edwards, and Walker ; for whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Walker.

40,050. What did you get ?—I got 15*s.* I was a messenger, and was paid for two days.

40,051. You got nothing more than 15*s.* ?—No.

40,052. Where were you paid ? Were you paid at Mr. Bainton's office ?—No, I axed our foreman if he would be so good as to call for it, Mr. Richmond it was, so that I should not break any time.

40,053. Do you know whether he got it at Mr. Bainton's office ?—Yes.

40,054. The next was Walker and Gridley, in January 1860 ?—Yes ; I voted for Mr. Walker.

40,055. Did you get anything then ?—Yes, I think I got 2*l.* or 50*s.* ; 50*s.* I believe.

40,056. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ; for whom did you vote ?—For Edwards and Sykes.

40,057. Did you get anything then ?—2*l.*

40,058. Did you vote last council choosing ?—Yes, for the Conservatives.

40,059. What did you get ?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.* I was paid twice, by Richmond and Browsho.

40,060. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary ?—For Edwards and Kennard ; I promised a week before the election.

The witness withdrew.

J. Harrison.

JOHN HARRISON called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

40,061. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

40,062. Do you remember the election of 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—Yes.

40,063. Did you vote then ?—Yes.

40,064. For whom ?—Denison and Wells.

40,065. Did you have anything ?—No.

40,066. Have you got anything at any election ?—Yes ; I have belonged to the band ; I am a musician.

40,067. Were you in the band at the election of Denison and Wells ?—No, I was not ; I was overlooker of the band.

40,068. Were you paid for overlooking the band ?—Yes.

40,069. What were you paid ?—1*l.* a day.

40,070. How many days ?—I am sure I cannot tell you now ; under a week.

40,071. Did you get about 5*l.* or 6*l.* ?—No, I did not.

40,072. Did you get 5*l.* ?—It may be that, when all the expenses were paid.

40,073. How did you overlook them ?—I cannot tell you that ; I had to see the men were all there, the same as I engage a band for a quadrille party.

40,074. Are you a music master ?—Yes ; I am a professional ; I play many instruments.

40,075. Did you play in the band ?—Yes.

40,076. What did you play ?—I played the trombone.

40,077. Edwards and Wells, when they were up ?—I did not play then.

40,078. You did not play the trombone that time ?—No.

40,079. Did you play anything else ?—No. I voted for Edwards.

40,080. Did you get anything ?—I got 1*l.*

40,081. That was for overlooking ?—That was for overlooking.

40,082. Who gave you that ?—Mr. Baker.

40,083. 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I polled for Edwards and Walker.

40,084. Did you get anything ?—No.

40,085. Anything to do with the band then ?—No.

40,086. Were you employed in any way ?—No.

40,087. You got nothing whatever ?—Nothing whatever.

40,088. Walker and Gridley ?—I polled for Walker.

40,089. Did you get anything ?—No.

40,090. Have you never got anything from that time to this ?—Yes, after that.

40,091. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ; now we come to it ?—Yes, I have ; I got 2*l.* from Edwards and Sykes.

40,092. Where did you get it ?—I am sure I cannot tell.

40,093. You know ?—I do not bear them things in mind.

40,094. It is not so long ago ?—My memory is very bad ; at any rate I did get it.

40,095. Where did you get this ?—I cannot tell you ; I do not know.

40,096. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No, I had not a vote.

40,097. Have you told me of all the monies that you have got and shared or earned in any way in reference to the election ?—Yes ; there might be some item missed out, but I am sure I cannot tell you what it was. There was one item I think you did not ask me at Walters's election. I got 1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* at that election, Walters, Edwards, and Walker.

40,098. Yes, I think I asked you ?—I believe I got 1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* that election.

40,099. For whom did you vote ?—For Edwards and Walker.

40,100. You got 30*s.* ?—Yes, I believe so.

40,101. From Walters's party ?—No, Edwards and Walker's party.

40,102. Did you say you voted Edwards and Walker ?—Yes.

40,103. And you got 30*s.* ?—I believe I did.

40,104. Who gave you that ?—I am sure I cannot tell you just now ; I think it was in the market place. My memory is only very bad in some things.

40,105. Is that all ?—Yes.

40,106. Have you had Walker's gift ?—Yes, I have.

40,107. When did you have Walker's gift ?—I had it last year.

40,108. Had you lost anything ?—No ; I lost my wife.

40,109. What was the reason you assigned ; what was the ground of your application ?—I asked them to give me something to help me on ; I was an old man, 72, and I was not able to work a deal, and I had a daughter very ill at the same time, and who died on the 1st of September, and they gave me 2*l.*

40,110. What position in life are you ?—I am a professor of music ; I play at any party, and I am a tailor.

40,111. What are your earnings ?—I cannot tell you. Last winter it was very bad for me, and if it had not been for my friends I should have had to have gone to the union.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

40,112. There is one question about the election of Denison and Wells. You were overlooker in the band, and you were paid 1*l.* a day ?—I may be mistaken.

40,113. You are not overlooker of a band every day. Now, where were you paid ?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

40,114. Were you paid day by day ?—Yes, generally day by day.

40,115. Then you must have been paid five times ?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

40,116. It is quite clear that you must have been paid five times ; I will not argue the matter ; five days, and every day that makes five times, you were paid ?—I am sure I could not answer that.

40,117. I do not want you to answer it. Where were you paid ?—I do not know.

40,118. You do not remember who paid you ?—No ; you see, sir, the overlooker of a band, he is put there to see what time they come.

40,119. Did you pay the members of the band ?—No.

40,120. Who did pay them ?—I do not know the master of the band.

40,121. I thought you were the master ?—No, I was only the overlooker.

40,122. Who was the master ?—I forget his name now ; I believe the man is dead.

40,123. You can tell me who he was ?—No, I cannot.

40,124. Is he a Beverley man ?—Yes.

40,125. A musical man, I suppose ?—All my life.

40,126. You and he must have been a good deal together when he and you were such musical men ?—Not always together.

40,127. Think where you were paid ?—I cannot, and so it is no use. I have a bad memory. I do not keep an account of all these things. I do not know where I was playing last week.

40,128. You remember you were overlooker of the band ?—I was put in as overlooker of the band.

The witness withdrew.

Edward Addeman Skinner called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *E. A. Skinner.*

40,129. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

40,130. How long have you been a freeman ?—Seven years.

40,131. Then you voted the first time in 1865 ?—Yes.

40,132. For whom ?—Edwards and Sykes.

40,133. How much did you receive ?—2*l.*

40,134. From whom ?—Oxley, the butcher.

40,135. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

40,136. For whom ?—Edwards and Kennard.

40,137. Had you voted at the council choosing previously ?—Yes.

40,138. For whom ?—For the Conservatives.

40,139. Did you receive anything for your vote ?—1*l.*, from Kemplay.

40,140. What time in the day ?—Between 11 and 12.

40,141. Where ?—In the street, in Toll Gavel.

40,142. He came to you. I suppose you were standing there ?—I was going down to vote.

40,143. And he came and put 1*l.* in your hand ?—Yes, he did.

The witness withdrew.

James Brusby Pinder called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *J. B. Pinder.*

40,144. Are you a freeman ?—I am an occupier.

40,145. How long have you been an occupier ?—20 years.

40,146. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—I did not ; I voted the first time at Walters and Walker's.

40,147. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Walters and Walker.

40,148. Did you get anything ?—I believe I got 1*l.* for Walters ; nothing for Walker.

40,149. One pound is all you got ?—Yes, that time, I believe.

40,150. Did you get anything more owing to that election ?—Not that I know on.

40,151. The next time was Walker and Gridley ?—Yes ; I voted for Walker.

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40,152. Did you get anything then ?—1*l.*

40,153. In 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I voted for Sykes and Edwards.

40,154. What did you get ?—2*l.*

40,156. Did you vote the last council choosing ?—I did.

40,157. What did you get ?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

40,158. How did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

40,159. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How at the municipal did you vote ?—For the Conservatives. I believe the name is not right in the book.

40,160. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What do you say your name is ?—James Brusby Pinder ; but I believe the rate book has left out the second name.

The witness withdrew.

J. Gossip.

JOSEPH GOSSIP called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

40,161. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

40,162. How long have you been a freeman ?—Freeborn.

40,163. I mean how long have you voted ?—I have not voted this last three or four elections.

40,164. Did you vote in 1857, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up ?—Yes ; I voted for Glover.

40,165. Did you get any money ?—No, I did not.

40,166. When Edwards and Wells were up, in the same year, for whom did you vote ?—I did not vote for neither of them.

40,167. We will go down to Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I did not vote at Walker's first election.

40,168. Did you not vote for Walker ?—His second election I did.

40,169. There was Walters, Edwards, and Walker ; did you vote at that election, in 1859 ?—For Walker.

40,170. Did you get anything ?—No, I did not.

40,171. There is another election, Gridley and Walker ?—I voted at Gridley's election.

40,172. How much did you get ?—Nothing ; not for voting.

40,173. What did you get ?—I was a messenger ; I got nothing for voting.

40,174. We know that ; but what money did you get ?—I got the same as the others got.

40,175. How much was that ?—I am sure I cannot say.

40,176. About what sum did you get ?—I cannot say I am sure.

40,177. Did you receive as much as 1*l.* ?—No, I did not.

40,178. Cannot you tell me about how much ; did you receive more than 10*s.* ?—I cannot say I am sure what I received.

40,179. How many days were you employed ?—Two days.

40,180. How much were you to get a day ?—I think we had 5*s.*

40,181. For whom did you vote at the Walters' election ; Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Walker.

40,182. Did you get any money at that time ?—No, I did not.

40,183. I did not say for your vote ?—No, I did not.

40,184. Is that all the money you received ; I do not say on account of your vote, but tell me what money you got. For example, in 1857 were you not a messenger ?—I got some money in 1857.

40,185. How much ?—I am sure I cannot say.

40,186. About how much ; how many days were you employed ?—Two days.

40,187. In 1857 ?—5*s.* a day.

40,188. In 1859 were you not also employed ?—The last time I polled was at Mr. Gridley's election.

40,189. I am speaking of 1859 ; you voted Edwards and Walker. Were you not employed at that election as a runner ?—Yes.

40,190. And received how much ?—5*s.* a day, I believe.

40,191. Did you vote in 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—Mr. Keane.

40,192. You voted for Keane ?—Yes.

40,193. How much did you get ?—1*l.*

40,194. Was that at the Mechanics' Hall ?—That was all I got.

40,194*a*. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No ; not for years I have not.

The witness withdrew.

G. Julian.

GEORGE JULIAN called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

40,195. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

40,196. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—Yes, I voted in 1854.

40,197. We will not trouble you about that. You voted in 1857 ?—Yes.

40,198. For whom did you vote ?—Wells and Denison.

40,199. Did you get anything ?—No.

49.200. Nothing at all ?—No.

40,201. That you swear positively ?—Yes.

40,202. Edwards and Wells the same year ; for whom did you vote ?—For Mr. Wells.

40,203. Did you get anything then ?—No.

40,204. The next election was Walters' election ?—Yes.

40,205. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Walters.

40,206. Did you get anything ?—2*l.*

41,207. Walker and Gridley ; for whom did you vote ?—Mr. Walker.

40,208. What did you get ?—Nothing.

40,209. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ; for whom did you vote ?—Mr. Keane.

40,210. What did you get ?—2*l.*

40,211. Did you vote the last council choosing ?—No, I had not a vote.

40,212. Is that all the money you received ?—That is all.

40,213. In those elections ?—Yes.

40,214. Have you been promised any money at any time other than the sums you have mentioned ?—No.

40,215. Have you ever paid any money yourself ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

J. Mercer.

JOHN MERCER called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

40,216. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

40,217. When did you vote first ?—Glover's election, in 1857.

40,218. You voted for Mr. Glover ?—Yes.

40,219. Did you get anything ?—No.

40,220. Did you vote the next time, Edwards and Wells ?—Yes.

40,221. Did you get anything ?—No. I voted for Edwards.

40,222. Have you got anything at any election ?—If you will ask me I will tell you.

40,223. Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I received 5*s.* on the election day morning.

40,224. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Wells. In the poll book you will find it is not put correct. On the poll day I was taking the half-hourly tickets from the polling booth to the central committee.

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40,225. Walker and Gridley, 1860?—I voted for Walker.

40,226. Did you get anything?—No; I was a runner that time. I went into the country on the nomination day, and I was taking the half-hourly tickets again as usual.

40,227. And what did you get?—That was 8*s.*; I received 4*s.* a day.

40,228. And the 8*s.* was all that you got?—At that election.

40,229. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, in 1865?—I voted Edwards and Sykes.

40,230. Did you get anything then?—I got 2*l.*, and 5*s.* for one day's running.

40,231. Who gave you the 2*l.*? — Marmaduke Whitton, the builder.

40,232. You said you got something else?—I got 5*s.* for one day's running on the polling day.

40,233. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No. I have not a vote for the council choosing.

40,234. Have you told me of all that I ought to know?—Yes, I believe I have. I voted for Edwards and Kennard at the last election; that is all I know.

40,235. What is your occupation?—I am the neatherd of the West Wood.

40,236. You have not had Walker's gift?—No, I have not.

The witness withdrew.

T. W. Flint.

The Chief Commissioner then desired Thomas Ward Flint to be placed before him, which was done.

40,237. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now, Flint, attend to me. We are now prepared to act, but in no unkind spirit towards you, but simply in the execution of our office. Now I ask you again, do you refuse to be sworn?—Yes, I do.

40,238. Do you refuse to affirm?—I refuse to be sworn.

40,239. Do you refuse to give your affirmation?—I refuse to be sworn.

40,240. I ask you whether you have any reason for refusing to be sworn; have you any religious objection?—No.

40,241. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Very well; we are prepared to act. You still refuse to be sworn?—Yes.

40,242. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We shall adjourn for a minute or two.

(The Commissioners then retired, and after a short absence returned into court.)

40,243. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Thomas Ward Flint, you having wilfully and contumaciously refused to be sworn are guilty of a contempt of Her Majesty's Commissioners engaged in their office. We find you guilty of that contempt for so refusing, and we order and adjudge that you be taken to the Castle of York, and there imprisoned for two calendar months, or until such time as you may consent to submit yourself to be examined by the Commissioners.

The prisoner was then removed in custody.

C. E. Fitzgerald.

Charles Edward Fitzgerald was then brought into court.

40,244. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Charles Edward Fitzgerald, you refuse to be examined. We tell you we are not acting towards you from any harsh or unkind spirit. We have given you an opportunity whether you will not now submit yourself to be examined?—I decline still to be examined.

40,245. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you any religious objection to take an oath, because if you have we will permit you to affirm?—I will take no oath.

40,246. Will you make an affirmation; for we are ready to hear you on that if you have a religious objection to take an oath?—I say it is a just cause from what I saw in the paper the other day; that is all I have got to say.

(The Commissioners then retired, and shortly afterwards returned into court.)

40,247. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Charles Edward Fitzgerald, you having wilfully and contumaciously refused to be sworn are guilty of a contempt of Her Majesty's Commissioners engaged in their office. We find you guilty of that contempt in so refusing, and we now adjudge you to be taken to the Castle of York, and there imprisoned for two calendar months, or until such time as you may consent or accede to be examined before the Commissioners, and submit yourself to their jurisdiction.

The prisoner was then removed in custody.

D. Bilton.

Daniel Bilton called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

40,248. Are you a freeman?—No, sir.

40,249. How long have you voted?—Most of 20 years.

40,250. For 20 years?—Yes.

40,251. Did you vote at the Denison, Glover, and Wells' election?—Yes.

40,252. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Denison.

40,253. Did you get anything for your vote?—I believe I got 2*l.*

40,254. Edwards and Wells in 1857; did you vote then?—I do not remember whether I voted in that year at all.

40,255. Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted Edwards and Walker.

40,256. Did you get anything?—I believe 2*l.*

40,257. In 1860 Walker and Gridley?—I did not vote at that election.

40,258. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Edwards and Sykes.

40,259. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

40,260. Was that all you got?—I believe it was.

40,261. Did you vote at the last council choosing in 1868, about this time last year?—Yes, for the Conservatives.

40,262. Did you get anything?—I got 12*s.* 6*d.* I believe I got it at Toll Gavel. The person is dead now. I forget what they called him; he was foreman at the waggon works—Bentley.

40,263. Did you vote for the Conservatives at the parliamentary election?—Yes, Edwards and Kennard.

40,264. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You got paid for voting for Denison?—Yes.

40,265. Where were you paid?—I cannot recollect where I was paid, I am sure.

40,266. Were you paid at the Reform Association rooms?—I should not wonder now but I was.

40,267. Were many people there when you were paid?—I cannot say that.

40,268. Who paid you?—Taylor.

The court then adjourned until half-past 10 the following morning.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

East Riding Sessions House, Friday, 22nd October 1869.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

W. Bielby, jun.

22 Oct. 1869.

WILLIAM BIELBY, the younger, called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

40,269. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,270. How long have you been a freeman?—12 years.

40,271. When did you first vote?—At Walters and Glover.

40,272. Was that the first time you voted?—Yes.

40,273. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Walters.

40,274. What did you receive?—2*l.*

40,275. From whom?—Robert Taylor.

40,276. Did you vote in 1860, when Gridley and Walker were up?—Yes.

40,277. For whom did you vote?—Gridley.

40,278. How much did you get?—2*l.*

40,279. In 1865 did you vote?—Yes.

40,280. For whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Sykes.

40,281. What did you get?—I got nothing from them.

40,282. What did you get?—I got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall.

40,283. You voted for Walters, a Liberal, and Gridley, a Liberal, and got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

40,284. What made you change?—I should have voted for the Liberals again if they would have given me what I expected.

40,285. What did you expect?—3*l.*

40,286. And because you did not get 3*l.* you voted for the Conservatives?—Yes.

40,287. Who gave you the money at Gridley's election?—I am sure I do not know; it was the man with the hairy cap.

40,288. The reason for the change that you have given us cannot be the true one. You received 2*l.* at Walters' election, and 2*l.* at Gridley's, and 2*l.* at Keane's; there must have been some other reason?—No, sir.

40,289. I think there must have been some other reason?—No, sir.

40,290. What time did you vote?—To tell you the truth I do not know what time.

40,291. You do not know what time?—No.

40,292. You must brush up your memory a little?—I am sure I do not know; it may perhaps have been after dinner.

40,293. Had you seen anyone on the side of Edwards and Sykes before you voted?—No.

40,294. That you swear?—I had not seen anyone; not that day.

40,295. Had they spoken to you the day before?—No.

40,296. Why did you say "not that day"? Had they before?—No.

40,297. Had they spoken to you any time before the election?—Whom—Edwards and Sykes?

40,298. Edwards and Sykes, no; I do not mean the gentlemen themselves. Were you canvassed by anyone else?—No, by no one.

40,299. And you swear you had no inducement of any kind except the not receiving of three pounds instead of two? Do you swear to that?—None at all.

40,300. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,301. For whom?—Edwards and Kennard.

40,302. How did you vote at the council choosing?—I had not a vote.

The witness withdrew.

W. Boyes.

WILLIAM BOYES sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

40,303. You keep the "King's Arms" in this town?—Yes.

40,304. Are you a freeman?—No.

40,305. You are an occupier I know?—Yes.

40,306. How long have you been an occupier?—Off and on a long time. I came in 1844, but I have been away at times.

40,307. I will not go so far back as 1844. Whom did you vote for in 1857?—I voted for the Conservative party; Glover would be one; I do not know who the others were.

40,308. In the same year Edwards and Wells?—Yes, I voted for Edwards.

40,309. On either of those occasions did you get anything for your vote?—No.

40,310. You did not?—No.

40,311. Perhaps I may ask you, have you ever got anything for your vote in the way of being paid for your vote?—No, I never had any money.

40,312. Of course you had some money in the way of being paid for refreshments?—There was a little refreshment, and for horses and so on a very little, a little trifle.

40,313. Have you ever paid any money at any election?—Yes, I did pay a little money at one election; I think in 1865.

40,314. I also think I remember your paying voters on another occasion?—No.

40,315. Are you sure you never paid voters at any time, except in 1865?—Never in my life.

40,316. From whom did you get the money?—I believe my son brought it. I think I did not get it from him; it came from my wife.

40,317. But you knew where it came from; it came from your son; your son would know where he got the money?—Yes.

40,318. The son brought the money to you?—He did.

40,319. You presumed it was not his own money?—I suppose it was not.

40,320. Do not say suppose; you knew it was not his own money?—Very well.

40,321. Well, answer properly, and do not delay us by fencing with the questions?—I am not fencing.

40,322. You are. You never asked him where the money came from?—No.

40,323. And you do not know now where the money came from?—No, I did not.

40,324. And you don't know, you say?—No.

40,325. You lay an emphasis on the word "No;" have you a belief about it?—I may be wrong if I do believe.

40,326. Yes, I know you may be wrong, and you are wrong in answering in this shifting manner. Where do you believe it came from?—I have a surmise where it came from, but I do not know.

40,327. Tell us where you surmise it came from?—It is not for me to answer or surmise where he got it from.

40,328. I ask you what is your surmise?—No, I have not a surmise; I may surmise wrong.

40,329. You told us you surmised, did you not?—I

should expect he brought it from the bank ; I do not know any other place.

40,330. From whose bank ?—From Machell's.

40,331. Your son is a clerk in that bank ?—Yes.

40,332. The young man we have had before us ?—Yes.

40,333. What sum did he bring you ?—What sum ?

40,334. Yes ; what sum ? — A hundred pounds, neither more nor less.

40,335. Was that on the polling day of the election in 1865 ?—Yes, I believe it was.

40,336. On the polling day ?—I think so.

40,337. What time of the polling day ?—It was some time in the morning part ; I could not say what hour.

40,338. I am not asking you to five minutes, as you know very well ?—Perhaps it might be nine o'clock in the morning, or eight or ten ; I do not know what hour.

40,339. Was it early in the morning, the middle of the day, or the afternoon ? Am I right in saying it was early in the morning ?—In the morning.

40,340. About breakfast time, or before ?—That I could not answer.

40,341. Your son brought you a hundred pounds on the polling day of the election of 1865 ?—Yes.

40,342. When he brought you the money did he give you any directions as to the way in which it was to be paid off ?—Not from him ; but I understood it was to pay men who came from the country their legal expenses.

40,343. Of course we know it was to be legal expenses ! it always is ; and you were to be the judge what the legal expenses were. Did your son say so ?—No, I do not know that he did.

40,344. We will waive the legal expenses. What did you do with the money ?—There were different parties came to me in groups. Two or three men would come together, and there was a man came with them and said they would require so much, according to the distances they had come, and I gave so much.

40,345. They came two or three together with a man ?—Yes.

40,346. I suppose they kept coming all day long nearly, till 4 o'clock ?—I should say they would continue coming until some time in the afternoon.

40,347. Some came in the morning and some in the afternoon ?—Yes.

40,348. You seem to be very clever at surmises ; can you surmise how many came that day ?—I have no idea ; I could not say.

40,349. You could not say to whom ?

40,350. *Mr. Serjeant O'Brien* cautioned the witness to be more careful in his answers.

40,351. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I daresay you do not know how many came ; I should not expect you to answer how many came, but you can tell me about how many came ?—I have no idea.

40,352. You have an idea ; it is not in reason for a man who conducts business to say he has not an idea ?—It is so many years ago.

40,353. So many years ! why it is less than five years, considerably less ?—I cannot put it in my head.

40,354. You kept in your head you had a hundred pounds ; now I want to know how many people, or about, came to get it. You say groups of two or three came ; you can very easily keep it in your head if you choose ?—I have no more idea than you have. I have no more idea than that inkstand (*pointing to one on the table*).

40,355. That is your answer in the presence of all these men in court, that you have no more idea than that inkstand ?—I am sure I could not ; I did not keep a list.

40,356. I daresay you did not ; I am not asking you about any ?—I really cannot answer.

40,357. Oh yes, you can ; I really would not question you on this matter unless I felt sure you were shuffling with me ?—I am not shuffling with you.

40,358. Yes, you are ; I am sure you are. Tell me about how many there were ?—I have no idea ; I did not count them.

40,359. We will leave that at present ; I shall, perhaps, get at it in another way. Did you pay away the whole sum of 100*l.* ?—No, I did not. The whole sum was paid away, but not through my hands entirely ; not through my hands altogether.

40,360. The whole sum of 100*l.* was paid away ?—Yes.

40,361. It was always in your hands ?—I mean I did not give it individually.

40,362. I think I know what you mean ; you gave it to other people who gave it to the voters ?—Yes ; parties came who belonged to the committee ; they came and asked me for it, and they dispersed it.

40,363. They dispersed it ?—Yes.

40,364. Did people come to your house to be paid ?—They went into a little room, and were paid there.

40,365. Did you go into the little room, or sit there ?—I did not sit there.

40,366. You were in the room and you had this money, and then men came forward for it ?—Of course they came for it, but I did not know who they were.

40,367. I did not ask you that, but I shall ask you ?—I am sure I could not say.

40,368. *Mr. Serjeant O'Brien* again advised the witness to be cautious.

40,369. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were very ready to tell me you did not know who they were ; you were in the house ?—Backwards and forwards.

40,370. You had the bag of money with you ?—Yes.

40,371. And some people came and asked you to pay them money, people who came to your house ?—Yes.

40,372. And you paid it away till the whole was exhausted ?—Yes.

40,373. Had you any more money that day ?—No.

40,374. That you are clear about ?—No, I had no more money.

40,375. Now I must ask you to give me the names of any one ?—I cannot give the name of one.

40,376. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then I am not disposed to examine you any further.

The witness was desired to remain in court.

JAMES BOYES called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Boyes.

40,377. Are you the son of the last witness ?—Yes.

40,378. And you have heard his evidence ?—Yes.

40,379. Did you bring 100*l.* from Machell's bank on the polling day in 1865 ?—Yes, at least I brought 100*l.*

40,380. Did you bring it from Machell's bank ?—No.

40,381. Where did you bring it from ?—I got it from Mr. Wreghitt.

40,382. Did you get it on the morning of the polling day ?—No.

40,383. When ?—A few days previous.

40,384. How many ?—One or two days ; within a week certainly of the polling day.

40,385. Was the money given to you in sovereigns ?—No.

40,386. How ?—Notes.

40,387. Country notes ?—Country notes, I suppose ; I cannot tell what notes.

40,388. Did you get them changed yourself ?—No.

40,389. Did you give the notes to your father ?—Yes.

40,390. Do you know how those notes were changed ?—No.

40,391. Do you know that he changed them?—I suppose he would, but I do not know that.

40,392. When Mr. Wreghitt gave you the money did he give you any directions?—Yes.

40,393. What were they?—To pay the legal expenses of the travelling voters.

40,394. Did he direct you to give that money to your father for that purpose?—No. I made an arrangement that if I was not able to pay them myself I was to get a substitute.

40,395. You made that arrangement with Mr. Wreghitt?—Yes.

40,396. And he assented to it?—Yes.

40,397. And you employed your father as your substitute?—Yes.

40,398. And did you arrange with your father a person should introduce parties to your father as they were to be paid?—No.

40,399. Who made that arrangement?—I do not know.

40,400. You know as a fact the parties were taken in, as a fact you know it, they were taken in by a man?—I know that people who were to be paid were taken in.

40,401. Who introduced them?—That I cannot say. I introduced some myself.

40,402. Who were they introduced to?—That I cannot tell you.

40,403. The name of the man or persons?—That I cannot tell you.

40,404. How do you know they were proper people to be paid?—I stood in front of the hustings, and they were brought to me to be paid there.

40,405. Who brought them?—Runners belonging to the party. They were introduced in this way: "Here is so-and-so, who has come such a distance and "wants so much;" or so many men.

40,406. What sort of sums would be paid?—They would vary according to the distance they came.

40,407. Were they less than 1*l.*?—I could not say.

40,408. Some would have 1*l.*?—Yes.

40,409. And some would have as much as 2*l.*?—It may be, but I really cannot say. I am giving it quite at a venture.

40,410. Were there some over 2*l.*?—I daresay there would be.

40,411. Might I say 2*l.* on the average?—I have no authority to say that. I took the men in a cab to my father's house and left them there.

40,412. Would you take them into the little room?—No, I took them to my father's house, and left them in the passage.

40,413. That was no introduction; your father could not identify them in the passage; you must have said these are the proper men to pay?—The fact of my bringing them up would be enough for that.

40,414. Who paid them?—My father paid them. He saw them come out, and I should very likely say to him these men want their expenses.

40,415. You told your father those were the men who were to be paid?—Yes.

40,416. Of course you told him what sort of sums they ought to be paid?—No, I did not.

40,417. He was to take their word for that?—They would tell him where they came from.

40,418. Each man?—He would ask them where they came from.

40,419. And he would take their word for it?—Yes. I was unable to pay the men myself, from the fact that I could not get away from the bank. If I could have got a holiday I would have paid them myself.

40,420. Do not tell us what you would have done?—You want my reasons?

40,421. No, I don't, I want facts. You must have told your father what sums were to be paid?—No, I left it to him.

40,422. You left it to them, according to your statement?—They would tell him, and he would exercise his own discretion.

40,423. How many did you bring?—I might bring a dozen.

40,424. Did you?—Perhaps a dozen, I cannot tell you how many; it is five years ago; perhaps I brought a dozen; I only stayed there from eight till nine.

40,425. You were only where from eight till nine?—At the hustings.

40,426. And from the hustings you took these dozen men to your father's?—Yes.

40,427. Did you know these men that you so took to your father's?—No.

40,428. I suppose the payments took place in the little room?—Yes.

40,429. And were you in the the same room; would you be in the room?—No doubt.

40,430. In the little room where the payments took place?—Yes.

40,431. While you were in the little room was no one there?—No.

40,432. Not a person?—No.

40,433. Was your father there?—Yes.

40,434. He was in the little room?—Yes.

40,435. Mr. Wreghitt gave you this 100*l.* altogether in notes?—Yes.

40,436. Did you afterwards give an account to Mr. Wreghitt as to what you did with the money?—No.

40,437. Did he ever ask you for any?—No.

40,438. Did you ever speak to him on the subject afterwards?—No.

40,439. You never spoke to Mr. Wreghitt, and from that day to this had no communication with him as to what you did with the 100*l.*?—No.

40,440. And for anything he knows you may have thrown those notes into the fire?—I tell you I have had no communication whatever with Mr. Wreghitt on the subject, and I should be obliged if you would not ask me any more upon it.

40,441. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You stated you could not get a holiday from the bank, or you would have paid the men yourself?—Yes.

40,442. What time would you get to the bank?—From a quarter to half-past nine.

40,443. Whom did you leave to supply your place in front of the hustings?—No one.

40,444. Some one must have been there?—No, and I had no direction to go there. I assume this entirely on my own account. I did not go on the hustings, for I had no opportunity, and I had no direction.

40,445. Did you not preserve a list?—No.

40,446. Your father said that some of the men were paid as late as two or three o'clock in the afternoon; you heard him say that?—Yes.

40,447. You did not pay any?—No.

40,448. You had communication with others besides Mr. Wreghitt?—No, I had not.

40,449. Never?—No.

40,450. What kind of notes were they paid in?—That I cannot say, but I think they were Beverley notes of some kind.

40,451. Half notes?—No.

40,452. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When did you give those notes to your father?—I think I should give them to him that morning.

40,453. At what o'clock?—I should think before eight o'clock.

40,454. When did he begin to pay?—I should think he would begin to pay about half-past eight.

40,455. Do you know how the notes got changed?—No.

40,456. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you give him any gold; did you bring any gold out of the bank that day?—Not to him.

40,457. I did not say to him; did you bring any gold out of the bank that day?—No, not that I know of.

40,458. I shall repeat the question, did you bring

any gold out of the bank that day?—I do not recollect that I did; I have no recollection at all about it.

40,459. We do not wish to deal harshly with you in any manner whatever, understand that.—No; if I could recollect I would tell you in a moment.

40,460. Did you give any change for notes in gold that day to any person connected with the election?—Do you mean in the bank?

40,461. Yes?—That I cannot tell; large sums I did not.

40,462. What do you call a large sum?—50*l.* or 100*l.*

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

40,463. Do you remember any of these men whom you took to be paid?—No, I do not.

40,464. None of them?—No.

40,465. Do you know whether they were or were not country voters?—Well, I believe them to be so.

40,466. What reason have you for believing them to be so?—Well, some one would be with them, and say these have come from such-and-such a place.

40,467. Some one would be with them?—Some runner or some one.

40,468. Some one you knew?—I cannot recollect.

40,469. But some one whom you knew at the time, surely?—I should know him at the time, no doubt.

40,470. Can you say now who he was?—No, I cannot.

40,471. Then in point of fact you do not know whether they were country voters or not?—No, I really don't.

40,472. Who was in this little room with your father?—That I don't know.

40,473. Was anyone there?—I think he was alone when I saw him.

40,474. That does not quite tally with his evidence. Well, it might be so. You say he was alone when you saw him?—Yes, I think so.

40,475. Did you ask him for any money?—No.

40,476. I think you have told us you did not pay any money with your own hands?—No.

40,477. You merely brought the voters to him, these dozen men or so you brought to him?—Just so.

40,478. Did you bring them to him in the little room?—I brought them to him in the house.

40,479. Stay; you brought them to him in the house, was that in the room you spoke of?—Yes, that would be in the room.

40,480. When you brought them to him, what did you say to him?—I should say to him, "These men have come from a distance, and they want paying."

40,481. Did you mention the sums to him?—No.

40,482. You mentioned no sums?—No.

40,483. That you left entirely to his discretion?—Yes.

40,484. Did he pay whatever sum they demanded; can you say that or not?—That I cannot say.

40,485. You never heard afterwards from him?—No.

40,486. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You told me that some of the sums were 1*l.*?—The sums would vary very much, according to the distance.

40,487. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How do you know the sums varied, if you say you did not know what he paid?—Common sense tells me that.

40,488. Your sense?—Yes.

40,489. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Never mind that; we want facts.

40,490. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You must not blow both hot and cold; you said just now you did not know what sums were paid; now you say you did, you say the sums varied?—If a man came from London he would want more pay than a man from Hull.

40,491. Did they bring passes?—I do not know.

40,492. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Give us facts. Did any men come from London?—I do not know that they did.

40,493. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What we want to know is perfectly plain?—I tell you all I know.

40,494. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You told me just now there were sums of 1*l.*, as I understood you, paid, and yet you say you had no means of knowing the sums?—It was mere conjecture in my own mind, knowing the various distances.

40,495. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was not given as a fact?—No, I did not speak of it as a fact.

40,496. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you ever heard since from any reliable authority how many men were paid at your father's house that day?—No, not on any reliable authority.

40,497. I want to know about how many men were paid; you must see what our questions tend to; you must see that, as a man of common sense?—I think I can give you an idea, but I do not vouch for its exactness.

40,498. Of course you could not give it exactly; I do not ask you to do so?—I should say 30 or 40.

40,499. That is very much what I should have said myself. Perhaps you will tell us why you tell us that?—I took a dozen myself, and then they were going all the morning; for I was in there that morning again; I should say so.

40,500. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were in again in the morning, you say?—I looked in again in the morning, at dinner time.

40,501. And saw this same thing going on?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

William Boyes further examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

W. Boyes.

40,502. Imitate your son's example, and be candid with us, if you please?—As far as I am able to tell you, I will.

40,503. You have heard the evidence your son has just given?—Yes.

40,504. You have heard what he has said about the number of voters paid in your house that day?—Yes.

40,505. Does that agree with your belief?—Yes. I have no doubt but there was that quantity, and perhaps more; I should say so.

40,506. You have no doubt of that quantity, and perhaps more?—Yes, I should say more.

40,507. You say 30 or 40, and I am ready to take that. I do not ask you even to be exact, but I do beg you will tell us what you think. Will you please tell us what number of persons you think were paid in your house that day?—It is a very hard thing to say.

40,508. It is not a hard thing to tell us what you think about it. You have told us you think there were more than 30 or 40, and I myself am willing to accept even that; if you think there were more, tell us?—I could not positively swear on the Bible, not to say exactly; I could not tell you.

40,509. I have repeated over and over again that I do not want the exact number?—I should think there would be 40 or more; I did not keep an account of them.

40,510. I daresay you will be able to tell us about what sum each man was paid?—I could not now.

40,511. They were paid 2*l.* apiece, were they not?—No; some 5*s.*, some 10*s.*, some 15*s.*, and some 1*l.*

40,512. That you are sure of?—I am sure some got 10*s.*

40,513. And something more?—And some less.

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40,514. And something more, did not they? They got 10*s.* for their travelling expenses, and something beyond?—Some came four or five miles, and I think these received 10*s.* to the best of my knowledge.

40,515. Now, Mr. Boyes, is it not true that besides receiving whatever you gave for their travelling expenses they got a sum of money for their votes?—Not that I am aware of. I did not give them anything.

40,516. No, I know that; you told us that before. Who did give them anything; just brush up your memory and say?—(*No answer.*)

40,517. If I were to mention names could you tell me? Did Oxley give them anything?—Not that I am aware of. I do not know, I am sure.

40,518. Or Nutchey?—No, I am not able to say that; I do not know who did give them it.

40,519. But you know whether you gave the money to them; did you hand the money to them to pay them?

40,520. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) To whom did you hand the money, the 100*l.* you had in your hand?—(*No answer.*)

40,521. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Come, tell us to whom?—I am sure I cannot tell at all.

40,522. This is really trifling?—I cannot tell. It is a thing that I never bothered my mind about at all after the night was over and was done with; I did not remember anything more about it; I did not expect anything more to do with it. I was occupied, and I had no list. I did not keep an account of it.

40,523. You are a Beverley man; you have been here since '44?—I have been away since then sometimes.

40,524. Were they Beverley men to whom you gave the money?—I should think there were very few Beverley men; I don't know that there were any.

40,525. I mean the men to whom you gave the money to pay the voters with; do not misunderstand me?—Oh, I understand you.

40,526. Were they Beverley men?—Yes, some of them were Beverley men; I daresay the whole of them.

40,527. Perhaps the whole of them?—I could not say.

40,528. Did you know them at the time you gave them the money?—I should know some of them, no doubt.

40,529. Just think; I think you know all to whom you gave the money. You would not give money to a man you did not know?—I am sure I could not say.

40,530. I will ask you another question. To about how many different people did you give money that day?—To pay the men for their expenses?

40,531. For them to pay the men with. To about how many different people?—I do not know, perhaps five or six; I could not say exactly.

40,532. Five or six?—I would not say how many exactly.

40,533. Now we have it thus: you, a Beverley man, gave money that day to five or six Beverley men; that is so, is it?—Yes, there would be about that number.

40,534. Attend. You, a Beverley man, gave money that day to five or six Beverley men; that is so?—Yes.

40,535. Now, then, pray tell us the name of one of them?—I am sure I cannot.

40,536. Not one?—I cannot.

40,537. You cannot tell the name of one?—I could not at present; of course I really did not keep a memorandum of it.

40,538. I am sure you did not, or if you did you destroyed it immediately, of that I am certain?—Well, just at the time I might, but I never saw it after it was done with that night.

40,539. I have no doubt of that, that most likely is so?—I do not trouble my head much about electioneering.

40,540. That does not correspond with the evidence you are giving now. Pray tell us the name of one of these men?—I could not tell you the name of any individual; I might surmise, but not to swear it to be true.

40,541. Who do you think you gave the money to; just surmise, as you say; who do you surmise you gave money to?—I do not know.

40,542. Here is a sum of 100*l.* that has passed through your hands unaccounted for; you really must give us some account of it?—I cannot more than I have given.

40,543. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You must give a better explanation than this?—I really do not know more about it.

40,544. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We do not wish to be harsh with you; do not make us do a disagreeable thing?—I do not know; I really could not swear it.

40,545. I quite see how you are attempting to ride off from this by saying you cannot swear it; but still in your own mind you know perfectly well who they were. Who do you think you gave the money to?—I do not know any individual, not personally.

40,546. You knew them personally at the time?—I might at the time.

40,547. You told us you did?—I did not tell you at the time.

40,548. Yes, you did; you said you would not give money to strangers?—Yes.

40,549. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I will ask you another question: in what sums did you give the money to these people; about how much?—I could not say; from 5*s.* to 10*s.*, or perhaps to a sovereign, and perhaps more; I could not say.

40,550. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) 5*l.* or 10*l.*?—No, never, that I am aware of.

40,551. What did you say?—5*s.*, or 10*s.*, or 15*s.*, or 20*s.*

40,552. (*Mr. Barstow.*) No, no, that will not do?—I cannot remember any other sums.

40,553. Please consider what you have said; you have said you paid away 100*l.* to five or six people, who again paid it away to the voters?—Yes.

40,554. That is what you have told us, and I must assume it is true?—Yes; they asked for a sum for a certain lot of men, which they gave; but I could not say who they were.

40,555. I am asking you what sums you paid the men?—To each man?

40,556. To each of the five or six people to whom you gave the money?—I could not tell you, because I have not got it down; I have no account of it.

40,557. Do not repeat the same thing over and over again?—What am I to say; I do not want to tell you a lie.

40,558. No; but I can tell you you do not want to tell us the truth?—I do not know about it; I do not want to tell any lies about it; it is no benefit to me at all.

40,559. No benefit to you?—No.

40,560. Do you know a man named Akrill?—Yes, I know him very well.

40,561. He is a gunsmith?—I know him very well.

40,562. Was he in your house that day?—I believe he was.

40,563. I will ask you, do you believe that you paid him some of the money?—Well, I would not say, because he might get some; perhaps he was a man that got some; I would not say that he did not get some.

40,564. You would not say he did not?—Perhaps he might, but what sum I could not say.

40,565. Do you think he was one?—Well, I have no doubt; I know he was in the house.

40,566. You know he was in the house on the election day, and you know you had money in your hands on the election day, and you know you were paying it away?—Yes.

40,567. Now, putting those together, do not you know that Akrill got some of the money?—I could not swear that he did.

40,568. I think you could if you wished?—I cannot say.

40,569. Would it relieve you at all if we told you that he did?

40,570. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We must come to the conclusion that he kept the money, or kept a part of it, that is the only conclusion that we can come to. According to the sums he paid, he paid 400 men, or 300 or 400; he says he paid 5*s.*, and he had 100*l.*

(*The witness.*) But there were larger sums than that, but what the largest sum was I could not say.

40,571. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You said 2*l.* was the largest sum?—Well, I could not say that 2*l.* was the largest sum; I did not pay all the same.

40,572. I thought you told us you paid none of the men yourself with your own hand, you paid none of the country voters with your own hand?—None of the country voters?

40,573. Yes?—Well, as far as that goes, there was somebody along with them, and they were to be paid, but how much I do not know. Perhaps Akrill was one.

40,574. Either you have answered wrong, or I have quite misunderstood you. I certainly thought you gave this account of it: that these five or six people came to you for money, and you gave it to them to pay the men, but you did not pay the voters yourself?—They got it, but it was paid in that way.

40,575. Stay a moment, Mr. Boyes; were they paid in your presence?—There might be some of them paid in my presence; I would not say now. I was in a little, but I did not continue always in the room. I was not always in the room.

40,576. All that I say is, you did not give the money out of your own hands to the voters?—Not that I am aware of.

40,577. Are you sure of that?—I think I paid one.

40,578. You think you paid one?—It is so long since that I really do not know how the thing run.

40,579. You say Akrill was there, and might have had some money. Do you know Thomas Harris?—No, I do not.

40,580. Do not you know a man named Thomas Harris?—No, I do not.

40,581. Do not you know a man named Thomas Harris, I think he is a manure manufacturer?—Harris?

40,582. Do you or do you not know him?—Harris?

40,583. Yes. I should think he is as well known as any man in Beverley?—He is a bone man.

40,584. Yes, a bone manure merchant; was he there that day?—I could not say.

40,585. I suppose you could not say whether you gave him any money or not?—I could not. I do not recollect anything of the sort.

40,586. And you really repeat that, excepting Akrill (if I take it that you gave money to Akrill), you do not know any man to whom you gave money that day?—No.

40,587. You, who paid away 100*l.*; you say you have paid it away, and I must take what you have sworn?—Yes.

40,588. You really tell us that, that you do not know of anyone excepting Akrill, for I put it that you paid Akrill?—Yes, Akrill was one, and several more.

40,589. We want to know their names?—I am sure I could not tell you.

40,590. For very plain reasons we want to know their names; you know perfectly well why, and that is the reason you will not tell us their names?—I have not a list. I have no account.

40,591. Do not repeat that, please?—I am sure I could not say; I do not know who they were.

Examined by Mr Commissioner Cox.

40,592. When did your son give you the notes; at what o'clock in the morning?—I am sure I do not know; it was some time, I could not tell you when.

40,593. It was before the poll began?—I would not say that, because I do not know; I think it was about 9 in the morning; I fancy so; I do not know whether it was that time or not.

40,594. When did you change the notes?—I should have them changed during the day.

40,595. When did you begin to get the notes changed?—I got some changed very nearly as soon as I got them.

40,596. Was that at 8 o'clock or 9?—No, it was not at 8; it was after 8 I know.

40,597. You have heard your son say it was between 8 and 9?—It perhaps might be 9 o'clock.

40,598. His statement is that he went away at 9 and he was at work at the hustings, and from 8 to 9 he brought the money to you, he says, and I believe him; he says he brought it during the hour from 8 to 9?—I could not say what hour it was.

40,599. Where did you get those notes changed?—I got one lot changed at the bank; some in one place, and some in another.

40,600. At Machell's bank?—Yes, some there, I believe.

40,601. It must have been before you began to pay them, that is obvious, therefore it must have been before 8, or very soon after?—I cannot say any were paid at 8; I could not say the hour.

40,602. What were you doing in the little room; you were stationed in a little room, what were you doing in that little room?—Well, of course, when I was there they brought some men in to pay, most likely, and I was in during the time; I was in and out all day long; I was not always in.

40,603. They brought some men in to pay?—Yes.

40,604. Who brought some men in to pay?—I do not know; I could not say who there was.

40,605. When you got those first notes paid, which must have been before 9 o'clock, to whom did you pay the first lot of gold to; you had better say to whom you paid the gold that you got before 9 o'clock; what did you do with it?—I am sure I do not know what I did with it.

40,606. Did you keep it yourself?—I kept it, of course, till somebody came that wanted paying. I had silver as well; I had silver and gold.

40,607. And what did you do with it?—Some got silver and some got gold.

40,608. Did you keep any of the money yourself for your own use?—No, I did not.

40,609. Not a halfpenny?—Not a penny.

40,610. And you will not tell us what you did with it?—It was paid away to different men for their expenses.

40,611. All that we want to know is, who got it, and how it was paid away; and that you will not tell us?—I will tell you all I know.

40,612. You will only tell us of one man, and that after my learned friend puts the name to you, and then with very great reluctance?—I do not know any individual person.

40,613. You see you have charged yourself with one 100*l.*, and you do not do anything to discharge yourself of the odious imputation as to what you did with the money?—I could not say what I did with the money; it was paid to some men, but I could not say how many men were paid; no doubt I could that night.

40,614. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I think that depends upon who asked you.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

40,615. Did your son ever ask you for an account of the money?—Yes, I believe he did.

40,616. When?—Well, I could not say; perhaps a day or two after, not the same day, to know whether I had got through it all.

40,617. A day or two afterwards?—No, it would be the same day, I think.

40,618. At what time?—Five or six o'clock, perhaps.

40,619. Did you give him a list or an account of

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the monies? You know he was responsible for the 100*l.*, for you had not known of the transaction through the persons who employed him, except through him, and he was responsible for it; and he asked you to give an account of the 100*l.*, you say, that day; and you did give it him. Did you give him a detailed account?—I do not think there was any account, no more than the sums written. I do not think the persons' names appeared.

40,620. You gave him the sums?—The sums were down.

40,621. I suppose in writing?—No, it would not be in writing.

40,622. What then, in pencil?—It was on a slate, and it was rubbed out afterwards.

40,623. Oh, of course it was. You gave him the sums on a slate?—Yes, I think it was.

40,624. Did you make those entries on the slate yourself; was the slate kept by yourself in the room?—No, it was not.

40,625. Who kept it?—My wife was in at the time, and she partly kept it.

40,626. Your wife?—Yes.

40,627. I may tell you we shall have to send for her?

It was intimated to the learned Commissioners that the witness's wife was dead.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien observed he was very sorry to hear that.

(*The witness.*) My wife was in the room all the time.

40,628. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What room?—In the little room.

40,629. (*Mr. Barstow.*) With you?—Yes.

40,630. She saw the men who came there if you paid them?—If any man got it.

40,631. Any man you paid she saw?—Yes, I think she sat in the room most of the day.

The witness withdrew.

W. Middleton.

William Middleton called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

40,632. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,633. Have you been a freeman many years?—Since '52.

40,634. Did you vote in '57, do you remember; Denison, Wells, and Glover?—No, I did not.

40,635. How was that?—I did not vote that election.

40,636. Were you here?—Yes.

40,637. But you did not vote?—No.

40,638. Did you vote at the one following, Edwards and Wells?—I believe I did, and I believe I voted for Wells.

40,639. Did you get anything?—No.

40,640. That is so?—Yes.

40,641. Not in any way?—Yes, I did in '52; I voted for him in '52.

40,642. But after that?—No, not for Wells.

40,643. At that time you did not get anything?—No.

40,644. Neither before or after the election?—No, I did not.

40,645. What is your occupation, pray?—I am a butcher.

40,646. You were not employed in any way during the election?—Not in any way.

40,647. The election following was in 1859, when Walters and Edwards were the candidates, did you vote then?—Yes.

40,648. For whom did you vote?—Let me see, was it Walker——

40,649. No, Walters and Edwards?—I voted for Walters.

40,650. Did you get anything?—Yes.

40,651. What was it?—I got 2*l.*

40,652. Where did you get that from?—I got it at the Reform Rooms in Toll Gavel, I believe.

40,653. Then the election of 1860, Walker and Gridley; did you vote?—Yes.

40,654. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Gridley.

40,655. Did you get anything?—No.

40,656. Nothing at all?—No.

40,657. You did not?—No, I did not get anything.

40,658. For Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you vote for either of those?—Yes.

40,659. For whom?—I voted for Keane.

40,660. You voted for Keane, and you got something that time?—Yes, I did; I got 2*l.*

40,661. I suppose 1*l.* one day, and 1*l.* the next?—I believe I got them both together; I think I did at the Mechanics' Hall.

40,662. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

40,663. Did you get anything then?—I got 15*s.* from Mr. Vickers.

40,664. For whom did you vote?—For the Liberals, and I always do.

40,665. For the council choosing?—Yes.

40,666. And you voted for the Liberals at the parliamentary, Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

40,667. How came you not to get money at the Gridley election; were you promised anything?—No.

40,668. You were not promised?—Not a farthing; I did not know there was one farthing going till it was over.

40,669. You did not know it till it was over?—No.

40,670. You knew it when it was over; did you apply for it afterwards?—I never did.

The witness withdrew.

J. F. Andrew.

Joseph Fowler Andrew called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

40,671. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,672. How long have you been?—12 or 13 years perhaps.

40,673. When did you first vote?—I voted for Denison and Wells.

40,674. What did you get?—A sovereign.

40,675. Where?—In the market place, or Dyer's Lane, I could not say which.

40,676. Can you tell us now, I shall be obliged if you can?—Yes, I can tell you. Watson and I walked from Hull together; Watson was a carpenter; he gave it me.

40,677. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you say you walked from Hull?—Yes.

40,678. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where did he get it?—I will tell you as near as I can do. We missed the 12 past 12 train and we walked to Beverley; he went home to get his dinner, and so did I, and I met him afterwards and he gave me the sovereign to vote for Denison and Wells at 20 minutes to 4.

40,679. And you do not know where he got it?—I should know he got it from the party.

40,680. I do not mean that; but do you know the place or the person or the house he went to, or the street?—I never see him from going into his own yard where he lived till I met him in the market place again.

40,681. I know you will tell me?—Yes, but I could not tell you.

40,682. Did he tell you where he got it?—No, he did not.

40,683. From whom did he get it?—He gave me it.

40,684. From whom did he get it; did he tell you that; did he say, "Here is a sovereign, go and vote; I got it from so and so?"—He said he would give me a sovereign to vote for Denison and Wells.

40,685. Where is Watson now?—He is somewhere in Beverley, but I have not seen him to speak to for a few months.

40,686. Is it Watson the auctioneer?—No.

40,687. What is he?—A body-maker; the body of a coach maker; he served his time to be a body-maker.

40,688. Did you vote the next election, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

40,689. For whom?—Edwards.

40,690. What did you get?—2*l.*

40,691. Now the next election would be Walters, Edwards, and Walker, did you vote at that election?—Yes.

40,692. For whom?—Edwards and Walker.

40,693. How much did you get?—I got three days pay, 22*s.* 6*d.*

40,694. Anything more?—No, nothing but a jaunt to London.

40,695. You were examined in London?—Yes.

40,696. Well, the next election, Walker and Gridley?—Walker.

40,697. How much?—Two days at 4*s.* a day.

40,698. That was a reduction, did you only get 8*s.*?—8*s.* and two wet jackets with going out carrying out notices on the nomination day.

40,699. You were paid that, I suppose, by Mr. McCoy, the 8*s.*?—No, it was left at my mother's house. I got the 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* at Mr. Bainton's office.

40,700. Now come to the 1865 election. There was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; how did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

40,701. How much did you get?—I got drunk in the morning and I remained drunk all day, and I never got any money.

40,702. You got into liquor?—Yes, and I went to vote with Jarve Mack in the cab, and he went away and left me.

40,703. Did you vote at the council choosing last time?—I have not a vote.

The witness withdrew.

GEORGE BRIGHAM called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

G. Brigham.

40,704. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,705. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

40,706. For whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells, I believe.

40,707. What did you get?—Nothing.

40,708. Nothing?—No.

40,709. What time in the day did you vote?—I cannot tell that.

40,710. Well, perhaps you cannot, it is a long time ago. You are sure you got nothing?—Nothing at all.

40,711. Edwards and Wells, what did you get?—Nothing.

40,712. Did you vote for Wells?—There are one or two elections I did not vote at all..

40,713. Did you vote at Walters' election?—Yes.

40,714. What did you get?—2*l.*

40,715. Did you vote at Walker and Gridley's?—No.

40,716. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

40,717. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

40,718. What did you get?—Nothing.

40,719. Quite sure?—Yes.

40,720. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes, I voted, but I got nothing.

40,721. You did not?—I did not.

40,722. There must be some reason for that, how did that come about?—I never applied for anything, nor looked for anything.

40,723. You must have known that the place was swimming in money?—I knew there was money.

40,724. You did not ask for any, is that so? You did not try to get any?—No.

40,725. It seems that in 1860 you voted for Walker. You made a mistake about that?—Yes, very likely.

40,726. You ought to be careful. I have accepted all you said, and I expected that you were giving your evidence in a careful manner?—According to my memory I have given it right. There were some elections I did not vote.

40,727. You did not vote in 1860 you said, it seems that you voted for Walker?—Yes.

40,728. You ought to have told me so, you said you did not vote. What did you get?—I got nothing.

40,729. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you ever have Walker's gift?—No.

40,730. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you a son?—I have, he has been examined.

The witness withdrew.

HENRY BARNES called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

H. Barnes.

40,731. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,732. Did you vote in 1859?—1859?

40,733. 1859 was the first election you voted at?—Yes.

40,734. For whom did you then vote?—Edwards and Walker.

40,735. Did you get anything?—Nothing whatever.

40,736. In 1860, Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker.

40,737. Did you get anything?—Nothing whatever.

40,738. Neither before or after the election?—No.

40,739. In 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

40,740. Did you get anything?—I got 2*l.*

40,741. Where did you get that?—I got it at the "Cross Keys."

40,742. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—I had not a vote.

40,743. Have you told me of all the sums of money that you have got with reference to any election?—All that ever I got for myself?

40,744. Or for other people?—No, I have a paper here you may look at (*it was handed to the Commissioners, and is as follows:*)

	£	*s.*	*d.*
"James Oxtoby Padget - -	2	0	0
Joseph Middleton - - -	2	0	0
Richard Jameson - - -	2	0	0
John Nicholls - - - -	2	0	0
Charles Calvert - - - -	2	0	0
Henry Barnes - - - -	2	0	0

"Edwards and Sykes' election; received the money "from Richard Arnott."

40,745. These are sums that you have given to other people?—Yes.

40,746. When did you pay these sums?—Just after they had voted.

40,747. Which election does it refer to?—Edwards and Sykes, it is there if you look, I believe.

40,748. You gave Padget 2*l.*; Middleton 2*l.*; Richard Jameson 2*l.*; John Nicholls 2*l.*; Charles Calvert 2*l.*; and Henry Barnes 2*l.*?—That is myself.

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40,749. That is 12*l.*; and you got the money from Richard Arnott?—Yes.

40,750. And you gave it to each of the men as they voted?—I did.

40,751 Was that all the money that you ever received?—To the best of my knowledge, I did not receive another halfpenny at any time.

40,752. Where did Richard Arnott give it you?—At the "Cross Keys."

The witness withdrew.

J. Bulman.

JOHN BULMAN called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

40,753. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,754. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirty-two years.

40,755. Then you recollect Towneley's election?—Yes.

40,756. You voted then?—Yes.

40,757, How much?—I got 12*l.*

40,758. Did you vote in 1852?—Yes, I have voted for the Conservatives ever since, but if there was anything to get I always got it.

40,759. I will take you to 1857, that was Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I voted for Glover.

40,760. How much?—I got nothing.

43,761. Got nothing that year?—No.

40,762. Edwards and Wells, you voted Edwards; what did you get?—I believe I got 2*l.* from Edwards.

40,763. Then in 1859, there was Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote?—I voted for the Conservatives.

40,764. That would be Edwards and Walker. Do you remember how much you got?—I am sure I do not know; either 1*l.* or 2*l.*

40,765. Then Walker and Gridley?—I got nothing.

40,766. For whom did you vote?—I voted for the Conservatives.

40,767. You voted for Walker?—Yes.

40,768. Did you get anything?—I got nothing.

40,769. You did not get anything?—Not at all.

40,770. At the Keane election who did you vote for?—Edwards and Sykes.

40,771. What did you get then?—I got 2*l.*

40,772. Did you vote at the council choosing?—I did.

40,773. What did you get at the council choosing?—I got 10*s.*

40,774. From whom?—I got it from Mr. Skinn, the butcher.

40,775. And for whom did you vote at the parliamentary?—For Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

J. Bulman.

JAMES BULMAN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

40,776. What was the first election at which you voted?—Edwards and Sykes.

40,777. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,778. Did you get anything?—2*l.* 10*s.*

40,779. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

40,780. Have you a vote for the council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

G. J. Campey.

GEORGE JOHN CAMPEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

40,781. What is your occupation; what are you by trade?—A painter.

40,782. How long have you been a freeman?—Eight or nine years.

40,783. When did you vote first?—At Keane's election.

40,784. Did you vote for Mr. Keane?—Yes.

40,785. Did you get anything?—I got 2*l.*

40,786. Where did you get that?—At the Mechanics' Hall.

40,787. Is that all you got?—Yes.

40,788. From either side?—From either side. I never tried the other side; I did not go to the other side at all.

40,789. Did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—Yes.

40,790. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

40,791. Did you vote at the council choosing just before?—Yes.

40,792. What did you get?—I got 10*s.*

40,793. Who gave you that?—Mr. Bird.

40,794. Did you vote for the Liberals at the council choosing?—Yes.

40,795. Have you told me of all the money you have ever got in any way connected with elections?—Yes.

40,796. Have you ever had any money given you to give to others?—No.

40,797. Nor been employed in any way?—Nor been employed in any way.

40,798. You have told me all about money that you know of connected with election matters as to yourself?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

H. Clark.

HENRY CLARK called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

40,799. How long have you been a freeman?—Eight years.

40,800. When did you first vote?—At Edwards and Sykes' election.

40,801. For whom did you vote?—I voted crimson, for Edwards and Sykes. I never voted t'other way in my life.

40,802. Did you receive anything?—2*l.*

40,803. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

40,804. For whom?—Crimson.

40,805. Did you receive anything before you voted?—No, after I did.

40,806. How much did you receive?—15*s.*

40,807. From whom?—Robinson.

40,808. Where?—The square.

40,809. You went in and voted, and then came out, and then got the money as you were coming out?—Yes.

40,810. Who did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

40,811. That is the only time you voted?—Yes, at that, and for Edwards and Sykes.

40,812. Were you a freeman by birth?—Yes, servitude and all.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN CLARK called and sworn; examined by Mr Commissioner Barstow.

40,813. What was the first election at which you voted?—1857.

40,814. That was the first election, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

40,815. For whom did you vote?—Glover.

40,816. Get anything?—No.

40,817. The next election in the same year, for whom did you vote, Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Edwards.

40,818. Did you get anything?—No.

40,819. The next election was Walters' election; did you get anything then?—Yes; I got, I think, 17*s.*, being a runner, for three days' running.

40,820. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards.

40,821. The next election was Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker that time.

40,822. Did you get anything?—No.

40,823. Then Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

40,824. What did you get?—2*l.*

40,825. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I am not a voter.

The witness withdrew.

P. Clubley.

PETER CLUBLEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

40,826. Did you vote in 1857?—I think so.

40,827. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,828. It was Denison, Wells, and Glover. Do you remember voting for either of them when they were up together?—Wells was here twice. I voted the last time for him. I do not know about the other.

40,829. The first time was the election after Mr. Gordon was here; perhaps you will remember it that way. The election after Mr. Gordon was here was in 1857; Denison, Glover, and Wells were candidates?—I think I should vote for Wells.

40,830. Did you get anything?—No.

40,831. No money?—No.

40,832. Then do I understand that you voted a second time for Mr. Wells, when he was up with Mr. Edwards?—I voted for him the last time. I do not know whether I did or not the first time.

40,833. At all events, when he was up with Edwards you voted for him?—I voted for him.

40,834. Did you get anything?—No.

40,835. Walters, Edward, and Walker in 1859?—I voted for Walters and got 2*l.*

40,836. Walker and Gridley in 1860?—I voted for Gridley and got 2*l.*

40,837. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865?—I did not vote.

40,838. Did you vote the last time?—Yes.

40,839. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

40,840. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—I did; I voted for the Conservatives. I got 15*s.*

40,841. Have you told me of all the monies you have received in any way connected with election matters?—Since the date you allude to? Yes.

40,842. That is all the money you have received?—Yes.

40,843. You have never been employed in any way?—No.

40,844. You have never received any money to abstain from voting? On one occasion you abstained from voting?—No, I have not.

40,845. You did not receive money for that?—No.

40,846. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why did you abstain from voting?—Well, I cannot give a valid reason. I had no inducement. I am not a party man at all; no way anxious to vote in any party. I only voted just before four o'clock on the last occasion. I did not care whether I voted or not.

40,847. You had no inducement?—No.

40,848. Did not any of them offer you any money?—No, nor did I seek for any.

The witness withdrew.

T. M. Clubley.

THOMAS MARSHALL CLUBLEY called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

40,849. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,850. When did you first vote?—At Walters' election.

40,851. For whom did you vote?—Walters.

40,852. How much did you get?—2*l.*

40,853. The next election, for whom did you vote?—For Gridley.

40,854. How much did you get?—2*l.*

40,855. The next?—For Keane.

40,856. How much did you get?—I got nothing.

40,857. How was that; were you promised?—No, I went to the Mechanics', and it was closed.

40,858. Did you go before voting or after voting?—I went before; it would be about 11 in the morning I went.

40,859. Then you must have gone after you voted?—After I voted? Yes, I believe it was after; I voted about 10, I believe.

40,860. You voted at 10, you expected to get 1*l.*, you went and found the place closed?—Yes.

40,861. Who told you what was going on at the Mechanics'?—I saw people going.

40,862. When did you know first that money was going at the Mechanics'?—I think it would be about 9 o'clock on the nomination day night.

40,863. How was it you did not go on the nomination day when they were paying them?—It was too late when I heard.

40,864. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,865. For whom?—Maxwell and Trollope.

40,866. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No. I was once discharged for voting; I was discharged, likewise, for voting for Keane.

40,867. Discharged from where?—From the gasworks.

40,868. That is as much a corrupt influence as if you had got money, and perhaps more mischievous, if it is true. How long had you been at the gasworks?—Two years.

40,869. Then you voted for Mr. Keane in 1865?—Yes.

40,870. When were you discharged from the gasworks?—Major Edwards canvassed us, and I told him that I should not vote for him. He said, "I hope you don't intend to vote for the other man."

40,871. Who said that?—Major Edwards. I said, "I shall if I live until the election day." He turned away and left me. All went on till the show of hands on the nomination day. The committee, or part of the committee, came down to the works, and none of us were there. We were away electioneering. The foreman came in search of us.

40,872. Who is the foreman?—Thomas Tomlinson.

40,873. Go on. Tell us what you yourself know.—He found us just coming out of the "Blue Lion." He said, "You are in a row; you will have to go with me." He took us to Mr. Findlater, he was the chairman of the committee. Mr. Findlater said he would not coerce any man himself, but he was only one; he would see the committee. We were to go in the morning at 10 o'clock. I went in the morning.

40,874. The polling morning?—Yes. He told us, or left word with his wife, that the committee said we were to do as we liked and they would do as they

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liked, but if we would not oblige them they would have men that would.

40,875. Who told you that?—Mrs. Findlater.

40,876. Go on.—All went on after the election until we were overset at Christmas time with work, and we asked for an additional force.

40,877. What do you mean by an additional force?—Another man.

40,878. To assist in the gasworks?—Yes.

40,879. Go on.—The committee came down to Mr. Foxhall's room. We were each summoned before them. This was on Friday night. Next morning there appeared in the paper an advertisement for another force of men, and we were discharged.

40,880. That was in December?—Yes. I applied once for Walker's gift for loss of cattle (and I got nothing) to the amount of 120*l.*

40,881. How did you lose them?—By rinderpest.

40.882. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I want to ask you a question or two about your being discharged. Had you asked for any rise of wages at the time you were turned off?—Some of the men did, but I never asked.

40,883. Were they discharged as well as you?—All were discharged.

40,884. All were discharged?—Yes, and all voted.

40,885. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The whole force of the gasworks, all the men working then in the gasworks?—All the stokers.

40,886. You understood they were discharged on account of their demand for extra wages?—They told us at the election that if we did not oblige them they would have men that would.

40,887. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We do not complain of you stating that, but we are unanimously of opinion that this is too remote from the fact of the election.

40,888. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is another good reason, you know, for discharging you.

40,889. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) We consider that as a reason which you have just mentioned.

The witness withdrew.

J. Cook.

JOSEPH COOK called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

40,890. Are you a freeman?—Yes. (*Witness handed in a paper.*)

40,891. Cook, this is a very short and useful little account of your electoral proceedings. You say you got 12*l.* for Towneley?—Yes.

40,892. You say you got nothing between Towneley's election and Walters'?—No.

40,893. You voted for Walters and got 2*l.*?—Yes.

40,894. And 3*l.* for Gridley?—Yes.

40,895. And 2*l.* for Keane?—Yes.

40,896. And you always voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

40,897. Did you vote, among others, for Denison and Wells?—I never got anything.

40,898. Do you remember whether you voted for Denison and Wells?—Yes, I think I did; but I got nothing.

40,899. Then there was an election between Edwards and Wells, and if you voted for the Liberals I suppose you voted for Wells?—Yes.

40,900. Did you get anything then?—I got nothing but what is there.

40,901. You got nothing but what is down on this paper?—Yes, that is correct.

40,902. And you have told me of all the money you ever received?—Yes.

40,903. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

J. Hall.

JOHN HALL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

40,904. Have you an account of the elections?—Yes. 1857, Glover and Denison, got nothing. The same year voted for Edwards, got nothing. The next election voted for Mr. Walters, got 2*l.*

40,905. Do you know where you got that?—Yes, at the Toll Gavel. In 1860 voted for Mr. Walker.

40,906. Did you get anything?—No.

40,907. Really?—Yes. 1865, voted Edwards and Sykes, 2*l.* from Mr. Nutchey. In 1868, Edwards and Kennard, got nothing.

40,908. Did you vote at the council choosing?—I have not a vote.

40,909. What are you by occupation?—A fishmonger.

The witness withdrew.

J. Cross.

JOHN CROSS called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

40,910. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,911. You have been so a considerable time?—Over 30 years.

40,912. Did you vote for Towneley?—Yes.

40,913. How much did you get?—12*l.*

40,914. We will bring you down at once to 1857. Did you vote in 1857, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—I voted for Glover.

40,915. Did you get any money?—No.

40,916. Edwards and Wells, the same year, did you vote?—Yes, for Edwards.

40,917. How much did you get?—30*s.*

40,918. Was it Baker paid you?—Mr. Tilson.

40,919. The next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

40,920. Did you get anything?—Nothing.

40,921. At that time a great deal of money was going; how much did you get?—Nothing.

40,922. How was that?—Not one fraction.

40,923. How was that?—I polled Edwards and Walker, and did not get any.

40,924. Did not get any?—Not a farthing.

40,925. Did you ask for any?—No.

40,926. Had you been promised any?—No.

40,927. Did you not expect it?—I did not ask for it.

40,928. But did you not expect it?—I could not expect it as I did not ask for it.

40,929. Did you not know there was money going?—I do not think there was at that election, not on Edwards' side; it was very shy. There might have been on Walters' side, but I was not one of their party.

40,930. You voted for Mr. Walker, and got 8*s.*; who paid you that 8*s.*?—There were four of us runners at 8*s.* a piece. It was brought to the "George Inn," and divided between four of us, 8*s.* a piece.

40,931. Before you voted or after?—Two days after the election.

40,932. Did you get nothing else?—Nothing else, not one fraction.

40,933. The next election was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I got 2*l.*

40,934. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

40,935. You seem a little hurt at my supposing you asked for money. In Edwards and Sykes' election did you ask for it?—No.

40,936. Who gave it you?—David Nutchey.

40,937. How came he to give it to you; did he speak to you before you voted?—No, I saw him after I voted; two or three hours after.

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40,938. Where?—I met him against the Corn Exchange, and I said, "I have voted; can you stand anything?" He gave me four half-sovereigns.

40,939. You consider that asking, don't you?—Well, of course I do; the same as the rest were getting.

40,940. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I have not a vote.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS DOVE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

T. Dove.

40,941. Are you a freeman or occupier?—Freeman.

40,942. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

40,943. For whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells.

40,944. What did you get?—I do not remember getting anything at that election.

40,945. Just think. Cannot you charge your memory, and say whether you got anything or not?—I should get it the same as the rest if there was anything going.

40,946. That is not quite an answer. Did you get anything?—I would not say I did not, because I cannot say positively whether I did or not.

40,947. Do you really say on your oath that you do not remember whether you did or not?—I do not, I assure you.

40,948. Very well, I am content if that is so. I will not ask you any further. I hope you will tell me the truth as to everything. The next election was between Major Edwards and Wells?—Edwards and Wells?

40,949. Stay a minute. I am told, I do not know upon what authority, but I am told that you voted for Glover in that election of Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I cannot remember.

40,950. Do you remember whom you voted for?—I should vote for Denison and Wells.

40,951. I will take your answer; you are more likely to be right. Then Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote then?—Edwards and Wells.

40,952. The same year there was a bye election between Major Edwards and Wells, the first time Major Edwards came here?—I believe I should vote for Edwards; I think so; I will not be certain.

40,953. Did you get anything?—No.

40,954. The next election was Walters' election?—I voted for Walters.

40,955. And you got something, I will be bound?—2*l.*

40,956 Then the next was Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Gridley.

40,957. Did you get 2*l.* then?—Yes.

40,958. Then the next election was the one in 1865, between Edwards, Sykes, and Keane. For whom did you vote?—For Keane.

40,959. And you got something then?—3*l.*

40,960. Was it all on one side, all paid on Mr. Keane's side?—Yes, this 3*l.* I got was.

40,961. Did you get anything besides that 3*l.*?—No.

40,962. Nothing from Edwards and Sykes?—No.

40,963. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

40,964. For whom did you vote?—For the Conservatives.

40,965. What did you get?—16*s.*

40,966. Who paid you?—Robert Wallis.

40,967. Did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

GEORGE DUFFILL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

G. Duffill.

40,968. You are a freeman?—Yes.

40,969. Did you vote in 1857?—Walters' was my first election.

40,970. That was in 1859?—Yes.

40,971. What did you get?—2*l.*

40,972. Did you get that at the Toll Gavel?—Yes.

40,973. You voted Walters, and you got 2*l.*?—Yes.

40,974. Did you vote again in 1860?—Yes.

40,975. For whom?—Gridley.

40,976. Get anything?—Two sovereigns.

40,977. Who gave you that?—At the "Pack Horse."

40,978. In 1865?—Keane.

40,979. Of course you got something then?—Yes; two sovereigns.

40,980. That was at the Mechanics'?—Yes.

40,981. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

40,982. You have not a vote, perhaps?—No.

The witness withdrew.

MOSES FITZGERALD called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

M. Fitzgerald.

40,983. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

40,984. How long have you been a freeman?—About 27 years.

40,985. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes.

40,986. For whom did you vote?—Glover.

40,987. Did you get anything?—No.

40,988. Did you vote at the second election in that year, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

40,989. For whom?—Edwards.

40,990. What did you get?—Nothing.

40,991. Did you vote when Walters was up, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes.

40,992 For whom?—Edwards, I believe. I will not be certain whether I voted for Walker or not. I think I voted for Edwards. I will not be certain about Walker.

40,993. How much did you receive?—Nothing.

40,994. Nothing in Walters' election; are you sure of that?—I find it was Sir Henry Edwards I voted for. I did not vote for Walker that year.

40,995. Did you get anything?—No.

40,996. Tell me what money you have received in the way of election money?—The only money I ever received for voting was Lawley and Wells' election?

40,997. Did you vote at the Keane election?—Yes.

40,998. For whom?—For Edwards and Sykes.

40,999. Did you not get any money then?—No, never got anything from the Conservatives in my life for voting.

41,000. Did you vote for the council choosing?—Yes.

41,001. Did you get any money then?—No.

41,002. I accept your statement perfectly. But you are alleged to have received some money at the council choosing. Did you give any money, did any money pass through your hands?—No, sir, never.

The witness withdrew.

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JAMES GAMESON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

41,003. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,004. I daresay you have voted at a great many elections?—Yes, I have at a good many.

41,005. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—No.

41,006. Did you vote in Edwards and Wells' election?—No.

41,007. Did you vote in Walters' election, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes; I polled for Edwards.

41,008. For Walker too, I daresay?—I think not.

41,009. Did you get anything?—Yes.

41,010. What did you get?—I was a musician, and I got a sovereign a day.

41,011. How many days?—I cannot say, I am sure.

41,012. No, not to a day; three or four or five; how many?—I cannot say. I will not say the number; I do not know, I am sure.

41,013. Not so many, I daresay, then as you had been in former times?—No, I think not.

41,014. What instrument did you play?—The bugle.

41,015. Then you were a real musician?—Middling, middling; not over good.

41,016. Should I be right in saying that you played five days on that occasion?—Why, I cannot say.

41,017. I will not ask you further, it does not matter much. The next election was Walker and Gridley; whom did you vote for then?—I did not poll at that election.

41,018. I think you must have been on the register then?—Very possibly I may, but perhaps I was not at home. I belong to the militia and I might be away.

41,019. Then Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, do you remember that election?—I polled a single Edwards.

41,020. Did you get anything then?—Yes; I got my pound a day for playing.

41,021. There was a band then, was there?—Yes.

41,022. How many were in the band in 1865?—I cannot say; 14 or 15; it may be more.

41,023. How many days did you play?—You beat me; I cannot say, I forget.

41,024. If you cannot say, I will not trouble you to remember about it?—I cannot remember.

41,025. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

J. Goforth.

JOHN GOFORTH called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner COX.

41,026. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,027. Did you vote in 1857?—No, in 1865.

41,028. 1865 was your first election?—Yes.

41,029. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Keane.

41,030. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

41,031. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,032. Did you get anything?—1*l.*

41,033. Who gave you that?—Robert Thirsk.

41,034. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Maxwell.

41,035. For whom did you vote at the municipal election?—The Conservatives.

The witness withdrew.

J. Burton.

JOSEPH BURTON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,036. Are you a freeman?—No.

41,037. You are an occupier?—Yes, an occupier.

41,038. How long have you had a vote?—I voted first in 1852.

41,039. For whom?—Glover.

41,040. Did you get anything then?—Yes.

41,041. How much?—A sovereign.

41,042. Did you vote in 1857?—No.

41,043. When Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—Oh, I beg your pardon; I will give you an explanation of it. I rented a 10*l.* house, and I gave up the 10*l.* house and took a less rented house, right away till I came to have a vote in 1865, then I came to vote again.

41,044. You got a vote again in 1865, and for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

41,045. What did you get?—A sovereign.

41,046. From whom?—Well, I really could not say who it was.

41,047. Where?—I believe it was in the market.

41,048. In the market place?—Yes.

41,049. Before or after you voted?—Well, let me see; I believe it was just after I voted.

41,050. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No; I should have done if I had thought proper.

41,051. You had a vote?—Oh yes.

41,052. Were you offered any money for it?—I have not taken it lately.

41,053. Were you offered any money for voting?—None at all. If I had been I should have refused.

41,054. Were you offered any money at the parliamentary election?—No.

41,055. Not at the last parliamentary election?—Not at all.

41,056. You were not offered any money?—None at all.

The witness withdrew.

H. Akrill.

HENRY AKRILL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

41,057. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,058. What is the first election at which you voted?—1859.

41,059. Walters' election?—Yes.

41,060. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

41,061. Did you get anything?—No, I never got anything in my life.

41,062. Did you ever give anyone anthing?—No.

41,063. Never had any money given to you to pay away?—Not at parliamentary elections.

41,064. The last municipal election you remember, this time last year?—Yes.

41,065. Did you get anything then?—Yes.

41,066. Did you pay anyone then?—I paid 15*s.* to Joseph Greenhough. That is the only money that ever I saw.

41,067. Did you get any money for yourself?—No.

41,068. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You got the money from your father?—No.

41,069. From whom did you get it?—I got it from David Nutchey.

The witness withdrew.

T. H. Harrison.

THOMAS HARWOOD HARRISON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

41,070. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,071. When did you first vote?—For Mr. Walters.

41,072. Single?—Yes.

41,073. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

41,074. Did you vote next time, Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Mr. Gridley, and got 2*l.*

41,075. The next time, Edwards, Sykes, and

Keane?—I voted for Mr. Keane and Sykes. I got 2*l.* from Keane.

41,076. And from the Sykes party?—Nothing.

41,077. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,078. Did you get anything?—I got 15*s.* from Robert Wallis.

41,079. And for whom did you vote?—I voted for the Conservatives.

41,080. Did you vote for the Conservatives at the last parliamentary election?—Yes.

41,081. Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

41,082. Have you ever had any money given to you to give to others?—No.

41,083. You have told me of all the money you have had to with with reference to any elections?—Yes.

41,084. Is that so?—Well, there was one, a pasture choosing and a council choosing. It is eight or nine years since, and I got 5*s.*, I believe, or 2*s.* 6*d.* That is all that passed through my hands.

41,085. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you promised anything by the Sykes party to vote for Sykes when he was up against Keane?—No, I was not.

41,086. Who canvassed you to vote for Mr. Sykes?—He came himself, and there were several other gentlemen with him.

41,087. I mean did anyone speak to you apart from him when he was there? I do not mean himself; did Nutchey or Boyes or any of those men speak to you?—Oh no. There were several; Mr. Lowther and several other gentlemen were with him canvassing.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN BAINTON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Bainton.

41,088. Are you a freeman?—No.

41,089. You are an occupier?—An occupier.

41,090. How long have you had a vote as an occupier?—I came to Beverley in 1859. I then received a vote according to the custom for voting for the municipal in 1862. I voted at every municipal election from 1862 down to the present time when voting was required. I always voted for the representatives of the Conservatives.

41,091. Did you vote in 1860?—No.

41,092. The first parliamentary election you did not?—I only voted twice for parliamentary elections; I voted at the last two elections.

41,093. You voted in 1865, when Keane was up?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes in 1865.

41,094. Did you receive anything for that?—Not a penny.

41,095. Eh?—Not a shilling in my life.

41,096. I perfectly accept that statement. Then at the last election for whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

41,097. Now about the municipal elections?—I voted at every one.

41,098. Did you get any money the last time?—I never saw any money, not a shilling.

41,099. At any time?—Not at any time.

41,100. I will explain to you, Mr. Bainton, why I ask this question. Thomas Richmond sent in a list to us, and in that list is, "Bainton John, 10*l.* occupier, 20*s.*"?—That is right, but not for voting, not for any voting.

41,101. What is the meaning of 20*s.*?—I think if you will look at your other evidence you will find that there was something given to several public houses. I had one of these public houses, and Mr. Richmond brought me a sovereign for the expenses of drinking.

41,102. To pay for the treating that was going on?—For some little allowance that some of the parties had got.

41,103. I remember that now, and I am glad you have had the opportunity of explaining. Had you an account of the beer that was taken?—Oh no, I have no account. They might drink 5*l.* worth if I was properly paid for it.

41,104. You were only paid 1*l.*?—Only a pound in my life.

41,105. That you gave a proper supply of beer for?—I supplied beer besides that, but that I got paid for.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned for half an hour.

RICHARD JENKINSON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

R. Jenkinson.

41,106. Are you a freeman of the borough?—Yes.

41,107. Did you vote in 1857?—I cannot tell you. I do not know that.

41,108. Can you now tell me yourself what you can recollect?—I cannot take you longer than last election.

41,109. In 1865, can you tell me about that? when Keane was up? I won't go beyond that if you say you cannot?—I cannot tell you that.

41,110. You cannot tell me how you voted in Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I polled for Edwards and Kennard my last election.

41,111. Do you recollect voting in 1865?—I do not.

41,112. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I never did.

The witness withdrew.

JOSEPH HORNER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Horner.

41,113. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,114. What is the first election at which you voted?—1865.

41,115. For whom did you vote?—Keane.

41,116. What did you get?—3*l.*

41,117. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I had not a vote.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN HARRISON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Harrison.

41,118. Did you vote in 1857?—That would be Walters' election, would it?

41,119. The first election of 1857 was Denison, Wells and Glover?—I voted for Wells.

41,120. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,121. You voted for Wells?—Yes.

41,122. Did you get anything?—No.

41,123. Edwards and Wells in 1857?—I voted for Wells, and he was turned out.

41,124. The second time you voted for Wells?—Yes.

41,125. Did you get anything?—No.

41,126. Have you ever got anything at any election?—Yes.

41,127. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in 1859?—I did not vote for either of them; I voted for Walters.

41,128. Did you get anything?—I got 2*l.*

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41,129. Who gave you that?—I got it in Toll Gavel, from Robert Taylor, I believe.

41,130. Walker and Gridley, in 1860?—I voted for Gridley.

41,131. Did you get anything?—Yes.

41,132. What was it?—2*l.*

41,133. Who gave you that?—I got it at the "Pack Horse," I believe; but I do not know who gave it to me exactly.

41,134. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, in 1865?—I voted for Mr. Sykes and Mr. Keane.

41,135. Well then, from Keane's party?—I got 1*l.* from Mr. Keane.

41,136. That was all you got?—That was all I got. I never got anything from the other side.

41,137. A pound was all you got that time?—All I got, and the last election I voted for the Liberals.

41,138. Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes, and I never received any money at all; never a glass of ale of any description. I only came up about noon, and just voted, and had done directly.

41,139. Did you vote at the council choosing just before that?—Yes, I voted for council choosing in January.

41,140. But this last time, in 1868?—Yes, I always voted almost for the council, only missed I think once.

41,141. Only the last one in 1868?—I never took no money in my life for council choosing, for I rent underneath the corporation, and I generally helps them a little.

41,142. What do you rent?—I am a shipbuilder.

41,143. You rent your yard, do you mean?—Yes, a yard.

41,144. A ship yard?—Yes.

41,145. What do you mean, "helps them a little"?—Well, one works for some that is in the council that has vessels, and that makes me almost vote the same way.

41,146. But you appear to have voted for the Liberals oftener than for the Conservatives?—Because I have an interest that way.

41,147. You see, the council, we have understood, were Conservative of late years?—But I have not always voted then.

41,148. Now, have you told me of all the monies that you have received in any way connected with the elections?—All that I have received from that time.

41,149. Have you ever had any money given you to pay away?—No, never had no money given to me to pay away, without it might be a trifle for churchwardens or anything of that kind, 2*s.* or 3*s.* to get a drop of lush.

41,150. But I mean with regard to parliamentary elections?—Oh no; I never had any pass through my hands.

The witness withdrew.

R. Coates, jun.

RICHARD COATES, jun., called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,151. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,152. How long have you been a freeman?—Nearly 30 years.

41,153. You voted at the celebrated Towneley election?—Yes.

41,154. How much?—12*l.*

41,155. Now I will bring you down to 1857. Did you vote when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—Yes, I voted Glover.

41,156. I suppose you had voted Glover before?—Yes.

41,157. Did you get anything at any of the elections of Glover?—Yes, I got 3*l.* the first time, and I came home from the West Riding and got my expenses, left my vessel.

41,158. How much did you get the last time?—Nothing.

41,159. When Edwards and Wells were up against each other, did you vote that year?—Yes.

41,160. For whom?—Edwards.

41,161. How much?—I got 3*l.*

41,162. Who paid you, do you recollect?—James Lowther, I think.

41,163. Now we will come down to 1859, when Walters was up; Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Edwards and Walters.

41,164. You got 2*l.* on Walters' side, I suppose?—Yes.

41,165. How much on the Edwards side?—Nothing.

41,166. Were not you promised anything?—No.

41,167. Not for voting for Edwards?—No.

41,168. Then there were Walker and Gridley up; for whom did you vote?—I voted for Gridley and got nothing.

41,169. Oh, your memory, I think, must be at fault?—There was a person went with me to vote, and after I had voted they shut up the "Pack Horse." He promised me 2*l.*

41,170. When you got back the "Pack Horse" was shut up, and you did not get your 2*l.*?—No.

41,171. That is what I call voting for 2*l.*, though not getting it. Now, the next time you voted was in 1865, when Keane was up; Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes, I voted Edwards and Keane.

41,172. How much on the Keane's side?—2*l.*

41,173. How much on the side of Edwards?—Nothing.

41,174. You were promised something, were not you?—No.

41,175. You were not promised anything?—No.

41,176. Now, were you employed at all at any of these elections?—No.

41,177. Did you vote at the council choosing in 1868?—I voted for the Conservatives.

41,178. Did you get anything?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

41,179. From whom?—I cannot tell the party who paid me.

41,180. Tell me where, that will do?—At the "Golden Ball."

41,181. That is quite sufficient. You went in there. About what time did you go to be paid?—Perhaps about betwixt two and three o'clock.

41,182. Did you go there immediately you voted?—No, not exactly.

41,183. What hour was it you voted?—Perhaps, about two o'clock.

41,184. And how did you vote at the coming election?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

41,185. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When the "Pack Horse" was shut up did you see many people about?—Yes, there was part company about.

41,186. In the same case with yourself?—I do not know what their business was.

41,187. That is what I wish to ask you. Did you know whether there were people like yourself, who expected money and did not get it?—No, there was only me went along with this party, that was Donald Ferguson; he is dead now.

41,188. You did not hear them say they came for money and got none?—No. I went directly from the polling booth to the "Pack Horse."

41,189. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I am afraid you voted late?—No; it was afternoon. I do not know what time.

41,190. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You went to the "Pack Horse" door, I suppose?—Yes.

41,191. And there you found a crowd?—The house was shut up.

41,192. How did you know the house was shut up, as you call it?—I went with this Donald Ferguson upstairs up to this room, and the room door was shut.

41,193. I suppose you tried to go in for all that?—There was no occasion; there was no one in. I came away directly along with Ferguson.

41,194. Did you know whether any people were there who, like yourself, had gone to get money and did not succeed?—I did not then.

41,195. What?—No.

41,196. You did not then?—No.

41,197. Did you in the course of the day learn that there were other people there wanting money, who did not get it?—I knew they was paying there in the morning.

41,198. I know. I want to know if there were any other people disappointed like yourself?—Yes, there was Wardle; he and me voted together.

41,199. And he did not get anything?—No.

41,200. Did you see anybody in the crowd about, who said they had voted and got nothing?—No; I never inquired anything of the people in the crowd.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN HUTTON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner COX.

J. Hutton.

41,201. When did you vote first?—1865, I think.

41,202. That was the first time; Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

41,203. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

41,204. Did you get anything?—I got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, and 1*l.* from Mr. Bird. I took the 1*l.* back, and I went and voted for Edwards and Sykes.

41,205. You took it back?—I took it back. He said he would send it to Mr. Keane.

41,206. But you did not return the other pound?—I did not know who gave me it, else I may be should.

41,207. Did you get anything from the Edwards and Sykes party?—Not a halfpenny.

41,208. That was all you got?—That was all I got.

41,209. What time in the day did you vote?—About one o'clock, in the dinner time, I should say.

41,210. After dinner?—Yes.

41,211. Did anybody else talk to you about money?—I was not in nobody's company. I did not come out of my house till about 10 o'clock in the morning.

41,212. When did you give it back to Mr. Bird?—I think it was the day after the election, but I won't be sure. I had had some beer, and did not know what I was doing of exactly.

41,213. Do you mean to say you did not know what you were doing when you gave it back?—Oh, I knew what I was doing when I gave the money back.

41,214. Did anybody else promise you money?—No.

41,215. Not at that time?—Not at that time.

41,216. Or any other time?—Or any other time that I know of.

41,217. Did you tell Bird that you had had it; this other pound?—No.

41,218. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,219. What did you get then?—10*s.*

41,220. Who gave you that?—Robert Thirsk.

41,221. You did not give that back?—No; I had been out of work, and stood in need of it I thought.

41,222. For whom did you vote?—The Conservatives.

41,223. And at the parliamentary election for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

41,224. Now have you told me of all the monies you have ever received?—That is all the money I have ever received.

41,225. Have you ever paid any?—No.

41,226. Never had any put into your hands to pay?—No.

41,227. When did you go to the Mechanics' Hall; was it the polling day?—The night before, I think.

41,228. The nomination day?—Yes.

41,229. What o'clock?—I cannot tell you; it is a long while since.

41,230. Was it late in the evening?—It would be some time after the nomination.

41,231. It was not the night; it was the afternoon, I think. And when did Bird give you the money, the pound?—On the polling day morning.

41,232. Of course before you voted?—Yes.

41,233. And then you put that pound in your pocket till the next day?—And gave it back again.

41,234. The same pound?—Yes.

41,235. Had you received any other money?—No other money for electioneering.

41,236. Nobody paid you any money that day?—No.

41,237. None whatever?—None whatever.

41,238. I do not mean connected with the elections, but anything?—No, nought but my own money; I spent some of my own money.

41,239. But I want to know if you received any money whatever that day?—None whatsoever, only that pound.

41,240. Then that was the same pound you gave back after he had given it to you?—Yes.

41,241. The same sovereign?—Yes.

41,242. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you intend to vote for Keane when you went to the Mechanics' Hall?—No, I went because I saw a lot more going.

41,243. You knew they were giving money for their votes, did not you?—I did not know what they was giving it for; they did not say.

41,244. Don't tell us that; you know you knew perfectly well?—I went the same as a lot more, because they were giving it away.

41,245. How did Bird give you the pound; how did he know you?—Why he was paying a lot of them the same time.

41,246. Where?—At the "George and Dragon."

41,247. Then you went there?—Yes, that was a house I used to go to; that is why I went there.

41,248. When did you say you took up your freedom?—In 1865, I think.

41,249. Are you a freeman by birth?—Yes, and servitude and all.

41,250. What did you pay for your freedom?—10*s.*, I think.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM JAMES HYDE called and sworn, examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. J. Hyde.

41,251. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,252. What business, what occupation?—Cabinet maker.

41,253. How long have you been a freeman?—About 13 years.

41,254. Did you vote at Denison's election in 1857?—I voted, I think, for the Liberals, and ever since.

41,255. Did you vote for Denison on that occasion?—Yes.

41,256. Did you get any money on that occasion?—No.

41,257. Money was going you know. You voted for Wells upon the next occasion, Edwards and Wells; did you receive any money on that occasion?—No, I never received any money but at Mr. Keane's election.

41,258. Do I understand you to say on your oath you did not receive any?—On my oath I do not recollect any.

41,259. I cannot have that; that is a different thing?—Well, I do not know I have received any money but at Mr. Keane's.

41,260. Will you pledge your oath?—Yes.

41,261. You pledge your oath you never received any money on any account whatever at any previous election, is that so?—Yes.

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41,262. Were you ever employed in any capacity ?—No, none whatever.

41,263. Did any money ever pass through your hands ?—No.

41,264. Then how much did you get at Mr. Keane's election ?—*2l.*

41,265. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes, I got it there.

41,266. Did you vote at the municipal election ?—Yes.

41,267. For whom ?—For the Liberals.

41,268. Did you get any money then ?—15*s.*

41,269. From whom ?—From Mr. Westerby.

41,270. Where ?—In Toll Gavel, I think.

41,271. On the morning of the polling day ?—Yes.

41,272. And you voted for Maxwell and Trollope ?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

41,273. Have you a shop of your own ?—No.

41,274. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that Westerby the man who is dead ?—No.

41,275. He is alive, is he ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

E. Julian.

EDMUND JULIAN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

41,276. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

41,277. What is the first election at which you voted ?—Goldsmidt's.

41,278. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—Yes.

41,279. For whom did you vote ?—Denison and Wells.

41,280. What did you get ?—I think 3*l.*

41,281. Where did you get it ?—Toll Gavel.

41,282. Was that in the rooms of the Reform Association ?—Yes.

41,283. Were you paid in a room upstairs ?—Downstairs.

41,284. Who was in the room when you were paid ?—John Tigar.

41,285. No one else ?—No.

41,286. Only one person ?—Yes.

41,287. Are you sure you voted for Denison and Wells on that occasion ?—I thought so, but I was not quite certain, but it was John Tigar that paid me that money.

41,288. Have you got it down in the paper there (*referring to a paper in witness's hand*) ?—I just pencilled it.

41,289. What have you pencilled it from ?—From memory.

41,290. Did you vote for Lawley and Wells ?—I do not know.

41,291. Just think a minute. Do you remember Lawley and Wells' election ?—Yes, very well.

41,292. Did you vote at it ?—I should think I should, but I do not know.

41,293. How long have you been a voter ?—From 1847.

41,294. Now, are you sure it was in Denison and Wells' election you were paid in the Toll Gavel ?—I am not.

41,295. Did you ever vote for Glover ?—Yes.

41,296. Did you always vote for him when he came ?—I voted for him once.

41,297. Do you remember when that was, the first or second time he came ?—The second time.

41,298. Now, did you receive anything ?—No.

41,299. Then the same year there was another election, Edwards, and Wells; did you get anything then ?—No.

41,300. Then Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Nothing.

41,301. You are quite sure of this, are you ?—Yes.

41,302. For whom did you vote then ?—Edwards and Walker.

41,303. And you got nothing ?—No.

41,304. Then there was an election immediately after that, Walker and Gridley ?—I should vote for Walker.

41,305. Did you get anything then ?—No.

41,306. Now, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—Edwards and Sykes.

41,307. Did you get anything then ?—No.

41,308. You are quite sure of that ?—Yes.

41,309. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No.

41,310. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You never got but the one 3*l.* ?—No.

41,311. You voted for Keane in 1865 ?—No. Oh yes, Edwards and Keane.

41,312. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then you got a trifle ?—No.

41,313. Oh, come, you got a trifle, I'll be bound. Were you ever at the Mechanics' Hall ?—No, I did get a farthing. I had signed the requisition, and I thought it was my duty to do so.

41,314. Were you ever in the Mechanics' Hall ?—Yes, lots of times.

41,315. Were you there at the time Mr. Keane was here ?—No.

41,316. Never ?—No.

41,317. You did not go there at all ?—No.

41,318. Did you go to the "George and Dragon" ?—No.

41,319. Are you quite clear you got nothing ?—I am quite clear about it.

41,320. You told me you voted for Edwards and Sykes ?—That was a mistake.

The witness withdrew.

J. Leason.

JAMES LEASON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

41,321. Did you vote in 1857 ?—Yes.

41,322. For whom did you vote ?—Denison and Glover.

41,323. Did you get anything ?—No.

41,324. Did you vote at the second election of 1857, Edwards and Wells ?—Yes.

41,325. Did you get anything ?—3*l.*

41,326. For whom ?—For Edwards.

41,327. You voted for Edwards ?—Yes.

41,328. Did you vote in 1859, Walters, Edwards, Walker ?—Yes, Walters.

41,329. Walters alone ?—Yes.

41,330. Did you get anything ?—*2l.*

41,331. Who gave you that ?—Robert Taylor.

41,332. You say you got none in 1857, Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—No.

41,333. Now let us go on to 1860, Walker and Gridley ?—Gridley, 2*l.*

41,334. Where did you get that ?—At the "Pack Horse."

41,335. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—For Keane alone.

41,336. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes, I voted for the Conservatives.

41,337. Did you get anything ?—15*s.*

41,338. Who gave you that ?—William Cook.

41,339. And you voted for the Conservatives at the parliamentary election ?—I voted for Edwards and Maxwell.

The witness withdrew.

MICHAEL CLARKE called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,340. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,341. How long have you been so?—Thirty-six years, perhaps, 36 or 37 years.

41,342. Then you recollect the famous Towneley election?—Yes.

41,343. How much?—12*l.*

41,344. Now we will take you down to 1857. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—In what year?

41,345. It was in 1857, the early part?—I voted for Glover.

41,346. I am afraid no money was going then?—I did not get one halfpenny.

41,347. Did you vote later in the year, Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Edwards.

41,348. How much?—Nothing.

41,349. The next will be in 1859, when Walters came?—Edwards and Walker. I received nothing.

41,350. Tell me when you did receive any money?—I received 2*l.* at Edwards and Sykes'.

41,351. Is that the first money you ever received, except Towneley's?—Yes.

41,352. Edwards and Sykes?—Edwards and Sykes; I received 2*l.*

41,353. Where?—At the "Cross Keys."

41,354. Had you been engaged at all in any way?—No, nothing. I never had nothing to do with anything.

41,355. You had not been a messenger or anything of that kind?—Yes, I was a messenger at one of Glover's elections I received 15*s.*

41,356. Was that the last election?—Glover's second election.

41,357. Have not you been engaged in the same capacity or the same way in Edwards' election or Walker's?—No, I never held no office. I once received 5*s.* at Mr. Bainton's office for the election day at Mr. Edwards and Sykes' election. I had been a messenger.

41,358. That was in addition to the 2*l.*?—Yes.

41,359. Now tell me did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,360. What did you get?—15*s.*

41,361. For whom did you vote?—For the crimson party; the Conservative party.

41,362. Who paid you the 15*s.*?—Mr. Bentley.

41,363. What Bentley?—At the foundry.

41,364. And you voted, I suppose, for the Conservatives at the parliamentary?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN MERCER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Mercer.

41,365. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,366. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—No.

41,367. What is the first election you voted?—Sykes, Edwards, and Keane.

41,368. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Keane.

41,369. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

41,370. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

HENRY JULIAN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

H. Julian.

41,371. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,372. What are you by occupation?—A bricklayer.

41,373. A journeyman bricklayer?—Yes.

41,374. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes, I believe I did.

41,375. The early part of the year, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

41,376. Which of them?—I voted Glover and Wells.

41,377. Did you get anything?—No.

41,378. Have you got anything at any election?—Yes.

41,379. Edwards and Wells?—I was not here then.

41,380. You did not vote?—No.

41,381. Walters, Edwards, and Walker in 1859?—I voted for Walters.

41,382. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

41,383. Who gave you that?—I got it at Toll Gavel; I believe Taylor.

41,384. Walker and Gridley in 1860?—I voted for Gridley.

41,385. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

41,386. Who gave you that?—I got it at the "Pack Horse."

41,387. 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane.

41,388. Did you get a couple of pounds?—Yes.

41,389. At the Mechanics', I suppose?—Yes, the Mechanics'.

41,390. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,391. Did you get anything?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

41,392. Who gave you that?—I got it at the "Golden Ball."

41,393. Whom did you vote for at the council choosing?—I divided them.

41,394. Part crimson and part orange?—Yes.

41,395. Which way did you vote at the parliamentary election?—It was Edwards and Maxwell.

41,396. Divided there too?—Yes.

41,397. Is that, now, all the money you have had?—Yes, all I can think of.

41,398. In any way connected with elections?—Yes, that I can think of at present.

41,399. Was that all the money you got at council choosing; what you got at the "Golden Ball"?—Yes, for voting.

41,400. But for anything else?—I got some for being messenger for the orange party, that was the week before.

41,401. How much was that?—Well, I believe I got 15*s.*

41,402. Then you got 15*s.* for being messenger for the orange party the week before?—No, I did not get it the week before. It was the week before I did the work.

41,403. I quite understand. What day did you get that 15*s.*?—I believe the council choosing day.

41,404. Oh, you got another 15*s.* besides?—No, I got 17*s.* 6d. for voting.

41,405. Who gave you that?—That was at the "Golden Ball."

41,406. You got both those sums on the same day?—I did, but I ought to have had the other the week before.

41,407. Who paid you the 15*s.*?—William Westerby, I believe.

41,408. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And you divided your votes accordingly at both elections?—Yes, I did, according to the men that I thought ought to be in.

41,409. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Both had been liberal to you and you were liberal to them?—Of course.

The witness withdrew.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

W. Kirby.

22 Oct. 1869.

WILLIAM KIRBY called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,410. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,411. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty-seven years.

41,412. And I suppose you remember the celebrated Towneley election?—The second election?

41,413. Did you vote at it?—The second, yes.

41,414. How much?—5*l.*

41,415. Do you recollect, in 1857, when Mr. Denison and Wells and Glover up?—I voted for Wells and Denison.

41,416. Did you get anything?—No.

41,417. And do you recollect when Major Edwards, as he then was, came afterwards, and Wells? For whom of these two did you vote?—I voted for Edwards.

41,418. What did you get?—I think it was 30*s.*

41,419. And the next time, in 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I was away then. I do not recollect voting at that election.

41,420. Then at Walker and Gridley's election?—I voted for Gridley.

41,421. And you got 2*l.*?—I never got nothing.

41,422. How was that?—I was over late in going for it.

41,423. Did you go for it?—Yes, I went to the "Pack Horse," but I did not see no money.

41,424. And found the room was empty?—I did not see the room. They said there was nobody there.

41,425. I am afraid you voted late. What time of the day did you vote?—I do not know; perhaps 10 o'clock.

41,426. But you must have voted towards the evening?—No, 10 o'clock.

41,427. What time did you go to the "Pack Horse?"—About dinner time.

41,428. Who told you to go the "Pack Horse?"—I have forgotten who it was—somebody. I did not know there was anything till somebody told me.

41,429. You expected 2*l.*, I suppose?—Yes.

41,430. Now, the Keane election, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Keane I voted for. I got 2*l.*

41,431. Did you vote at the Walters election, do you recollect?—Yes.

41,432. You said you were away?—No, I voted at Walters's.

41,433. What did you get?—2*l.*

41,434. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

41435. You have not a vote, perhaps?—No.

41,436. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

G. Megson.

GERVASE MEGSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

41,437. What is the first election at which you voted?—It will be 1847, I believe; the last time Sackville Lane Fox put up.

41,438. Then did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

41,439. For whom did you vote?—Glover.

41,440. Did you get anything?—No.

41,441. Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote?—Edwards.

41,442. Did you get anything then?—No.

41,443. Then we come to Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election; what did you get?—Nothing.

41,444. For whom did you vote?—Walker.

41,445. Walker and Edwards, or only Walker?—Walker and Edwards.

41,446. The next election was Gridley and Walker; for whom did you vote then?—Walker.

41,447. What did you get?—Nothing.

41,448. Have you ever had anything?—Never.

41,449. At any parliamentary election?—Never.

41,450. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,451. Did you get anything then?—Yes.

41,452. How much?—10*s.*

41,453. Who paid you?—Mr. Burrell.

41,454. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

41,455. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are you by occupation?—A cabman.

41,456. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Keep your own cab?—No.

41,457. You had Walker's gift in 1865, had not you?—Yes.

41,458. You received 2*l.* on the 30th August?—Yes.

41,459. What was that for?—I bought a pig of Mr. Vickers, and it died, so I made application, and they gave me 2*l.*

41,460. How long had you the pig before it died?—Oh, I had it a good bit.

The witness withdrew.

J. Kirkman.

JAMES KIRKMAN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

41,461. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,462. How long?—For four years.

41,463. Did you vote in 1865?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Keane.

41,464. Keane only?—Yes.

41,465. Did you get a couple of pounds?—I got 2*l.*

41,466. At the Mechanics'?—At the Mechanics' Institute.

41,467. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,468. Did you get anything then?—Yes, I got 10*s.*

41,469. Who gave you that?—I believe it was Mr. Green, of the "Turf Inn."

41,470. Which side did you vote? did you vote for the orange or crimson?—Yes, for the Liberals.

41,471. And which way did you vote at the parliamentary election?—I voted for Edwards and Maxwell.

The witness withdrew.

R. Mercer.

ROBERT MERCER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,472. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,473. How long have you been a freeman?—About 39 years.

41,474. Then you voted at the Towneley election?—Yes.

41,475. How much did you get?—12*l.*

41,476. In 1857 did you vote?—Yes.

41,477. For whom?—If you will be so kind as to tell me the candidates——

41,478. Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Denison and Wells I voted.

41,479. What did you receive?—Nothing.

41,480. In any way?—No.

41,481. The next was Edwards and Wells; did you vote at that election?—I voted for Wells.

41,482. Did you receive anything?—Nothing.

41,483. The next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walters.

41,484. How much?—I received nothing.

41,485. Not from Walters?—Not from Walters.

41,486. Did not you go to the Toll Gavel?—No.

41,487. Did you vote at Walker and Gridley's election?—I voted for Gridley.

41,488. How much?—Nothing for Gridley.

41,489. Did you vote at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—I voted for Keane, and got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall.

41,490. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes, I voted for the Tories, and got 17*s.* 6*d.*

41,491. From whom?—Mr. Bentley, at Dickinson's shop.

41,492. And for whom did you vote at the election afterwards?—Maxwell and Trollope.

41,493. How came you to vote for Maxwell and Trollope after receiving 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Well, I thought it had nothing to do with the members, had not the council choosing. That was the reason. I voted orange before, and I still stuck to my principles.

41,494. Had you ever voted at the council choosing before?—Yes, I voted for the council choosing, but I had voted for it according to the members.

41,495. Now don't tell me that?—Some of them perhaps had been neighbours.

41,496. What was the highest figure you ever got at council choosing before?—The highest figure was 17*s.* 6*d.*

41,497. I know. Before that?—I think I once got 5*s.* I can hardly say.

41,498. Now I ask you upon you oath, did not you believe, and do not you believe, that the 17*s.* 6*d.* was given you for the purpose of influencing your vote at the parliamentary election?—No, I believe it was not, or I would not have taken it, because 17*s.* 6*d.* would not turn me.

41,499. Upon your oath did not you believe at the time, and do not you believe now, that was intended to influence you vote at the parliamentary election?—I was not of that opinion.

41,500. Are you now?—I am not of that opinion now that it was meant for that.

41,501. Did not you believe that it was intended for that purpose?—No, I do not know that it was.

41,502. I do not ask you about your knowledge. Do not you believe it was?—I do not believe it was.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES JOSEPH LEAVINGS called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. J. Leavings.

41,503. Are you a freeman?—Yes, sir.

41,504. What is the first election at which you voted?—Walters.

41,505. For whom did you vote?—Walters.

41,506. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

41,507. Gridley and Wells, for whom did you vote?—Gridley.

41,508. How much did you get?—2*l.*

41,509. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, how did you vote?—For Keane.

41,510. What did you get?—2*l.*

41,511. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES PEXTON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Pexton.

41,512. Are you a freemen?—Yes.

41,513. Did you vote in 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—No, 1865 was the first election I voted at.

41,514. The first time you polled was in 1865?—Yes.

41,515. You polled for Keane?—Yes, for Keane.

41,516. Did you get 2*l.*?—Yes.

41,517. At the Mechanics' Hall, I suppose?—Yes.

41,518. Did you vote at the last council choosing, the municipal election?—Yes, sir.

41,519. What did you get?—Nothing.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN HALL called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

J. Hall.

41,520. Are you a freemen?—Yes.

41,521. How long have you been a freeman?—About 14 years.

41,522. Then you voted in 1857, I suppose, when Glover was up?—Yes.

41,523. For whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells.

41,524. Were you employed at all?—No.

41,525. Did you receive any money?—No.

41,526. I mean in respect of the election?—No, nor after.

41,527. Did you vote the same year at a subsequent election?—Yes, for Mr. Wells.

41,528. What do you say as to that?—I received nothing.

41,529. Were you at all employed?—No.

41,530. Now we come to Walters?—I voted for Walters, and got 2*l.* at the Reform Room.

41,531. Gridley's election?—2*l.*

41,532. Keane's election?—3*l.*

41,533. You did not get anything the other side?—No.

41,534. You voted for Keane, I suppose?—Yes.

41,535. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,536. For whom did you vote?—The Liberals.

41,537. Did you get anything?—Not a penny.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM LOFT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

W. Loft.

41,538. Which was the first election at which you voted?—Lawley and Wells.

41,539. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

41,540. For whom did you vote?—Wells and Glover.

41,541. Did you get anything?—No.

41,542. Nothing on either side?—No.

41,543. Wells and Gridley, who did you vote for?—Wells.

41,544. And got nothing?—Nothing at all.

41,545. Did you ever receive anything at a parliamentary election?—I received 2*l.* at Walters'.

41,546. At Walker and Gridley's did you receive anything?—No.

41,547. Have you ever received any money at any subsequent election?—I received 1*l.* at Keane's.

41,548. And that is all?—That is all.

41,549. You remember perfectly well, I suppose?—Yes.

41,550. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,551. Did you vote for Keane in 1865, I ought to ask that?—Yes.

41,552. And you voted at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,553. Did you get any money?—No.

41,554. Nothing at all?—No.

41,555. For whom did you vote?—For the Liberals.

The witness withdrew.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

H. Malton.

22 Oct. 1869.

HENRY MALTON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

41,556. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,557. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes, sir.

41,558. There were two elections in 1857?—Yes.

41,559. Did you vote at both?—Yes.

41,560. For whom did you vote at the first one?—I voted for Glover at one election.

41,561. Did you get anything; you voted for Glover, did you get anything?—No.

41,562. Then you voted for Edwards?—Yes.

41,563. Did you get anything then?—No, sir.

41,564. Neither before or after the election?—No.

41,565. Walters, Edwards, and Walker in 1859, did you vote then?—Yes; Edwards and Walker.

41,566. Did you get anything?—No, sir.

41,567. Have you not got anything at any election?—Yes.

41,568. Which was it?—I got a sovereign at Keane's election.

41,569. Did you never got anything before that?—No.

41,570. How was it you went on voting time after time without getting anything?—I never got anything from Major Edwards in my life, or Mr. Walker also.

41,571. In 1860 there was Walker and Gridley?—Yes; I voted for Mr. Walker.

41,572. I am asked to put this question: in 1859 there was Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Edwards and Walker. I voted three times for Major Edwards.

41,573. And you say you got nothing from anybody?—No, I did not.

41,574. Not from anybody?—Not from anybody.

41,575. Then the next election, Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker. I voted for Walker twice, and three times for Major Edwards.

41,576. Did you get anything?—No.

41,577. Then we come down to 1865, and you say you got 1*l.* for Keane?—Yes.

41,578. Did you vote for the council choosing?—Yes.

41,579. Was that all you got paid at any election?—I got paid at Towneley's second election, the first time I voted.

41,580. I mean in the last years, the last 10 or 12 years?—I have only had that sovereign to my knowledge for about 12 years.

41,581. Did you ever have any offer of any money?—I never had an offer of any money, nor never seed any money.

41,582. For whom did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—For the two Liberals.

41,583. Maxwell and Trollope?—Yes.

41,584. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you not vote for Walters?—No, I did not.

41,585. Did you not know money was going for Walters?—Yes, I heard tell money was going.

41,586. And you took no money but this sovereign?—No, I took no money. I will tell you the reason: when I had gone and voted I came back to my work, I always had something else to do. As to the sovereign the reason was, a little man, named Harrison, came and took me and gave me a sovereign.

41,587. That is the reason? What did you get the sovereign for?—Voting for Keane.

48,588. But you knew money was going in Walters and Walker, and Gridley and Walker?—I did not know anything at all about it till the election was over.

48,589. What struck me was, you voted for Maxwell and Trollope the last time?—Yes, I did.

48,590. Had that anything to do with your getting no money on the other side?—No, nothing at all.

48,591. How came you to change so much; you fell from your loyalty. Four times you had voted Conservative?—Three times.

48,592. Four times?—Three times I voted for the major, and twice for Walker, and once for Maxwell and Trollope; I believe I am right.

48,593. How came you to change?—I do not know. I was informed that Major Edwards was one who voted in Parliament for the cutting off those who lived on their own property in the borough from voting in the county, voting at county elections; and that was the reason why I did not vote for Major Edwards.

41,594. And you live on your own property?—Yes.

41,595. And you live on your own property as a freeholder?—A freeman.

41,596. (*Mr. Barstow.*) A freeman?—Yes, I got it by servitude.

41,597. Are you a freeholder in the borough?—Yes.

41,598. It was a very bad reason, it would not affect you at all?—It prevented my voting for the county; I live in my own freehold house in the borough.

41,599. That is what I say, you have your own freehold house in the borough?—Yes.

41,600. A freeholder and a freeman going and voting in 1865, and giving the paltry reason you have assigned for taking the one pound. Have you any other reason to assign?—No, sir, I have no other reason.

41,601. Did you hear any money was going at that election?—What election?

41,602. The last election; had you heard there was no money?—No; I heard the Conservatives were paying money to those who voted for them.

41,603. Had you heard there was no money going at the parliamentary election?—No, I never heard of any money going at the parliamentary election.

The witness withdrew.

R. Mawman.

ROBERT MAWMAN called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,604. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,605. How long have you been a freeman?—I believe about 28 years.

41,606. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes.

41,607. Denison, Glover, and Wells were then up?—Yes.

41,608. For whom did you vote?—For Denison and Wells.

41,609. Did you receive any money on account of that election?—No.

41,610. In any way; I do not mean for your vote alone?—At that election?

41,611. Yes, at that election?—I did not get any money at that election.

41,612. The next was Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote?—Mr. Wells.

41,613. Did you get any money?—No.

41,614. Were you employed in any way?—When Walters came into the borough I got 2*l.* at Toll Gavel.

41,615. Walker and Gridley; whom did you vote for?—Mr. Gridley.

41,616. How much?—Nothing.

41,617. How was that?—I never went to get it; that is how it was.

41,618. You did not go to the "Pack Horse"?—No.

41,619. You did not send anyone there?—No.

41,620. Had you heard money was going?—Yes.

41,621. Before you voted?—Yes.

41,622. Of course you expected to get what the others had?—If I had gone for it I dare say I should have got it.

41,623. Had you heard the "Pack Horse" was closed?—I heard money was given there, but I never went to see.

41,624. Did you vote in 1865?—Yes, for Mr. Keane.

41,625. How much?—*2l.*

41,626. In Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

41,627. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—I went to the Mechanics' Hall.

41,628. You went yourself?—Yes.

41,629. Did you vote at the municipal council choosing at the last election?—Yes.

41,630. For which party?—For the Liberal party; I have always voted for the Liberal party, and never took anything.

41,631. Were you offered anything?—No.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS PEXTON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *T. Pexton.*

41,632. What was the first election at which you voted?—Mr. Keane's.

41,633. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,634. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Keane.

41,635. What did you get?—*2l.*

41,636. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

41,637. For whom did you vote?—The Liberals.

41,638. Did you get anything?—No.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN ABBOTT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *J. Abbott.*

41,639. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,640. I think I need hardly say you can remember as far back as 1857?—That was generally called Towneley's election.

41,641. No, not so far back as that. There were two elections in 1857. The first was Denison, Glover, and Wells; do you remember Denison, Glover, and Wells being up?—Yes, I remember Glover.

41,642. Did you vote for Glover?—I believe so.

41,643. Then you got something?—I came from Stockton-on-Tees.

41,644. What did they give you?—*5l.*

41,645. Have you a memorandum of all these things?—No.

41,646. If you have you can use it?—I have not.

41,647. You got *5l.*?—I believe it was *5l.*

41,648. Do you know who gave it you?—No, it was paid after I went back to the vessel.

41,649. Are you a seafaring man?—Yes; it was given to my wife here afterwards.

41,650. Who paid it?—Perhaps Mr. Lowther; I am not sure, but I think it was him who guaranteed all expenses if we came over to vote.

41,651. Edwards and Wells, did you vote at that election?—I think I was not here then, I have only voted at one election since the double one.

41,652. Which was that?—Walker and Gridley, I voted for Walker.

41,653. What did you get?—I am sure I cannot remember.

41,654. Was it *5l.*?—No.

41,655. Did you come from Stockton?—No, from Hull, I think it was *2l.*, and it would be paid after the election.

41,656. Who gave it you?—No one gave it me, it was paid at home the same as the other.

41,657. To your wife?—Yes.

41,658. Do you remember where she got it from?—It would perhaps be Mr. Lowther, who promised to see her paid.

41,659. Then you did not vote at the last parliamentary election?—No, I have not been here these two or three elections.

The witness withdrew.

MATTHEW MEGSON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *M. Megson.*

41,660. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,661. How long have you been a freeman?—About nine years.

41,662. When was your first election?—Keane's.

41,663. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Keane.

41,664. How much did you get?—*2l.*

41,665. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,666. For whom?—The Liberals.

41,667. What did you get?—Nothing.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS MONKMAN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *T. Monkman.*

41,668. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,669. Did you vote at Denison, Glover, and Wells' election?—Yes.

41,670. For whom did you vote?—Wells.

41,671. Did you get anything?—No.

41,672. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

41,673. Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote?—For Mr. Wells.

41,674. Did you get anything?—No.

41,675. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, did you vote at that election; do you remember for whom you voted?—I do not know that I was there.

41,676. Perhaps you have forgotten, and if you have forgotten, say so?—I think I have.

41,677. You seem to have voted for Edwards and Walters?—I voted for Walters, I think.

41,678. You would get something?—Yes, I got *2l.*

41,679. Did you get anything from the major?—No.

41,680. In Walker and Gridley's election how did you vote?—For Gridley.

41,681. Did you get anything then?—No.

41,682. Did you not go to the "Pack Horse"?—No.

41,683. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

41,684. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, for whom did you vote?—For Keane.

41,685. Did you get anything?—*2l.*

41,686. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,687. For whom did you vote then?—No, I have not a vote for the municipal.

41,688. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—Yes.

41,689. Which way did you vote?—For the orange men.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS MUSGRAVE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *T. Musgrave.*

41,690. Are you a freeman?—I believe I am.

41,691. Do you remember voting in 1857?—'57, yes.

41,692. Do you remember whom you voted for?—For Denison.

41,693. Did you get anything?—Yes, I did; I got a sovereign.

41,694. Do you know who gave it you?—No, I am sure I do not.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

T. Musgrave.

22 Oct. 1869.

41,695. Where did you get it?—I do not know where I got it.

41,696. When Edwards and Wells came the same year, did you vote then?—Yes, I did.

41,697. Whom did you vote for?—Edwards.

41,698. Did you get anything?—No, I did not.

41,699. Not anything?—Not anything, I did not.

41,700. Are you sure of that?—I am sure.

41,701. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in '59?—No, I did not vote for them.

41,702. You did not vote for any of them?—I did not vote for Edwards or Walker.

41,703. Did you vote for Walters?—Yes.

41,704. What did you get?—30*s.*

41,705. Who gave you the 30*s.*?—I got it at the committee room.

41,706. What committee room?—I do not know whether it was at Toll Gavel or in the market, I am sure.

41,707. Now Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Gridley.

41,708. What did you get?—2*l.*

41,709. Who gave you that?—I got it at the "Pack Horse."

41,710. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, that was the last election but one?—I voted for Keane.

41,711. And you got a couple of pounds?—Yes, I got that at the Mechanics' Hall.

41,712. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I did not.

41,713. How was that?—Because I would not vote for anybody, I know I would not vote for anybody unless I liked, nor nobody could make me.

41,714. Did anybody offer you any money?—There was plenty of money stirring, but I never seed it.

41,715. Did anybody offer it to you?—I never seed a farthing, I know it would have been of no use. I told them that I would not vote for them if they gave me 10*l.*

41,716. Whom do you mean?—Not for any party.

41,717. Did not you have a promise of money at one election and never got it?—Oh yes, I had a promise of some.

41,718. Now just tell me about that?—About that there?

41,719. Yes, who promised it you?—I will tell you the first and last of that. Dan Boyes sent for me to his house and when I went to his house, he wanted me to go and take Major Edwards' money and to take it to him and show it to him for the bribery, you know; I said "No; I did not want to go and get his money, I did not want to be a sexton to the party;" I said to Daniel Boyes, "If you want me to be a sexton I will not, you can be your own gravedigger," and I voted for Major Edwards, and Jim Baker said, "I will pay you on Saturday," and when I went to him on Saturday, he said, "My book is all filled up, they are all paid, and I cannot give you anything."

41,720. At which election was that?—At Major Edwards' first election.

41,721. What was he going to pay you?—He said he would give me 3*l.*

41,722. Who was he?—Jim Baker.

41,723. And he never paid you?—No.

41,724. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I did.

41,725. For whom?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

H. Milner.

HENRY MILNER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,726. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,727. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1862'; I took my freedom up in 1862, on the 24th of March.

41,728. If you are not very well we will defer your examination?—I am well, I am in perfectly good health.

41,729. In '65, for whom did you vote?—That would be for Edwards and Sykes?

41,730. Yes?—I voted for those two parties.

41,731. Did you get any money?—Yes.

41,732. How much?—I got 2*l.*

41,733. Where?—I got it at the "King's Head."

41,734. At the "King's Head"?—No, I beg your pardon, the "King's Arms," off Boyes.

41,735. You were one of the man paid by Wiliam Boyes, did William Boyes himself pay you?—No, I believe Mrs. Boyes.

41,736. Did you vote at the council choosing last year?—Yes, I did.

41,737. For whom, for the crimson?—Yes, for the Conservatives.

41,738. What did you receive?—I received 17*s.* 6*d.*, no 17*s.*, I believe.

41,739. Where?—At the "Golden Ball."

41,740. How did you vote afterwards at the parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

41,741. Were you a freeman by birth or servitude?—By birth.

R. Needham.

ROBERT NEEDHAM called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

41,742. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—No.

47,743. What was the first election at which you voted?—In '59.

41,744. Walters?—Walters, Edwards, and Walker.

41,745. Did you get anything?—Nothing at all.

41,746. The next election of Walker and Gridley, for whom did you vote?—Walker.

41,747. Did you get anything then?—Nothing for my vote.

41,748. You were employed perhaps, were you?—Yes, I acted in one of the committee rooms.

41,749. You were a poll clerk?—I do not know what they called me, I checked them off as they voted, I had the lists and ticked them off as they voted.

41,750. Who employed you?—Upon my word I do not know.

41,751. Were you paid in Mr. Bainton's office?—No, a man brought it to me some time after the election.

41,752. Somebody must have asked you to go to the poll booth?—I do not know whether it was Mr. McCoy or not, it was somebody in authority.

41,753. I should say most likely Mr. McCoy?—I believe it was.

41,754. What did you get for your day's work?—10*s.* 6*d.*

41,755. Nothing else?—No, nothing.

41,756. Have you ever received money for your vote?—Previous to that?

41,757. No, since that?—Yes.

41,758. That would be, I suppose, the Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—Yes.

41,759. What did you get then?—I got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Institute on the nomination day; and 1*l.* at the "George and Dragon" from Mr. Bird on the election day.

41,760. For whom did you vote then?—Keane.

41,761. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,762. For which side?—Catterson, Usher, and Lowther.

41,763. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

41,764. How did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

41,765. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you ever received Walker's gift?—No, I never applied for it, I never stood in need.

The witness withdrew.

CHARLES PADGET called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

41,766. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,467. Do you know of the election of '57?—Yes.

41,468. Denison, Glover, and Wells?—Yes.

41,769. Did you vote then?—Yes.

41,770. For whom?—Glover.

41,771. Did you get anything?—No.

41,772. Have you got anything at any election?—No.

41,773. Not at any election?—No.

41,774. Not from that time to this?—No.

41,775. What are you by occupation?—A bricklayer.

41,776. A master bricklayer?—Sometimes.

41,777. You have men working under you?—I am working for Mr. Suddaby at present.

41,778. At the Keane election did not you get anything, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, when the mill was going on?—I was working in Hull then, I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

41,779. Did not you get anything?—Nothing.

41,780. Did you ever have a promise of anything?—No.

41,781. Did you ever have any money to give to others?—To give away?

41,782. Yes?—No.

41,783. Do you say on your oath you have never received money?—I am on my oath now.

41,784. Quite so; do you say so?—I am on my oath that I never received any money for a vote in my life, and I never paid any money.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,785. Not as connected with any election?—No.

41,786. Nor in respect of any election?—No.

41,787. Were you ever employed?—I got 15*s.* at one election from Oxley for being a runner at the time. He told you I burnt some papers belonging to him; it was all false. I never saw a list belonging to Oxley, nor never had one from him in my life.

41,788. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that man Thomas Oxley?—Yes.

41,789. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is right you should have an opportunity of stating that?—I never had a list, I never saw one.

41,790. You got 15*s.* once for being a runner?—Yes.

41,791. At which election was that?—At Edwards' first election.

41,792. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In '57?—Yes.

41,793. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) And you voted for Edwards.

41,794. You read, did you, what Oxley said of you?—I read what Oxley said in the other court; in fact he came to tell me before I gave my evidence to say that I did this job; he came to me when I was working and told me to say so.

41,795. He came to you and said so?—He told me to say so.

41,796. He came to you and told you to say you had burnt them?—Yes.

41,797. I am sorry you had not come and told us that before, very sorry?—Well, I expected to be examined.

41,798. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What was it Mr. Oxley told you?—He told me to say if I was called on here that I burnt a list after Baron Martin came into the town to examine on this inquiry, on the Commission.

41,799. How did you vote at the municipal election?—I always voted for the Conservatives, generally at the municipal, but always for the borough.

41,800. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have not told us what we ought to ask you, whether you got anything at the last municipal election?—I got 15*s.* at the municipal, at the "Golden Ball," of Watson.

41,801. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election following?—For the last parliamentary election?

41,802. Yes?—For Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS SUMNER PALMER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

T. S. Palmer.

41,803. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,804. How long have you been a freeman?—Six or seven years.

41,805. Then your first election would be Keane's?—Yes.

41,806. For whom did you vote?—For Keane.

41,807. Did you get anything?—2*l.*, 1*l.* at the Mechanics', and 1*l.* at Duffill's.

41,808. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,809. For whom?—For the Conservatives.

41,810. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

41,811. Where?—At the "Golden Ball."

41,812. From whom?—Robert Park.

41,813. For whom did you vote at the council choosing?—For the Conservatives.

41,814. And for whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Maxwell and Trollope. I saw an account in the papers about the bills of Keane's, delivered in by Mr. Hind, of those parties who had got too much, but I never saw in it about those who did not get what were their rights. I want 2*l.* 18*s.* for the band yet.

41,815. There was nothing right about money getting for elections. Were you hired for the band?—Yes.

41,816. What did you get for that?—I was to have 4*s.* a night and 1*l.* for the nomination day, and 1*l.* for the election day; and I got paid for one night, that was all.

41,817. You got 2*l.* 6*s.* then?—I only got 2*l.* for my vote.

41,818. And 6*s.* you got for one night?—Yes.

41,819. That is what you call selling cheap?—The other I suppose was kept at head quarters.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN ROBERT PEARSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. R. Pearson.

41,820. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,821. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—No, 1860 was the first election.

41,822. Walker and Gridley?—Yes.

41,823. For whom did you vote?—Gridley.

41,824. What did you get?—2*l.*

41,825. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; for whom did you vote?—David Keane.

41,826. Did you get 2*l.*?—Yes.

41,827. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

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J. Peck.

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JOHN PECK called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

41,828. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,829. Did you vote for Glover?—No.

41,830. At that election did you vote for Denison or Wells?—No.

41,831. When did you vote first?—Edwards and Sykes.

41,832. And you voted for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

41,833. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

41,834. Who gave you that?—William Richardson, the joiner.

41,835. You never got anything before that?—No.

41,836. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

T. Peck.

THOMAS PECK called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,837. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

41,838. How long have you been a freeman?—Eleven years.

41,839. Did you vote at Walters' election?—Walters, was my first election.

41,840. For whom did you vote?—Walters.

41,841. How much did you get?—2*l.*

41,842. Then Walker and Gridley would be the next, for whom did you vote?—Gridley.

41,843. How much?—2*l.*

41,844. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; for whom did you vote?—Keane.

41,845. How much did you get?—3*l.*

41,846. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

T. Megson.

THOMAS MEGSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

41,847. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

41,848. For whom did you vote?—Glover.

41,849. Did you get anything?—No.

41,850. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all; I had not a chance.

41,851. You were not employed in any way?—There was nothing to get.

41,852. Did you vote in Edwards and Wells' election?—Yes.

41,853. For whom did you vote?—Edwards.

41,854. Did you get anything?—Nothing.

41,855. Did you vote in Walters' election?—Yes.

41,856. For whom did you vote?—Edwards.

41,857. Edwards and Walker, or Edwards single?—Edwards and Walker.

41,858. Did you get anything then?—Nothing.

41,859. Walker and Gridley; did you get anything?—No, I did not get anything.

41,860. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

41,861. What did you get?—1*l.*

41,862. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No. I have nothing to do with it.

The witness withdrew.

J. Stokell.

JAMES STOKELL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

41,863. What is your occupation?—A butcher.

41,864. You are a freeman?—Yes.

41,865. Do you remember the election of Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

41,866. Did you vote then?—Yes, for Glover.

41,867. Did you get anything?—No.

41,868. You did not get anything at all, either money or money's worth when you voted for Glover?—No.

41,869. Nothing for drink?—No, if I did I paid for it myself.

41,870. Nobody stood treat?—No.

41,871. Edwards and Walker, 1857, the same year?—I polled for Edwards.

41,872. Did you get anything?—No.

41,873. Nothing to drink?—No.

41,874. And no money?—No.

41,875. Did anybody offer you any?—No.

41,876. Walters, Edwards, and Walker; do you remember that election?—Yes.

41,877. For whom did you vote then?—Walters and Edwards.

41,878. What did you get that time?—I got 2*l.*, for Walters.

41,879. And for Edwards?—Nowt.

41,880. That is all you got at that time?—Yes.

41,881. Walker and Gridley?—I should poll Walker.

41,882. How much?—Nowt.

41,883. Nothing at all?—No.

41,884. Not before the election?—No, nor after neither.

41,885. But it might have been some little thing at the time of the election; did you get any trifle on the day of the election?—Did I get a trifle?

41,886. Yes?—I said I got nothing.

41,887. Did anybody promise you anything?—No.

41,888. No talk about about money matters?—No.

41,889. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, '65?—Edwards and Sykes.

41,890. How much?—Nothing.

41,891. And nothing to drink?—No.

41,892. No refreshment?—Not at nobody's expense but my own.

41,893. Were there any expenses paid?—No.

41,894. Were you employed in any way?—No.

41,895. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

41,896. For which side did you vote then?—I voted for the Conservatives.

41,897. And what did you get?—15*s.*

41,898. Who gave you that?—I cannot tell you. I got it at Padget's shop.

41,899. How did you vote for the parliamentary election that followed?—Maxwell and Trollope.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,900. How is that?—What?

41,901. You voted for Edwards, Walters and Edwards, Walker and Edwards, and Sykes?—I have voted 40 years, and I have always voted Conservative but twice; that was for Walters in '59 and Maxwell and Trollope last time.

41,902. At the last time no money was going, I believe?—That was not it; there was no money going, not that I know of. I never see any.

41,903. What made you change your politics?—Why, Mr. Maxwell is a neighbouring gentleman, and I thought I would poll for him.

41,904. That is a very good reason, but why for Trollope?—I thought I would not spoil my work; if

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I had voted for the Conservatives one, and one for the orange, it would have been of no use.

41,905. Tell me again your reason ?—That was my reason, because he was a neighbouring gentleman.

41,906. How about Mr. Trollope ?—I thought I would not divide, but I would poll for the both.

41,907. Had you been in the habit of reading Mr. Trollope's books ?—No, I never see them; no, never.

The witness withdrew.

W. Harrison.

William Harrison called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,908. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

41,909. How long have you been a freeman ?—Thirty-three years.

41,910. Then you recollect the Towneley election ? Yes.

41,911. Were you employed in that election at all; in the band, or anywhere ?—No, I was not employed.

41,912. How much did you get ?—12*l.*

41,913. Now we will come down to '57; do you recollect Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—I voted for Denison.

41,914. Denison single ?—I think so.

41,915. Did you get anything ?—No.

41,916. Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote on that occasion ?—I should vote for Wells if I did vote.

41,917. I would rather you would be a little more positive, if you can ?—I have taxed my memory, but I cannot call it to mind; I taxed my memory before I came here.

41,918. You do not know whether you voted or not ?—No, I do not.

41,919. Then I will pass it over. Now Walters, Edwards and Walker ?—I voted for Walters.

41,920. Then I need not ask you how much; you got 2*l.* ?—Yes.

41,921. Walker and Gridley ?—Gridley.

41,922. Two pounds again ?—Yes.

41,923. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—Keane.

41,924. How much ?—2*l.*

41,925. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—Yes.

41,926. For whom ?—The Conservatives.

41,927. What were you paid ?—10*s.*

41,928. By whom ?—At the "Golden Ball."

41,929. How did you vote at the parliamentary ?—Edwards and Kennard, the last election.

41,930. How was that, because you had voted Keane. There was no money on the Liberal side last time, I suppose ?—It was not for that.

41,931. You voted Walters ?—Yes.

41,932. And you voted Gridley and Keane ?—Yes.

41,933. Then, except the absence of money, what reason was there ?—No particular reason; I thought I would change my opinions.

41,934. There was no money going ?—No, it was not that. I have voted at other elections and have not got anything.

41,935. But you got tired of that ?—Yes, of course; it was time to be tired of that.

The witness withdrew.

G. Foster.

George Foster called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

41,936. What is the first election at which you voted ?—Fox and Goldsmid.

41,937. You are a freeman, I suppose ?—Yes.

41,938. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—Yes.

41,939. For whom did you vote ?—Glover.

41,940. Did you get anything ?—No.

41,941. The next election was Edwards and Wells, did you get anything then ?—Yes.

41,942. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards.

41,943. What did you get ?—2*l.*

41,944. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote that time ?—Edwards and Walker.

41,945. Did you get anything then ?—No.

41,946. Nothing on the second occasion ?—No.

41,947. Then Walker and Gridley, what did you get then ?—2*l.* for Walker.

41,948. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, for whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Sykes.

41,949. Did you get anything then ?—Yes.

41,950. How much ?—2*l.*

41,951. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

G. Osgerby.

George Osgerby called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

41,952. Did you vote at the Denison, Glover, and Wells' election ?—No.

41,953. When did you vote first ?—1865, I believe, for Edwards and Sykes' election.

41,954. You are a freeman ?—Yes.

41,955. You did not become qualified till about that time ?—No, not till about that time.

41,956. You voted for Edwards and Sykes ?—Yes.

41,957. Your brother has been summoned, and is not here ?—He could not leave the business at home very well.

41,958. What business is it ?—A coachmaker.

41,959. You voted for Edwards and Sykes, and what did you get ?—Nothing.

41,960. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

41,961. Did you get anything ?—I got 1*l.*

41,962. Who gave you that ?—Thomas Harris.

41,963. For whom did you vote ?—For the Conservatives.

41,964. For whom at the parliamentary ?—Edwards and Kennard.

41,965. Is that all the money you have ever got for voting ?—It is all the money that I have ever received in my life for voting.

41,966. Have you ever had any money to give to anybody else ?—Not a farthing; I never spent a quarter of an hour from home at elections except going to vote.

41,967. Are you the brother of Edward Whiting Osgerby ?—Yes.

41,968. He is a freeman ?—Yes.

41,969. How long has he been ?—I should say about 11 or 12 years.

41,970. I do not know whether you could tell us at all what he has got ?—Nothing at all, I could not tell you.

The witness withdrew.

W. B. Dosser.

William Brown Dosser called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

41,971. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

41,972. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 22 years.

41,973. Did you vote in 1857 ?—Yes.

41,974. For whom ?—Denison and Wells.

41,975. Did you receive anything for your vote ?—No.

41,976. Or in respect of your vote, in respect of voting ?—No.

41,977. Had you been employed ?—No.

41,978. And you received no money at the election ?—No money.

41,979. Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote ?—Wells.

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41,980. Were you employed in any way ?—No.

41,981. Did you receive any money ?—No.

41,982. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote ?—Walters ; 2*l.*

41,983. Walker and Gridley ?—2*l.* Gridley.

41,984. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ? — 3*l.* for Keane.

41,985. Did you vote for the council choosing ?—Yes.

41,986. How much ?—10*s.*

41,987. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for the Liberals.

41,988. Who gave you the 10*s.* ?—Mr. Vickers.

41,989. And for whom did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

W. W. Blyth.

WILLIAM WARDELL BLYTH called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

41,990. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

41,991. How long have you been a freeman ?—Since 1852.

41,992. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—Yes.

41,993. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Glover.

41,994. Did you get anything ?—No.

41,995. In the next election, Edwards and Wells, did you get anything ?—I received 3*l.* for my expenses from London at Edwards and Wells' election.

41,996. For whom did you vote ?—Edwards.

41,997. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote ?—Edwards and Walker.

41,998. Did you get anything that time ? — Nothing.

41,999. Walker and Gridley, did you get anything ? —Yes, I received 2*l.*

42,000. On which side ?—Walker's.

42,001. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you vote then ?—For Edwards and Sykes.

42,002. Did you get anything then ? — Yes, I received 2*l.*

42,003. Did you vote at the last council choosing ? —Yes.

42,004. For which side ?—For the Conservatives.

42,005. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

42,006. How much ?—10*s.*

42,007. How did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

G. F. Musgrave.

GEORGE FOSTER MUSGRAVE called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,008. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

42,009. What is the first election you voted at ?—It was, I believe, in 1860.

42,010. Walker and Gridley ?—Yes.

42,011. Did you not vote before that ?—No.

42,012. Who did you vote for ?—For Walker.

42,013. Did you get anything ?—No.

42,014. You did not get anything ?—No.

42,015. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you vote then ?—Yes, Edwards and Keane.

42,016. Did you get anything ? — I went to the Mechanics' Hall, and I think I got a couple of sovereigns.

42,017. That was from Keane's side ?—Yes.

42,018. You think you did ?—Yes.

42,019. And so do I ?—You are right.

42,020. Did you get anything on the Edwards side ?—I do not remember.

42,021. Just think ?—I cannot remember.

42,022. Is your father's name Phineas Musgrave ? —Yes, I think it is.

42,023. Here is an entry of "George Musgrave, 3*l.* paid to you by your father." Is that correct ?—If it is I have forgot.

42,024. You forget your father giving you 3*l.* when you voted ?—Yes.

42,025. How is that ?—I happened to be in liquor at the time, and I have not a good memory.

42,026. Did your father give you the 3*l.* or not ?—I do not know, I am sure ; he might.

42,027. That means he did, does it not ?—Really I do not know that he did or not. I would not swear that he did not.

40,028. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) At any rate he got 2*l.* from Keane's side.

42,029. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Yes, and he will not swear his father did not give him 3*l.* for the other side. You said you did not get anything at the Walker election ? —No.

42,030. At the last council choosing ?—I had not a vote.

42,031. Then is that all the money you got, the 2*l.*, and posibly 3*l.*, is that all the money you ever got at elections ?—That is all I remember.

42,032. What is your occupation in life ?—I am at the foundry.

42,033. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) At the old foundry, is it ?—Yes.

42,034. Did you get any money at the municipal election ?—I had not a vote.

42,035. That is not an answer ?—No, I tried to get some to get some beer with, but I was over late.

42,036. Are you sure you did not get anything ?—Quite certain.

42,037, To whom did you apply ?—I asked Thirsk, and he said I was over late.

42,038. Was Thirsk your foreman ?—No

42,039. Who is foreman in your department ?—Thomas Daniels.

42,040. Did you vote at the last parliamentary ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

W. Clough.

WILLIAM CLOUGH called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,041. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

43,042. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 16 years.

42,043. Then you recollect voting at the Denison and Glover election ?—My first voting was at Hastings'.

42,044. Then shortly after there was Denison and Wells ?—And I think for Glover next, then Edwards next.

42,045. Did you receive anything from Glover ?—Not a halfpenny.

42,046. I mean about the election ?—Not a halfpenny.

42,047. At Major Edwards' what did you get ?—4*l.* and 30*s.* as a messenger. I got 5*l.* 10*s.* at the Edwards election; the first Edwards election.

42,048. Who paid you ?—A young man they called Nathaniel Kemplay, old Nathaniel Kemplay's son, in the "Blue Ruin" stables.

42,049. Now the next, Walters ?—I voted for Walters and Edwards.

42,050. How much for Walters ?—2*l.*

42,051. How much for Edwards ?—2*l.*

42,052. That is doing very well ?—Yes, I mean money when I go after it.

42,053. Yes, we want to get the facts. Walker and Gridley, for whom did you vote ?—Walker and got nothing at all.

42,054. Did you not hear money was going on the side of Gridley ?—I knew Mr. Walker, he was a neighbouring gentleman, I voted Walker and never got a halfpenny.

42,055. You never got a halfpenny ?—I will swear it.

42,056. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, for whom did you vote?—For Edwards and Sykes, because I see plainly that they did not want to get Keane in, so I left the party. We could have got two Keanes in instead of one if they let them alone.

42,057. You did not think they were faithful?—No.

42,058. Did you get any money?—I got 2*l.*

42,059. From whom?—Robert Oxley, the butcher.

42,060. To vote for Edwards?—Yes.

42,061. Is that all you got at the election?—It was.

42,062. You did not vote for Keane; might I inquire whether your name was on the requisition to Mr. Keane?—Yes, it would be, I was employed as a messenger.

42,063. Did the Keane party employ you as a messenger?—Yes.

42,064. How much did you get for being a messenger?—2*l.*

42,065. I suppose you attended Mr. Keane's meetings?—I attended him till all his party forsook him, and then I set off as well as the rest. They left him at 11, they forsook him, he would have been got doubly in.

42,066. It does not strike me as a particularly strong instance of loyalty. You received 2*l.* from Keane and you voted for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

42,067. How is that, having taken 2*l.*?—I thought I might as well have it as those that did not stand in so much need.

42,068. How was it you voted for Sykes?—Because I thought they did not want to get Keane in.

42,069. I thought it was that you were so disgusted at the conduct of his supporters?—Yes, I was greatly offended.

42,070. Now, at the council choosing?—Yes, I voted for the Liberals.

42,071. For the Liberals?—Yes, at the council choosing.

42,072. I thought you were disgusted with them. Did you get any money?—For voting for the council?

42,073. Yes?—Yes.

42,074. How much?—10*s.* I had for running.

42,075. You were a messenger then?—I was.

42,076. How did you vote at the parliamentary?—I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

42,077. Who paid you at the municipal?—Thomas Duffill.

The witness withdrew.

T. Giles.

THOMAS GILES called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

42,078. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,079. How long have you been a freeman?—Eight years.

42,080. What is the first election at which you voted?—Keane's.

42,081. For whom did you vote?—Keane, single.

42,082. What did you get?—3*l.*

42,083. Did you vote the last council choosing?—No, I had not a vote.

The witness withdrew.

R. Goforth.

ROBERT GOFORTH called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,084. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,085. Did you vote at Glover's election, when Glover was up?—No.

42,086. When did you vote first?—Mr. Keane's.

42,087. You never voted before then?—No.

42,088. Did you vote for Mr. Keane?—Yes.

42,089. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,090. At the Mechanics'?—Yes.

42,091. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

42,092. Then that is the only time you ever voted?—I voted this last election, Maxwell and Trollope.

42,093. Did you get anything then?—No.

42,094. That is the only time that you ever got money?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

T. Clark.

THOMAS CLARK called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,095. Are you a freeman?—I am.

42,096. How long have you been?—About two years.

42,097. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No.

42,098. How did you vote at the last election?—Edwards and Kennard.

42,099. Are you a freeman by birth?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

W. Gibson.

WILLIAM GIBSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

42,100. How long have you been a freeman?—Ten years.

42,101. What is the first election at which you voted?—Walters'.

42,102. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,103. Who did you vote for?—Walters.

42,104. The next election was Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—Gridley.

42,105. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,106. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane.

42,107. Did you get 2*l.*?—Yes.

42,108. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

42,109. Did you vote at the parliamentary?—Yes, I voted Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

J. Gibson.

JAMES GIBSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,110. How long have you been a freeman?—About five years.

42,111. The first time you voted was at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—Yes.

42,112. For whom did you vote?—Keane.

42,113. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,114. That was all?—That was all.

42,115. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

W. Goforth.

WILLIAM GOFORTH called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,116. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,117. When did you first vote?—At Keane's election.

42,118. For whom?—Mr. Keane.

42,119. How much did you get?—2*l.* 17*s.*

42,120. What was the 17*s.* for?—For playing in the band.

42,121. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

J. Gossip.

22 Oct. 1869.

JOHN GOSSIP called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

42,122. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,123. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

42,124. For whom did you vote?—Wells.

42,125. And Denison too?—No.

42,126. Wells single?—Yes.

42,127. Did you get anything?—Nothing at all.

42,128. Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote?—Edwards.

42,129. Did you get anything?—Not a farthing.

42,130. Have you ever got anything?—Yes.

42,131. Then I will go on?—I got 2*l.* at Sykes and Edwards'.

42,132. Is that the only 2*l.* you have ever had in these last ten years?—Yes, it is, I am sure.

42,133. If you are sure of that, I will not ask you any more on that?—Yes, I am.

42,134. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No; I am not a voter for the council choosing.

The witness withdrew.

J. Tuting.

JOHN TUTING called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,135. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election when they were up?—Yes.

42,136. For which of them?—Wells, I think.

42,137. Did you get anything?—No.

42,138. Not at all?—No.

42,139. Edwards and Wells, the next time; did you vote again for Wells? For whom did you vote then?—Wells, I believe.

42,140. You voted for Wells twice?—Yes.

42,141. Did you get anything?—No.

42,142. Walters, Edwards, and Walker in 1859; who did you vote for?—I cannot say; I cannot recollect.

42,143. I wish you would recollect, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I have had a very long illness, and my memory is very short.

42,144. Well, Walker and Gridley in 1860; can you remember about that?—No.

42,145. Surely you can the next one, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, when Mr. Keane was here on the Liberal side, and Edwards and Sykes were the other way?—I voted for Mr. Keane, I believe.

42,146. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall and get the money?—No.

42,147. Did you get any money?—No.

42,148. You can remember that?—Yes; I do not remember getting any.

42,149. When have you got any at elections?—I have got very little at any.

42,150. When?—I cannot recollect of anything I got; I have not been in the habit of getting money.

42,151. You got a very little you told me. When did you get the very little?—I got none that I can recollect.

42,152. But the very little, when was that?—I cannot tell you.

42,153. Have you got a little within the last ten years?—No, sir, I cannot say. I have had an illness for these five years.

42,154. Did you vote for the council choosing last year?—Yes.

42,155. Did you get anything then?—I got 10*s.*

42,156. Who gave you the 10*s.*?—David Nutchey, I believe.

42,157. For whom did you vote at the council choosing?—For the Conservative party.

42,158. And at the last parliamentary how did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

J. Akrill.

JOSEPH AKRILL called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,159. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,160. How long have you been?—About 15 years.

42,161. Did you vote at the Denison election?—I voted for Glover.

42,162. Do you remember Edwards and Wells; did you vote at that election?—I voted for Edwards.

42,163. How much did you get?—Nothing.

42,164. Were you not employed?—No, never in my life.

42,165. Did you ever receive any money?—No.

42,166. At any time?—No.

42,167. Not at Edwards and Sykes'?—No.

42,168. For whom did you vote then?—Edwards and Sykes.

42,169. Did you never receive a farthing of money at any election in Beverley?—No, I have not. I have always voted for them all my life.

42,170. I put it to you, did you ever receive any money at any election? I do not say for your vote, but any money at any election in Beverley during the time you have voted?—I believe not.

42,171. Do not say I believe not, it is a matter of fact, not belief. Will you answer me, did you ever receive any, or when did you receive any, tell me at once, we only want to know when?—It was at Edwards and Sykes if I ever did get any money.

42,172. Where do you think you received it; where was it?—It would be in the street if I got any.

42,173. How much should you say?—I could not say.

42,174. About 1*l.* or 2*l.*?—It would be 2*l.*

42,175. Before you were positive you never received any?—I never received a halfpenny but that in my life.

42,176. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Never had a vote for the council.

The witness withdrew.

J. Garton.

JOHN GARTON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

42,177. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,178. How long have you been one?—Since 1847.

42,179. Never mind that; never mind the earlier elections. We will come to Denison, Glover, and Wells' election; for whom did you vote?—For Glover.

42,180. Did you receive anything?—Nothing.

42,181. In any way at the election?—No.

42,182. The next was Edwards and Wells; did you receive anything then?—No.

42,183. Who did you vote for?—Edwards.

42,184. Have you received anything at a parliamentary election?—Never in my life.

42,185. You answer that confidently and clearly?—Yes.

42,186. Did you receive anything the last municipal election?—No; I am not a voter.

42,187. (*Mr. Serjeant OBrien.*) Did you receive anything at the last municipal election?—No, I was not aware what I had been summoned for, I consider I have always voted honourably.

42,188. (*Mr. Barstow.*) No one ought to grumble at being summoned?—I consider it an imputation on my character.

42,189. (*Mr. Barstow.*) No one can say that, I am sure.

Adjourned till to-morrow at half-past 10.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

East Riding Sessions House, Saturday, 23rd October 1869.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

T. Walker.

23 Oct. 1869.

THOMAS WALKER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,190. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,191. How long have you been a freeman?—Between 10 and 11 years.

42,192. When did you first vote?—For Gridley.

42,193. How much did you get?—2*l.* at the "Pack Horse."

42,194. Did you vote at Keane's election?—Yes, and got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall.

42,195. And voted for Keane, I suppose?—Yes.

42,196. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

42,197. Did you get any money?—No, nothing at all.

The witness withdrew.

E. W. Osgerby.

EDWARD WHITING OSGERBY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

42,198. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,199. How long have you been a freeman?—About 12 years.

42,200. What was the first election at which you voted?—1860.

42,201. Whom did you vote for?—Walker.

42,202. What did you get?—Nothing at all.

42,203. The next election was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes, in 1865.

42,204. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

42,205. What did you get?—Nothing.

42,206. Nothing at all?—No.

42,207. You are not a voter for the town council?—No.

42,208. Did you receive anything on the occasion of the last council choosing?—No.

42,209. You did not?—No.

42,210. Be quite clear; you swear positively you did not?—Yes, I do.

42,211. I think I ought to tell you that we have received information that you did receive something?—It is false.

42,212. You deny point blank that you received anything?—I deny point blank that I received a farthing.

The witness withdrew.

E. Stephenson.

EDWARD STEPHENSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,213. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,214. Did you vote in '57?—In '52 I did.

42,215. Just go on to '57, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I got nothing.

42,216. Did you vote at that election?—Yes.

42,217. For whom?—Denison and Wells.

42,218. The next election was the same year, Edwards and Wells; did you vote for either of them?—I voted for Wells.

42,219. I mean the second time; you voted for Wells twice?—Yes.

42,220. Did you get anything that time?—No.

42,221. You really did not?—No, I did not.

42,222. Walters, Edwards, and Walker in '59?—I got nothing; I voted for Edwards and Walker.

42,223. Walker and Gridley in '60?—I got 2*l.* for Gridley.

42,224. Who gave you the 2*l.*?—I do not know.

42,225. Where did you get it?—I got it at the Mechanics' Hall for Gridley—no, I beg your pardon, I thought you said Keane; I got it at the "Pack Horse" for Gridley.

42,226. You told me you got 2*l.* when you voted for Gridley?—Yes.

42,227. At the "Pack Horse"?—Yes.

42,228. Was that the first time you got anything?—No.

42,229. Tell me when before then?—Lawley and Wells, and at Walters'.

42,230. You got 2*l.* for Walters'?—Yes.

42,231. Who gave you that?—I cannot tell you.

42,232. Where did you get it?—At the Mechanics'.

42,233. Then at Gridley's election you got 2*l.* at the "Pack Horse"?—I got 2*l.* at the "Pack Horse."

42,234. Now Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I got 2*l.* for Keane.

42,235. That was at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes; Walters was a mistake.

42,236. You have made a mistake about Walters?—Yes. I got Walters's at the Reform rooms.

42,237. Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope?—I polled for Maxwell and Trollope, but I got nothing.

42,238. Did you vote at the council choosing just before?—Yes.

42,239. Anything then?—Yes, I got 7*s.* 6*d.*

42,240. From which side?—From the Liberal side.

42,241. Have you ever given money to other people?—Never in my life.

42,242. You never had money to give to others?—No.

42,243. Have you told me of all the monies you had to do with?—I believe I have.

The witness withdrew.

J. B. Jameson.

JOHN BRANDHAM JAMESON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,244. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,245. How long have you been a freeman?—About 20 years.

42,246. Then you recollect the election of Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes.

42,247. Did you vote?—I voted for Glover.

42,248. Did you receive any money on that occasion?—No.

42,249. The next election would be Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

42,250. For whom did you vote?—Edwards.

42,251. What did you receive?—Half a sovereign.

42,252. Were you doing anything?—No.

42,253. Did Baker pay you?—No.

42,254. Who paid you?—Doctor Earle.

42,255. How many days after the election, or before?—On the election day.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

J. B. Jameson.

23 Oct. 1869.

42,256. Where did he pay you?—At the "White Swan."

42,257. Was it before you voted or after you voted?—Before I voted.

42,258. Did he promise you anything else; did you get anything else?—Yes, he said I should have as much as anyone else got.

42,259. He told you at the same time he would give you as much as anyone else got?—Yes.

42,260. Did you apply to him afterwards for the money, for the remainder?—Once.

42,261. After you voted?—Some time after.

42,262. Soon after the election. What did he say?—He said that he had not it, or he had paid it, or had none, or something of the kind; he evaded it.

42,263. He evaded it, and you never got any more from him?—No.

42,264. Did you ascertain at the time how much the others were getting?—I heard say they were getting 3*l.* or 3*l.* 10*s.*

42,265. The promise to you was that you should get as much as the rest?—Yes.

42,266. Now come down to 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walters.

42,267. Then you got 2*l.*?—2*l.*

42,268. Now come down to '60, Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Gridley.

42,269. How much?—2*l.*

42,270. In Keane's election for whom did you vote?—For Keane; 2*l.*

42,271. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No; I am not a voter.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

42,272. Did Doctor Earle tell you he had paid away all the money that had been entrusted to him?—He said that he had no more money by him at present.

42,273. No more money by him to pay with that might mean either no money had been given to him or he had paid it away?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,274. Did you say that he said he had no more money at present; were those his words?—He said he had no more money by him at present, and that he would see me afterwards.

42,275. You are sure of that?—That was it.

The witness withdrew.

R. Loft.

Robert Loft called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

42,276. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,277. How long have you been a freeman?—39 years.

42,278. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

42,279. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Glover.

42,280. Did you get anything?—No, not a halfpenny that time.

42,281. The next election was Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote?—I voted for Wells and Denison.

42,282. No no; just attend; Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Edwards.

42,283. Did you get anything?—I believe I got 1*l.* I think I did.

42,284. Then the next election was Walters' election; you remember that?—Yes.

42,285. For whom did you vote; it was Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walker and Edwards.

42,286. Did you get anything?—Yes.

42,287. How much?—About 2*l.*

42,288. Walker and Gridley, how did you vote?—Walker.

42,289. Did you get anything?—Yes, I did.

42,290. How much?—I cannot say exactly; it may have been 1*l.* or 30*s.*

42,291. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Edwards.

42,292. Edwards singly?—Yes.

42,293. Did you get anything?—I got 2*l.*, I believe, that election.

42,294. Did you vote at the council choosing?—I have not a vote.

42,295. Last year?—No.

The witness withdrew.

J. Middleton.

Joseph Middleton called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,296. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,297. Do you remember the first election of 1857?—No. I had not a vote at the time.

42,298. When did you first have a vote?—In 1859.

42,299. You voted at the Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election?—Yes.

42,300. For which of them?—Edwards.

42,301. You voted for Edwards single?—Edwards single.

42,302. Did you get anything?—Not a halfpenny.

42,303. Walker and Gridley in the year 1860?—I voted for Walker.

42,304. Did you get anything?—I was promised 2*l.*, but I never received it.

42,305. Who promised it?—Mr. Vickers, who sits there.

42,306. Did you go to him for it?—Yes, several times.

42,307. What was it that he said?—He said he should have to see Mr. McCoy about it.

42,308. And you never got it?—No.

42,309. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in '65?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

42,310. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

42,311. Who gave you that?—Mr. Whitton.

42,312. Robert Whitton, the builder?—Yes.

42,313. Did you get anything from the Keane's side?—No.

42,314. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—I never voted that way.

42,315. But did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—No.

42,316. Did you vote at the town council choosing?—No; I was not in Beverley.

42,317. Have you ever had money to give away?—No, never.

42,318. Have you told me of all matters that you have had to do with?—Yes.

42,319. In any way with respect to elections?—Yes.

42,320. Were you ever employed as runner, or in any way?—I was employed as messenger, but I never received anything.

42,321. In which election?—In Walker and Gridley's election.

42,322. What were they to pay you?—They were to pay me the same as the others were getting, but I have never received a halfpenny to this day.

42,323. How much was that?—The average was 2*l.* I believe it was 2*l.* for voting.

42,324. But for being a messenger?—I never got anything.

42,325. What did they promise you?—I never had anything promised.

42,326. Not any fixed sum? Who made the promise?—Mr. Vickers.

42,327. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you employed as messenger in 1859?—No.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN LUMLEY SHAW called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,328. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,329. Did you vote in the election of 1857, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were the candidates?—Yes.

42,330. For whom?—Glover.

42,331. Did you get anything?—No.

42,332. Did you vote at the next election, when Edwards and Wells were the candidates?—I voted for Edwards.

42,333. Did you get anything?—No.

42,334. You got nothing?—No.

42,335. Now the next election I shall ask you about is Walters, Edwards, and Walker's. Did you vote at that election?—I voted for Walters.

42,336. How much did you get?—2*l.*

42,337. Then Gridley and Walker's; did you vote for Gridley?—I voted for Gridley.

42,338. How much did you get?—2*l.*

42,339. At the next election did you vote for Keane?—Yes.

42,340. How much did you get?—2*l.*

42,341. Did you vote for the council choosing last year?—No.

The witness withdrew.

GEORGE CATTERSON ROBINSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

42,342. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42343. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Glover.

42,344. Did you get anything?—No.

42,345. Now the next election was Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote?—For Edwards.

42,346. Did you get anything then?—Yes, 3*l.*

42,347. The next election was Walters' election; for whom did you vote then?—For Walters.

42,348. You got how much?—1*l.*

42,349. Then you did not vote for Walters single, did you?—Yes, I think so.

42,350. And you only got 1*l.*?—Yes.

42,351. The next election was Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Walker.

42,352. What did you get then?—I got 2*l.*

42,353. Then Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane, and plumped for Keane; and they put me down a plumper for Sykes in the poll book.

42,354. But you did really vote for Keane?—Yes, I voted for Keane.

42,355. You got something, I suppose?—Yes, 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall.

42,356. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No; I am not a voter.

42,357. Have you paid anyone at any election?—No.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN RENNISON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,358. You are a freeman?—Yes.

42,359. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

42,360. For whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells.

42,361. Did you get anything?—Yes, 2*l.*

42,362. Just tell me where you did get it?—I got it at Greenbury's shop.

42,363. What is Greenbury's shop?—Why, it was a place where they paid, just opposite the hustings.

42,364. What shop was it; what trade was carried on there?—An auctioneer's.

42,365. Did Greenbury himself pay you?—No.

42,366. Who paid you?—John Taylor.

42,367. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It is not that election; he is mistaken.

42,368. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I am told you are mistaken as to the election?—I may be.

42,369. Do be careful, if you please; let us understand each other; it is 1857 when the candidates were Denison, Wells, and Glover. Now you got 2*l.*, you say?—Yes, I believe I did; I may be mistaken.

42,370. But do try and think, because this is important to other people. Denison, Wells, and Glover, you say, you got 2*l.*, and you voted for Denison and Wells?—Yes.

42,371. Just charge your memory; where did you get the 2*l.*?—I have really forgotten where I did get it, or whether I got it or not that time.

42,372. I may assume that you got it, but where did you get it?—Well, I expect I got it there if I did get it at all.

42,373. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The only question is about the date.

42,374. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Were you paid at the room of the Reform Association?—Perhaps I was; I have forgotten; it is a long while since.

42,375. You know they had a committee room there?—Yes, they had.

42,376. Did you go there that election?—Yes, I believe I did.

42,377. You went to the committee room of the Reform Association?—Yes.

42,378. Whom did you see there?—I cannot tell.

42,379. Do try and think who took you there?—I went by myself.

42,380. Did anybody go with you?—No.

42,381. Did you go after you voted?—No, before.

42,382. I am talking about the Denison election, when you voted for Denison and Wells. You went before you voted?—Yes.

42,383. Did you go with anybody else?—No, I went by myself.

42,384. Were other people going in and out?—Yes.

42,385. And you went there and stated what business you came about, I suppose?—Yes.

42,386. What did you say?—I said I wanted the same as other people.

42,387. Do you remember to whom you told that?—No, I do not know anything about that; I have forgotten.

42,388. Was there somebody sitting at the table to take down names or anything of the sort?—I cannot recollect that.

42,389. Were you paid with money out of a bag?—I believe it was upon the table; I think it was upon the table.

42,390. The money was on the table; what, money to pay a great many people?—Yes, I think so.

42,391. You say there was money on the table to pay a great many people?—Yes, for anything I know.

42,392. Did you see others paid besides yourself?—No, I did not.

42,393. Was there anybody in the room besides yourself and the man who paid you?—Yes, there would be many coming in and out.

42,394. What, to be paid?—Yes.

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42,395. Cannot you remember who it was paid you ?—No, I cannot.

42,396. Did you see his face ?—I cannot tell you.

42,397. Was his face hidden in any way ?—No, I think not.

42,398. Did you know him at the time ?—No.

42,399. You did not know him at the time ?—No, I did not know who it was ; I cannot tell you right.

42,400. Did you say it was 3*l.*, or 2*l.* ?—2*l.*

42,401. Was he a Beverley man ?—I don't know.

42,402. But you have lived about Beverley all your life, have not you ?—Yes, all my life ; but I have really forgotten who paid me at that time.

42,403. Surely you can remember whether he was a Beverley man, if you know the place well ?—Well, I really do not know who it was, I am sure.

42,404. Who else was in the room besides him ?—I cannot tell you.

42,405. Not a single person ?—I am sure I cannot.

42,406. If I mention the name could you ?—Well, if you mention the name perhaps.

42,407. Was Mr. Boyes there ?—I do not remember seeing Mr. Boyes there then.

42,408. Did you see him there at all ?—Why, yes ; now I come to consider I can tell you right about that ; Mr. Boyes was in the front room, and it was Taylor who paid me.

42,409. Boyes was in the front room ?—Boyes was in the front room, and this room was behind.

42,410. Then you went through the front room first ?—Yes.

42,411. Now are you sure this was at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election ?—Yes, it was.

42,412. Are you sure of that ; are you sure you are not mistaken between that election and another ?—Well, I think not.

42,413. Perhaps if I went on to the following elections we might get it right. The next election was Edwards and Wells, a very few months after ?—Yes.

42,414. That was the next election after what I have been asking you so much about ?—Yes.

42,415. Which way did you vote then ?—For Wells.

42,416. You voted Wells single ?—Yes.

42,417. Are you sure that it was the time before that that you got the 2*l.* at the Reform rooms ?—I believe it was.

42,418. Do not let us mistake as to dates ; you say that it was at the time before that Daniel Boyes was in the front room and Taylor in the back room ?—Yes.

42,419. You have no doubt about it ?—No doubt.

42,420. Boyes, I suppose, showed you where to go ?—Boyes said nothing to me. I went through. Boyes knowed me well enough.

42,421. I suppose there was something done to indicate to you ?—No, nothing passed between me and Boyes at all.

42,422. You knew the way to go ?—Nobody told me ; it is very good to find whenever there is any money. Men will always find where there is money.

42,423. Did anything pass between you and the man who paid you, this Taylor ?—No.

42,424. Did he put your name down ?—I should think he would. He gave me the money.

42,425. He gave you the money, and I suppose he had got some paper or book, or something before him in which to put names down ?—I do not know. I did not see him put my name down or anybody else's.

42,426. But you are sure it was Taylor ?—Yes.

42,427. Then we will go on. Edwards and Wells was the next election. I think you told me which way you voted ; I am sorry to trouble you again ?—For Wells.

42,428. Did you get anything then ?—No.

42,429. Walters, Edwards, and Walker in '59, two years after ; which way did you vote then ?—Walters.

42,430. Walters single ?—Yes.

42,431. Did you get anything then ?—No.

42,432. Are you sure ?—No, it was then I got 2*l.* ; that was the first time.

42,433. What first time ? When was that ?—Walters'.

42,434. In 1860, Walker and Gridley ?—I voted for Gridley.

42,435. Did you get anything ?—Yes, 2*l.*

42,436. Who gave you that ?—I got it at the "Pack Horse."

42,437. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in '65 ?—I got 2*l.*, for Keane.

42,438. Was that at the Mechanics' ?—Yes.

42,439. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No. I have not a vote.

42,440. I will put it in this way. Do you remember voting when Gordon and Hastings were up, as long ago as 1854 ?—Yes. I polled for Gordon.

42,441. You did not get anything ?—No.

42,442. Are you sure that it was the election after that that you got money from Taylor ? Was it the very next election after that ?—I believe it was. I am not prepared to swear.

42,443. You think it was the very next election after that ? You voted for Denison, you say ?—Yes.

42,444. And you think that was for Denison ?—Denison ?

42,445. Yes ?—I do not remember getting anything at Denison's election.

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42,446. Will you tell us now the first time you ever received any money for your vote ?—Well, it is so many years since.

42,447. Did you vote at Towneley's election ?—Yes.

42,448. You received money for voting then ?—Yes.

42,449. Did you vote at Lawley and Wells' election ?—Yes.

42,450. Did you receive money for it then ?—Yes, I think I did.

42,451. That was twice. Now can you tell me how many times you received money from that time down ?—I should receive money at Walters and Keane's, and Hastings and Gridley's.

42,452. No doubt that is it, Walters, Gridley, and Keane's ?—Yes.

42,453. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Then you must have been under a mistake when you answered me before ?—Yes.

42,454. Then you did not get money from Taylor at Denison's election ?—I am sure I do not know.

42,455. Is that what you say ?—My memory is not very good.

42,456. You are doing your best, I believe. You did not get money from Taylor at Denison's election ?—I do not think so.

42,457. I am obliged to ask you. You did not get money from Taylor at Denison's election ?—No, I did not, at Denison's.

The witness withdrew.

J. Scruton.

James Scruton called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,458. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

42,459. How long have you been a freeman ?—About 34 years.

42,460. You recollect Towneley's election ?—Yes.

42,461. You voted, I suppose, and had 12*l.*, like other people ?—Yes.

42,462. Now come down to Denison's election. You voted at the election of '57, about 12 years ago?—I should think I would, but I do not remember it.

42,463. Did you get anything?—No.

42,464. For whom would you vote, if you did vote, at Denison, Wells, and Glover's?—I should vote for Wells.

42,465. Did you vote when Edwards came down and contested the borough the same year?—Yes.

42,466. For whom did you vote?—Wells.

42,467. Did you get anything?—No.

42,468. In the way of payments in any shape?—No.

42,469. You were not employed in any way?—No. I did not get any money at that election.

42,470. You voted at Walters' election?—Yes. I did not get anything.

42,471. For whom?—I voted for Walters.

42,472. That astonishes me from what we have heard. Did you get nothing?—No.

42,473. Were you promised anything?—No.

42,474. Did you know money was going?—I had heard money was going; but I never went out. I stopped at home till I went to poll.

42,475. Did you vote at the Gridley election?—Yes.

42,476. Did you get anything?—No.

42,477. Did you get anything at any election?—No, only Towneley's.

42,478. You did not?—No.

42,479. You did not get anything at Keane's?—No.

42,480. Did you get anything at the council choosing?—No.

42,481. Did you vote?—I did not vote.

The witness withdrew.

RICHARD RENNISON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

R. Rennison.

42,482. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,483. For how long?—Since '47.

42,484. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

42,485. For whom?—Glover and Wells.

42,486. Did you get anything?—No.

42,487. Edwards and Wells' election?—I did not vote.

42,488. Then the next was Walters' election; did you vote then?—Yes; I got 2*l.*

42,489. For Walters?—Yes.

42,490. The next election was Walker and Gridley's?—Yes, Gridley.

42,491. What did you get?—2*l.*, at the "Pack Horse."

42,492. Did you vote at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—I voted for Keane.

42,493. 2*l.* again, I suppose?—Yes.

42,494. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

42,495. Which way did you vote?—For the Tories.

42,496. Did you get anything?—17*s.* 6*d.*

42,497. At the "Golden Ball"?—No, in the street.

42,498. Did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—Yes.

42,499. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN RIDLEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Ridley.

42,500. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,501. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

42,502. Did you get anything?—No, I do not remember that I did.

42,503. For whom did you vote?—For the Liberals.

42,504. You voted for Denison and Wells?—Yes.

42,505. Did you get anything?—No, I do not remember that I did.

42,506. Can you say positively that you did not?—I have lost sight of the election altogether. I recollect voting for them; but I do not remember getting anything at all.

42,507. At that election?—I do not remember that I did.

42,508. I wish you could remember a little more definitely. Did you vote for Denison alone?—No; I voted for them both, I believe.

42,509. You voted for Wells?—For Denison and Wells, I believe.

42,510. Did you get anything?—I do not remember that I did.

42,511. Did you go to the Reform rooms?—No.

42,512. Not at all?—I do not remember going at all.

42,513. Come to Edwards and Wells, just afterwards. Did you vote for Wells, or did you vote for Edwards?—I voted for Wells.

42,514. Did you get anything then?—No.

42,515. You are sure?—Yes.

42,516. Have you got money at any election?—At Walters' I got 2*l.*

42,517. Did you vote for Walters alone?—Yes.

42,518. The next election after that was Walker and Gridley's?—Yes.

42,519. Did you get anything?—Yes, 2*l.*; from Gridley, I believe.

42,520. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in '65?—I voted for Keane.

42,521. 2*l.*?—1*l.*

42,522. Had you a promise of any more?—No.

42,523. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—I voted for the Liberals.

42,524. Did you get anything for your vote at the council choosing?—No.

42,525. And you voted for the Liberals at the parliamentary, I suppose?—Yes.

42,526. You see the only elections that you have not spoken positively about are those of '57. I wish you could speak more positively?—I do not remember at all; I cannot recollect.

42,527. Did you ever get any money when you voted for Wells? Did any of the Wells party ever give you any money?—No; I cannot remember.

42,528. You remember voting for Wells?—I was never very particular about getting money.

42,529. There was one committee room at the "Blue Boar," and another at Greenbury's. Did you go to the room at Greenbury's shop when you voted for Wells?—No, I never was in it.

42,530. Do you recollect going to the "Blue Boar" when you voted for Wells either time?—No.

42,531. Do you think by thinking over it you could recollect it?—I have thought over it before I came here, and I do not remember getting any.

42,532. You know there were two elections in one year?—Yes.

42,533. That will perhaps bring it back to your mind. You voted for Wells both times?—Yes. I do not remember getting anything.

42,534. There is another way of putting it. Understand me, I do not disbelieve you in the least; I am only trying to help you to remember. I hope you understand that?—Yes.

42,535. Did you ever get any money before you got 2*l.* for Walters?—Yes, at Towneley's election in '41.

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42,536. I mean these later elections. I do not want to go so far back as that. You got 2*l.* when you voted for Walters?—Yes.

42,537. Now the two elections before that were both in the same year, and at both those elections you voted for Wells?—Yes.

42,538. I want you to think whether you got anything at those two elections?—I really do not know whether I did get anything.

42,539. If you cannot remember I cannot help you. I have tried all in my means to help you.—I cannot recollect that I got anything.

The witness withdrew.

F. Ridley.

FRANCIS RIDLEY called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,540. Are you a son of the last witness?—No.

42,541. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,542. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1857.

42,543. Did you vote in that year?—I voted in Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election in '59.

42,544. That was your first vote?—Yes.

42,545. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,546. On the Walters' side?—Yes.

42,547. Did you get anything from Walker's side?—No.

42,548. The next election would be '60?—For Gridley.

42,549. How much?—2*l.*

42,550. The next election would be Keane's?—2*l.*

42,551. You voted for Keane?—Yes.

42,552. How did you vote at the council choosing?—For the Liberals.

42,553. What did you get?—7*s.* 6*d.*

42,554. From whom?—From Tiplady, the barber.

42,555. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary?—Maxwell and Trollope, and got nothing.

The witness withdrew.

J. Ridley.

JOSEPH RIDLEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

42,556. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

42,557. Which way?—Denison.

42,558. Denison single?—Yes.

42,559. Did you get anything?—No.

42,560. Edwards and Wells; which way did you vote?—Wells.

42,561. Did you get anything?—Yes, I voted.

42,562. You got something at Wells' election?—Not at Wells'.

42,563. You got something that election?—No, not that time.

42,564. The next election was Walters' election; you got something then?—Yes, 2*l.*

42,565. Then the next was Walker and Gridley's; what did you get then?—2*l.*

42,566. And 2*l.* for Keane?—3*l.* for Keane.

42,567. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

42,568. Which way did you vote?—For the Liberals.

42,569. Did you get anything?—Yes.

42,570. What?—15*s.*

42,571. Who paid you?—Westerby.

42,572. Is that the Westerby who was a candidate for the council?—Yes.

42,573. Not the man who is dead. Which way did you vote at the parliamentary?—For the Liberals.

The witness withdrew.

W. Ridley.

WILLIAM RIDLEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,574. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,575. Did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election?—Yes.

42,576. Which way did you vote?—I polled for Denison and Wells, I believe.

42,577. Did you get anything?—No.

42,578. Walters, Edwards, and Walker; which way did you vote then?—Walters.

42,579. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

42,580. Who gave you that?—I do not know who he was; he was a tall man, but he was disfigured with a hairy cap, or something of the sort.

42,581. Walker and Gridley in 1860?—I did not poll that election.

42,582. You were away perhaps?—No, I was at home.

42,583. You were not on the register?—I was ill.

42,584. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I polled for Keane.

42,585. 2*l.*?—2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, and I want 2*l.* 5*s.* for it.

42,586. You want 2*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes, for work done.

42,587. Did they promise you that?—Yes; they sent four flags to paint, and one I had to make.

42,588. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

42,589. Did you get anything?—15*s.*, at the "Golden Ball."

42,590. Which way did you vote?—I polled for the Tories.

42,591. Which way did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Maxwell and Trollope.

42,592. Have you ever had Walker's gift?—Once.

42,593. When was that?—It would be about six years ago perhaps, as near as I can tell; five or six years.

42,594. What did you have it for?—I had been ill. I was out of employ about 20 weeks.

The witness withdrew.

M. Scarr.

MATTHEW SCARR called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,595. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,596. How long have you been a freeman?—About 13 years.

42,597. When was the first time you voted?—At Walters' election.

42,598. For whom did you vote?—Walters and Edwards.

42,599. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

42,600. How much?—1*l.* from Walters.

42,601. And how much from the other side, from Edwards?—Nothing.

42,602. The next election was Walker and Gridley's; for whom did you vote?—Gridley.

42,603. What did you receive?—2*l.*

42,604. The next election would be Keane's election; for whom did you vote?—Keane.

42,605. How much did you receive?—3*l.*

43,606. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

42,607. For which side?—The Liberals.

42,608. Did you get anything?—Nothing.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES OXTOBY PADGET called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *J. O. Padget.* 23 Oct. 1869.

42,609. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,610. What was the first election at which you voted?—1865.

42,611. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

42,612. Did you get anything?—Yes.

42,613. How much?—Two sovereigns.

42,614. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No; I had no vote.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN NICHOLLS called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *J. Nicholls.*

42,615. Did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election in 1857?—I do not remember that election. I voted in '57 for Edwards.

42,616. Did you get anything?—Not a penny.

42,617. Was that the first time you voted?—To the best of my belief that was the first time.

42,618. The following election was in '59, Walters, Edwards, and Walker; did you vote then?—I should vote for Edwards and Walker.

42,619. Did you get anything?—Not one penny.

42,620. Have you got anything at any election?—Yes, Edwards and Sykes' election; I never got a penny for any other.

42,621. Was that the first time you got anything?—The first time and last.

42,622. In '65 you voted Edwards and Sykes, 2*l.*?—I always voted for the Conservatives; the 2*l.* had no influence over me.

42,623. Pray answer the questions. Edwards and Sykes you got 2*l.*; is that so?—Yes.

42,624. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No; I am not a voter.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS TINDALL RINGROSE called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *T. T. Ringrose.*

42,625. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,626. How long have you been a freeman?—Five years.

42,627. Then the Keane election was the first election at which you voted?—Yes.

42,628. How did you vote?—For Keane.

42,629. How much?—2*l.*

42,630. At the Mechanics' Hall, I suppose?—No, one at the Mechanics' and one at the "George and Dragon."

42,631. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

42,632. Were you a freeman by birth?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

LORD LONDESBOROUGH called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *Lord Londesborough.*

42,633. You were a candidate for the borough of Beverley in 1857?—Yes, I was.

42,634. The election was in March I believe?—Yes.

42,635. Does your lordship happen to remember the date of the polling day?—No, I do not remember the date.

42,636. What negotiations took place between your lordship and any of the Liberal party at Beverley in respect to your becoming a candidate?—I had nothing to do with it; my father arranged the whole thing. I was abroad when the dissolution took place.

42,637. You had no personal knowledge of it at all?—I had no personal knowledge of it.

42,638. The late Lord Londesborough had, and you yourself now have, very considerable property in the neighbourhood of Beverley?—Yes.

42,639. At what time did you come to Beverley?—I came to Beverley about three weeks or a month before the election.

42,640. That would probably be in February, about the 6th?—I am not certain about the time; I think it would be three weeks.

43,641. I suppose you met the leading people on the Liberal side in the town?—Yes.

42,642. Can you tell us who you remember?—Mr. Boyes, Mr. Crosskill, and Mr. Hind; in fact all the leading men of the party.

42,643. I think we know by this time who they are. I suppose you proceeded to canvass the borough?—Yes.

42,644. And I suppose you were very well received; in fact we have already been told that?—Yes, very well, indeed.

42,645. The sitting member at that time was Mr. Wells?—Yes.

42,646. Were you in coalition with him?—Yes.

42,647. Did any negotiation take place between you and Mr. Wells as to the money part of the transaction?—None at all.

42,648. Messrs. Leeman and Clark, of York, were your conducting agents here?—Yes.

42,649. Were they in any respect engaged in business for Lord Londesborough?—I believe not.

42,650. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) They had not been before that?—Not before that.

42,651. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In any way?—In no way at all.

42,652. What I ask is, whether there were any accounts excepting those with reference to this election?—No.

42,653. You were returned?—I was returned.

42,654. And Mr. Glover was your colleague?—Mr. Glover was my colleague.

42,655. And I have here the accounts for yourself and Mr. Wells. I daresay you have forgotten what the accounts were?—I never saw the accounts themselves.

42,656. Or paid them?—Or paid them. I had nothing to do with the accounts.

42,657. In fact you had nothing to do with the money part of the transaction?—I never had.

42,658. They seem to be a little more than 550*l.*?—I never had anything to do with them, and had no knowledge of them.

42,659. The late Lord Londesborough paid the whole of them?—Yes.

42,660. Have you any knowledge of any sums paid on your account except these?—Not the least.

42,661. Have you ever heard since the election of any illegal payments being made on your behalf?—No, not a word.

42,662. Mr. Clark we hear is dead?—Yes.

42,663. He was in Beverley?—Yes; he acted more as my agent than Mr. Leeman.

42,664. Do you know whether Mr. Leeman was in Beverley as well as Mr. Clark?—I believe he came there once.

42,665. You have not seen any election accounts between Leeman and Clark and the late Lord Londesborough?—No. I asked my lawyer whether he had any such accounts, and he said he had none in his possession.

42,666. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You asked your family lawyer?—Yes.

42,667. Before you came here?—Yes.

42,668. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I must ask your lordship

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whether amongst the papers of the late Lord Londesborough your lordship has found anything that would throw light upon this inquiry ?—No.

42,669. Then I think I understood your Lordship to say you had nothing to do with the money part of the election ?—

42,670. You never had anything to do with that department ?—No.

42,671. Is your lordship aware whether the late Lord Londesborough was in the habit of subscribing money for the local charities of the borough ?—No, I am not.

42,672. Or whether he had any person with whom he deposited money for the charities ?—No, I am not.

42,673. Are you not in the habit of depositing money for the charities ?—No, I am not.

42,674. I am desired to ask your lordship whether you are aware of any agreement between the late Lord Londesborough and Mr. Wells, or anyone on his behalf, that your return should be secured for the sum of 2,000*l.* ?—No, I am not at all aware of it.

42,675. Can you tell me where Captain Egerton is at present ?—He is, I believe, in Switzerland, but I do not know.

42,676. You can tell us who Captain Egerton is ?—He is my brother-in-law.

42,677. Is he in any way connected with Mr. Sykes ?—Not the least.

42,678. Where does he reside in England ?—He lives at Londesborough.

42,679. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think you said he has no connexion with Mr. Sykes ?—Not the least.

42,680. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When the coalition took place with Mr. Wells it was understood the expenses should be shared ?—I never understood about the expenses.

42,681. We have had evidence here of some person receiving money, I think it was Burton, who said Boyes promised him 1*l.* to vote for you ; had Mr. Boyes authority to do anything of the kind ?—Not the least.

42,682. When did you first hear of such a transaction ?—I never heard of it before to-day.

42,683. Have you read the evidence ?—Yes ; but I did not happen to see his name mentioned.

42,684. And this is the first time you have heard of it ?—Yes.

42,685. And you say Mr. Boyes had no authority to make any promise on your behalf ?—Not from me, certainly.

42,686. Did you ever have reason shortly after the election to suspect such was the case ?—No, not the least.

42,687. Then you went away from this place with the impression your election had been conducted with purity ?—Yes.

42,688. And you remained under that impression until you read the evidence in the reports ?—Yes, I remained under that impression till I read the reports.

42,689. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have any solicitors ever applied to you or your father for any money in respect of that election ?—No, they have not.

The witness withdrew.

H. Roxby.

HENRY ROXBY called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,690. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

42,691. Did you vote at the Denison, Glover, and Wells election ?—Yes, I think I did.

42,692. For whom ?—It would be for Glover, as near as I can recollect, at that election.

42,693. Would you get anything ?—No.

42,694. That you are sure of ?—Yes.

42,695. Did you vote at another election the next year, Edwards and Wells ?—Yes. I voted for Edwards, and got nothing.

42,696. Walters, Edwards, and Walker in 1859 ?—Yes. I voted for Edwards and Walker, both of them.

42,697. And what did you get ?—I got 2*l.*

42,698. Walker and Gridley in 1860 ?—I do not recollect about that election.

42,699. You do not recollect about that ?—No.

42,700. Did you vote for Mr. Walker ?—I should think if it was Walker and Gridley I should vote for Walker ; I should think so.

42,701. Did you get anything ?—I do not recollect my so doing.

42,702. Well, but think ; state positively whether you did or not. The second time when you voted for Walker did you get anything ?—No.

42,703. You got something the first time, and you got nothing you say the other ; I only wish an answer. The first time you voted for Mr. Walker you got something ; did you get anything the second time ?—I think not.

42,704. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I voted for Sykes.

42,705. Did you get anything ?—I do not think I did.

42,706. You do not think you did ?—No.

42,707. Did you get anything from the Keane party ?—No. I did not intend to vote for Keane, and as a matter of course I did not take anything.

42,708. You knew there was a mill at the Mechanics' ?—I did after it was broken up, from the accounts I saw in the paper.

42,709. But you heard of it before that ?—Probably I might, but I never went near the mill myself.

42,710. What did you get when you voted for Edwards and Sykes ?—The election before the last one you mean, I suppose ?

42,711. Yes; what did you get ?—I believe I got 1*l.*

42,712. Who gave you that, though I do not think it matters much ?—I am sorry to say I did not remember to get one of the men of the party, but I really cannnot call to mind which of them it was.

42,713. Did you vote at the municipal election for the last year ?—Yes.

42,714. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

42,715. What was it ?—15*s.*

42,716. From whom ?—A man of the name of Bentley.

42,717. And you voted for the Conservatives, I suppose ?—Yes, I did.

42,718. Which way did you vote at the parliamentary ?—I did not vote at all ; my father died, and I had to attend his funeral.

The witness withdrew.

E. Stephenson.

EDWARD STEPHENSON called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,719. Are you from Hull ?—Yes.

42,720. You keep, I think, an inn in Hull ?—Yes.

42,721. What is the name of the inn ?—The "King's Arms."

42,722. You have been concerned in some of the elections here. Did you keep a public-house in Beverley before you went to Hull ?—The "Red Lion."

42,723. How long have you been a freeman ?—I am not a freeman at all.

42,724. Did you take any part in the election of 1857 ? Were you here in 1857 ?—No, I was not.

42,725. What was the first election in which you were here ?—Mr. Keane's.

42,726. You had not been here before ?—That was the first time I voted, and the only time.

42,727. I am not speaking of your own vote, I am speaking with reference to other people ; what is the first time you took any part in reference to election matters here ?—It was Mr. Keane's election.

42,728. That was the first time?—Yes.

42,729. You became a voter then, I suppose?—Yes.

42,730. And for whom did vote?—I voted for Mr. Keane.

42,731. Did you receive any money yourself?—Not for my own vote, I did not.

42,732. I mean for your own vote?—No, not a farthing.

42,733. You received, as we understand, some money to distribute?—Yes, I did.

42,734. How much?—I received 9*l.*

42,735. Not more?—No.

42,736. From whom?—From Mr. Luke Hind.

42,737. What was to be done to the 9*l.*?—I was to distribute it amongst some voters.

42,738. I think we have an account of them. Do you know their names?—Yes.

42,739. Give us them?—Mr. R. Richardson, Tickton, 1*l.* I gave, he split his vote for Mr. Keane and Mr. Edwards; David Leadley of Tickton, 2*l.*; Richard Moate, Tickton, 2*l.*; George Dunn, 2*l.*; and Thomas Wilson, Hull Bridge, 2*l.*

42,740. That exhausts it?—That was all the money I had.

42,741. (*Mr Barstow.*) Did you not give a man of the name of David Anderson some?—No.

42,742. Wilson says that he saw David Anderson paid at the same time that he was.

42,743. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was there anyone else paying money in your house?—Yes, very possibly there was, but I do not remember seeing Anderson paid any money at all.

42,744. Does that exhaust that 9*l.*?—Yes.

42,745. Had your house been used as a committee room?—No, it was not used as a committee room. They met there several times, the committee men.

42,746. Had it been used as a house to supply refreshments to voters?—Yes.

42,747. What was the amount of your bill as against the committee?—It was 10*l.* 14*s.* or 10*l.* 17*s.*. I could not possibly say which now.

42,748. Never mind the shillings; it was over 10*l.*?—It was over 10*l.*

42,749. Did that include the use of the committee room?—No, I made no charge for the committee room.

42,750. Now, I ask you as a tradesman, was that a fair price to give for the refreshments you supplied?—Yes.

42,751. On your conscience did any of that money constitute any part of the motives and inducements to influence your vote?—No.

42,752. You gave full value for the money?—Yes, I gave the full value.

42,753. Had you an account of it at the time?—Yes.

42,754. Did you supply the committee with a detailed account?—I supplied them with a bill of what they had.

42,755. Did you put it in this form:—"So and so, refreshments, 10*l.*"?—"For refreshments, 10*l.*, supplied to the committee room and the band."

42,756. You did not give a detailed account?—No, I did not.

42,757. How did you make it come to that sum?—I had the items down in my book what they had. I was told by one of the committee men to put it down, "Refreshments, so much," so much for the committee room, and so much for the band. There were three or four and twenty in the band, and they were at my house three nights.

42,758. Who told you to do that?—Mr. Luke Hind.

40,759. He told you to put down so much?—Yes.

42,760. How much for the committee?—I put it all down together.

42,761. That included the band and the committee?—The band and what I supplied them with.

42,762. Then it was one lump sum?—It was one lump sum.

42,763. Then it was not taken from your book at all?—I made it out "Refreshments, Mr. Keane, so much."

42,764. You did not get that from your book, because Mr. Hind told you to put it all together?—I had it in my book, and he told me I was just to put it down "Refreshments for Mr. Keane's committee," and not the items at all.

42,765. You had told him the amount before?—Yes.

42,766. Had you it in a book or on a slate?—I had it on a slate, and I entered it in a book afterwards.

42,767. How soon afterwards were you paid?—I have not got paid yet.

42,768. Eh?—I have never got a farthing yet. I want it. They have promised to pay it several times, but they have never done it.

42,769. I beg your pardon, I thought all this time that we were speaking of money that had been paid?—No.

42,770. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Just one question. Do you know a man of the name of John Needham?—I do not. Is there any possibility of my getting my money?

42,771. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) At the next election?

(*Witness.*) Of course I shall not be here then.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN SCRUTON (Keldgate) called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Scruton (Keldgate).

42,772. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,773. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes, I voted for Glover.

42,774. What did you get?—Nothing.

42,775. Edwards and Wells?—I never got anything at any election.

42,776. Any parliamentary election, you mean?—Any parliamentary; no, I never got anything.

42,777. You have at council choosings?—I did at the council choosing last time.

42,778. How much?—17*s.* 6*d.*

42,779. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

42,780. Which way have you generally voted, for the Conservatives or the Liberals?—I voted for Glover, and ever since for the Conservatives, and never got anything from none of them.

42,781. Did you ever look for anything?—No.

42,782. Never been promised?—No.

42,783. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are you?—A joiner.

42,784. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is it fair to ask you, I ask for my own information, how comes it that you, who seem to be a very honest man, and never to have taken anything for your vote, when we know you could have got considerable sums, should have taken the trumpery sum of 17*s.* 6*d.* at an election? Tell me how that is; you voted for ten years or more, in fact longer than ten years, without receiving any money, at times when you could have received considerable sums, and last year you took the trumpery sum of 17*s.* 6*d.* at the council choosing. How is that?—I cannot hear what you say.

42,785. I will say it again. You have told us that you voted for more than ten years without receiving any bribe at all?—Yes.

42,786. When we know quite well that during that time you might have received considerable sums for asking. Is not that so?—Very likely I might if I had looked for it, but I did not. I never did get anything.

42,787. That being so, how comes it that you, an honest man, should take 17*s.* 6*d.* at the council choosing?—Well, I had it brought to my house to go to vote; that is how I got it. I did not go and seek for it.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

J. Scruton (Keldgate.)

23 Oct. 1869.

42,788. Who brought it to your house ?—A gentleman they call Richmond.

42,789. But what I want to know is, why did you take it ?—Well, I was ill as the time at home, and I thought it was a very nice thing, 17*s.* 6*d.* when I was ill.

42,790. But 2*l.* or 3*l.* is a much nicer thing ?—That is all very right, but I never got anything at none of them.

42,791. Have you any explanation to give ?—That is the way. I never got anything.

42,792. Supposing 2*l.* had been brought to your house for Edwards and Sykes, would you have taken it ?—Most likely.

42,793. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you get Walker's gift in 1865 ?—Yes, I got it once or twice, seven or eight years.

42,794. It was in 1865 ?—I do not know what year.

42,795. Had you lost anything ?—Yes.

42,796. What had you lost ?—Three beasts.

42,797. Three beasts ! I thought you were a joiner ?—Yes.

42,798. You keep cattle besides ?—Yes.

42,799. On the pastures ?—Yes.

42,800. And you had lost those cattle ?—I lost three beasts.

42,801. When you applied for Walker's gift, did you tell them that you had lost three beasts ?—Yes, I stated the amount I had lost.

42,802. Now, Mr. Scruton, had you lost those three beasts ?—Yes, I lost three.

42,803. Three cattle ?—Yes.

42,804. How long before you applied ?—Perhaps three months or six months; I cannot say how long it was.

42,805. Three months or six months before ?—I lost one first, then the other two. I applied first and was refused, and I applied again and I got 4*l.*

42,806. Then that is not the time I am referring to. Just look at that, and tell me whether that is your handwriting ? (*A book was handed to witness.*)—No, I cannot say that is my handwriting ; it is my name, but it is not my handwriting.

42,807. Is there any other John Scruton ?—There are more John Scrutons ; there are other two John Scrutons besides me.

42,808. Where do you live ?—Keldgate. There is another John Scruton lives in Keldgate, a bricklayer.

42,809. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You got 4*l.* for the loss of beasts ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Scruton (Beckside).

JOHN SCRUTON (Beckside) called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner COX.

42,810. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

42,811. When did you vote first ?—Lawley and Wells.

42,812. Did you vote when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up in 1857 ?—No.

42,813. You did not vote that time ?—No.

42,814. How was that ?—I was not in the town.

42,815. Did you vote when Edwards was up with Wells ?—The first time Edwards came I voted.

42,816. Which way ?—Edwards.

42,817. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

42,818. How much ?—3*l.*

42,819. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in 1859 ?—No, I had not a vote.

42,820. Walker and Gridley in 1860 ?—I voted for Gridley.

42,821. Did you get anything ?—Yes.

42,822. How much ?—2*l.*

42,823. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, in 1865 ?—Edwards and Sykes.

42,824. How much did you get ? —I got nothing.

42,825. You are sure ?—Yes.

42,826. How was that ?—Well I never inquired for anything.

42,827. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall ?—No.

42,828. Did not get anything there ?—No.

42,829. You say at that 1865 election you did not get anything at all ?—No.

42,830. How was that ?—I never looked for anything.

42,831. Did anybody talk to you about money ?—No.

42,832. You never looked for it that time ?—No.

42,833. You knew there was money to be had ?—No, I did not.

42,834. Why, you heard of the mill ?—Of course. I heard some people say there was some, but I did not know it was correct.

42,835. You heard from one or two people that there was money ?—I heard in the town that they were giving money, but I got none.

42,836. You heard it in the town ?—Yes.

42,837. Why did you not inquire after it, as you had done at former elections ?—I never did inquire after it.

42,838. Not at that election, but you did at former elections ?—No, I did not ; it was giving without inquiring.

42,839. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

42,840. Did you get anything ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

42,841. Who gave you that ?—I got it at the "Golden Ball."

42,842. Which side did you vote ?—For the Tories.

42,843. And which side did you vote at the parliamentary ?—For Edwards and Kennard.

42,844. You are not the man who had Walker's gift ?—I had last year, once last year.

42,845. Had you lost anything ?—I wanted a horse at that time.

42,846. Had you lost anything ?—I had a horse that failed me, and I wanted it refreshed.

42,847. You wanted a better horse ?—Yes.

42,848. You were not satisfied with the one you had got ?—Well, it was past working.

42,849. What is your occupation ?—Carman and cowkeeper.

42,850. You wanted a younger horse ?—Yes.

42,851. Was that the reason you applied for Walker's gift ?—Yes.

42,852. Was that the only reason you stated ?—Yes.

42,853. How much did you get ?—3*l.*

42,854. That was the only time you got it ?—Yes.

42,855. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you buy another horse ?—Yes.

42,856. (*Mr Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you live at Keldgate ?—No.

42,857. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You got another horse with this money ?—Yes.

42,858. That was the *bonâ fide* reason of your applying for the gift ; you wanted another horse ?—Yes.

42,859. Now this old horse that you had, I suppose you sold it ?—Yes.

42,860. What did you get for it ?—Of course I do not know to a shilling ; I think it was about 18*s.*

42,861. I must ask you how long you had it before you sold it ?—Twelve months.

42,862. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You sold it, I suppose ?—Yes.

42,863. Did you buy another horse ?—Yes.

42,864. You have him now ?—Yes, I have the horse that I bought at the time when the other failed.

42,865. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It was last year you say ?—Yes.

42,866. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was a very convenient time to get it (*reading*) : "Received, 29th "October 1868, of the pasture masters of the borough "of Beverley the sum of three pounds for the follow-"ing purpose, namely, to purchase a horse, not having "the money to do so. JOHN SCRUTON."

42,867. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know when the pasture masters have their quarterly meetings?—No.

42,868. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think we have had evidence that the end of October is one of those quarterly meetings.

42,869. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then I do not know what other day you could have applied. In truth, it was the only proper time when application could be made at that time of the year, within six months.

42,870. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You kept the old horse for 12 months?—Yes.

42,871. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The old horse you kept for 12 months afterwards?—No, I have the horse that I bought at the time.

42,872. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The old horse?—The old horse I had 12 months, the horse that I sold at the time it failed. Morrell bought it of me for the dogs.

42,873. When?—It was about a week after the old fair.

42,874. Was it before you got the 3*l.* that you parted with it?—I am sure I could not say exactly; I worked it as long as it would work.

42,875. Had you parted with it before you got the help?—I cannot say positively.

42,876. Had you bought the other horse before you got the 3*l.*?—I am sure I cannot say. I sold one one day and I bought the other the next.

42,877. I think you bought the horse before you got the 3*l.*; is not that so?—I cannot say,

42,878. Yes, you can. When is the fair? What fair did you buy the horse at?—I did not buy it at a fair.

42,879. Where did you buy it?—I bought it of Thomas Clark, of Hull Bridge.

42,880. How soon after you sold the other? You sold the other at the fair?—No, I sold it in Beverley.

42,881. The week after the fair?—About a week after Michaelmas old fair.

42,882. When is Michaelmas Old Fair?—The 11th of October. I think I sold it a week after.

42,883. That would be about the 18th of October; is not that so?—Yes, I should say so.

42,884. How soon after that did you buy the new horse?—I think I sold the one one day and bought the other the next.

42,885. Then you bought it on the 19th or 20th. Then you had bought it before you received the 3*l.* What did you pay for it?—4*l.*

42,886. Had you the money by you?—Well, I do not know; I cannot say exactly whether I had my own at the time or not.

42,887. It is only a year ago?—I was very often short of that amount.

42,888. But had you that money by you? Do you know where you got the money that you paid Mr. Clark for the horse with?—I cannot exactly say where I got it.

42,889. According to the dates you bought the horse before you got the money?

42,890. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Then after that you got Walker's gift; after you paid for the horse you got Walker's gift?—I do not exactly know whether it was after or before.

42,891. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I observe that there were 22 donations made out of Walker's gift on the 29th of October and 14 on the 12th of May. I think it ought to be publicly stated, upon looking at this book, that by far most of the gifts are given on quarter days, and there seem to be one or two here and there given away at days in the interval.

42,892. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I, having carefully examined the book, assent to that statement.

The witness withdrew.

RICHARD SIMPSON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

R. Simpson.

42,893. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,894. How long have you been a freeman?—Fory-three years.

42,895. You recollect the Towneley election?—No, I was not a voter then; I lived at Hull.

42,896. Do you recollect the Denison, Wells, and Glover election?—I could not poll at that election. I had not been long back at Beverley.

42,897. Tell me when was the first time you voted after you came back?—The first time I voted was in 1857, for Mr. Walters.

42,898. Did you vote for Walters?—Yes.

42,899. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,900. Did you vote for Gridley?—Yes.

42,901. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,902. Did you vote for Keane?—Yes.

42,903. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,904. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

42,905. For whom?—For the crimson party.

42,906. For the Conservatives?—For the Conservatives.

42,907. Did you get anything for that?—10*s.*

42,908. How did you vote at the parliamentary?—For Edwards and Kennard, and got nothing.

42,909. At the Keane election I am told you voted for Edwards and Keane?—I did.

42,910. What did you get on Edwards' side?—I got a sovereign.

42,911. And two on the side of Keane?—And two on the side of Keane.

42,912. Who gave you the 10*s.* at the council choosing?—A person of the name of Thirsk.

42,913. Did you get Walker's gift?—No.

The witness withdrew.

ROBERT SIMPSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

R. Simpson.

42,914. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,915. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

42,916. For whom did you vote?—Glover.

42,917. Did you get anything?—No.

42,918. Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote?—Edwards.

42,919. Get anything then?—No.

42,920. The next time was Major Edwards and Walker; did you get anything then?—Yes.

42,921. Whom did you vote for?—Edwards and Walters.

42,922. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,923. The next is Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—Walker.

42,924. What did you get?—1*l.*

42,925. Then Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Edwards and Keane.

42,926. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,927. From whom?—Keane.

42,928. Anything for Major Edwards?—No.

42,929. Now, did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

42,930. Did you get anything?—17*s.* 6*d.*

42,931. For whom did you vote?—The Conservatives.

42,932. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—The Conservatives.

42,933. Edwards and Kennard?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

J. Scruton (Beckside).

23 Oct. 1869.

JOHN SCRUTON (Beckside) recalled and further examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,934. I only want to ask you one question; how long was it before you got Walker's gift after you applied for it?—A month or five weeks, I don't know, I cannot exactly say.

42,935. Did you apply in writing?—Yes.

42,936. You said you wanted the money for a horse?—Yes.

42,937. Did you get any answer? did anyone tell you when you were to come?—I received a letter to tell me they were going to have a meeting at the Town Hall, and I was to attend.

The witness withdrew.

W. Skinner.

WILLIAM SKINNER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

42,938. You are a freeman?—Yes.

42,939. Did you vote at the Denisons election?—No, Walters' was the first election.

42,940. Did you vote for Mr. Walters alone?—Yes.

42,941. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

42,942. Did you vote at the next election, Walker and Gridley?—Gridley, 2*l.*

42,943. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Keane, 2*l.*

42,944. You voted for Keane?—Yes.

42,945. Did you tell me you voted for Gridley?—Yes, 2*l.* for Gridley.

42,946. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

42,947. Did you get anything?—17*s.* 6*d.*

42,948. Which side did you vote?—The Conservatives.

42,949. Which side did you vote at the parliamentary?—I did not vote at all at the parliamentary.

42,950. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why?—I never took an interest in it. I did not leave my business for it.

42,951. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is your business?—Tinner and brazier.

42,952. Have you told me of all the monies that you received in any way connected with the election?—Yes, all.

42,953. Connected with any election?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

R. Skinner.

RICHARD SKINNER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

42,954. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,955. How long have you been a freeman?—I voted in 1857.

42,956. That was the first election you voted at?—Yes.

42,957. For whom did you vote?—Edwards.

42,958. Did you receive anything?—Nothing.

42,959. The next election would be Walters, Edwards, and Walker, did you vote?—I voted for Walker.

42,960. For Walker alone?—Yes.

42,961. Did you not vote for Edwards and Walker?—No.

42,962. For Walker alone?—Yes.

42,963. What did you get?—2*l.*

42,964. Who paid you that 2*l.*?—Henry Johnson.

42,965. Henry Johnson of where?—Of the spirit vaults.

42,966. You did not vote for Walters; did you get any money on Walters' side?—I got 2*l.*

42,967. From Walters?—From Walters.

42,968. 2*l.* from Walters. For whom did you vote?—I did not vote at all.

42,969. I am asking you about Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election; for whom did you vote at that election?—I did not vote at all.

42,970. You did not vote for either Walters, Edwards, or Walker?—No.

42,971. But you got 2*l.* from Walters?—From Walters.

42,972. Did you get 2*l.* on Walker's side too?—No.

42,973. Now, I understand you; you got 2*l.* and you did not vote. The next election was Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—Walker.

42,974. Then you got 2*l.* from Johnson?—2*l.* from Walker.

42,975. Then in Keane's election for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Keane.

42,976. 2*l.* from Keane, I suppose?—1*l.* from Keane, and 10*s.* from Edwards.

42,977. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No.

42,978. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Which way did you vote at the parliamentary, the last election?—Edwards and Kennard.

42,979. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you get Walker's gift?—No.

42,980. In June 1867, did you not get it. Is that your handwriting (*a book was handed to witness*)?—No.

The witness withdrew.

C. H. Slater.

CHARLES HENRY SLATER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

42,981. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

42,982. Did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election?—Yes.

42,983. For whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells.

42,984. Did you get anything?—Yes, I came down from London to vote.

42,985. You got 2*l.* 17*s.*?—I do not know, I am sure, what I got.

42,986. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You got 5*l.*?—No.

42,987. How much did you get?—I cannot say; I got it by instalments.

42,988. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You got it by instalments?—Yes.

42,989. You can tell us who paid you?—Mr. Boyes paid me.

42,990. Mr. Boyes paid you by instalments?—Yes, I got 1*l.* the election day and something after, and 1*l.* when Wells came again.

42,991. And 1*l.* when Wells came again?—Yes, that was for my loss of time. He did not pay it until Wells came again.

42,992. (*Mr. Serjeant B'Orien.*) One pound for loss of time?—Yes; I should not have got that if it had not been an election again.

42,993. You only got 1*l.* of it at the following election?—I got 1*l.* before the election.

42,994. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And then you got another sum paid you?—No, I got 1*l.* at the election day for Denison and Wells, and then I got something after, but I cannot say what I got then. I signed my name to it.

42,995. Would it be 17*s.*? I cannot say what it was. I was paid at Mr. Boyes' house. Then when the election came again he came to my father's house and said, "I have some money for thou." I asked him when I was to come up for it, and he told me; and I went up and got a pound.

42,996. You went to Mr. Boyes' house?—Yes, he said I was to call.

42,997. Did you apply to him in the first instance?—No; I heard they were paying expenses, and so I went.

42,998. Then at Edwards and Wells' election you seem to have voted for Edwards?—Yes.

42,999. That was in spite of the 1*l.* you got from Daniel Boyes?—That had nothing to do with it; that was for the other election.

43,000. You thought it had nothing to do with it?—It had not.

43,001. You gave us a better answer just now when said you would not have got it if it had not been for the other election. You got a trifle from Edwards besides?—Yes.

43,002. What did you get?—2*l.*

43,003. That was at Edwards' last election?—Yes.

43,004. Then the next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; how did you vote then?—Edwards and Walker.

43,005. What did you get?—Nothing.

43,006. Really nothing?—Nothing.

43,007. I am sure you would tell us if you had?—I would, but I did not, because I voted out of respect for Mr. Walker.

43,008. A very good reason; a much better reason than getting 2*l.* Then the next election was Walker and Gridley; whom did you vote for then?—Walker.

43,009. Did you get anything then?—No.

43,010. The next was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; for whom did you vote?—For Keane.

43,011. For Keane?—Yes.

43,012. You had no respect for Mr. Sykes although he was a neighbour?—No, it had nothing to do with me then.

43,013. You got 2*l.*?—I got 3*l.*

43,014. Anything from the other side?—No, I never went to bother them.

43,015. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

43,016. I think I know whom you voted for, the Conservatives?—Most money.

43,017. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

43,018. Whom did you vote for at the parliamentary?—A plumper for Maxwell. There's nought like a change.

The witness withdrew.

FREDERICK RICHARD SOUTHWICK called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

F. R. Southwick.

43,019. You are a freeman?—Yes.

43,020. When did you vote first?—At Keane's election.

43,021. Did you vote for Mr. Keane?—Yes.

43,022. What did you get?—4*l.*

43,023. Did you get that on the election day?—Part of it.

43,024. And part on the nomination day?—Yes.

43,025. What did you get on the nomination day?—1*l.*, and 3*l.* on the election day.

43,026. Who gave you that 3*l.*?—I got 1*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, and 2*l.* a Duffill's.

43,027. Did you vote at the municipal election?—No.

43,028. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you any relation to a man named Southwick who paid at the Mechanics' Hall?—Yes.

43,029. That perhaps had to do with your getting the 4*l.*?—No.

43,030. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What relation are you to him?—Son.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM SOUTHWICK called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W Southwick.

43,031. Are you any relation of the last witness?—Brother.

43,032. You have been a freeman longer than your brother?—Yes.

43,033. How long have you been a freeman?—Since Denison, Wells, and Glover.

43,034. Did you vote at that election?—Yes.

43,035. For whom?—Glover.

43,036. There was no money going; did you get any?—No.

43,037. Did you vote at the next election, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

43,038. For whom?—Edwards.

43,039. What did you get?—Nothing.

43,040. Did you vote at Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election, the following election in 1857?—I believe I should vote for Walters.

43,041. Two pounds was going then; how much did you get?—Nothing.

43,042. Now do attend. Do you mean you voted for Walters, having voted for Edwards before, and you did not get anything?—Yes. The reason I voted for Edwards was on account of the petition against Glover.

43,043. You voted for Edwards because you were angry that Glover was disqualified?—Yes.

43,044. Then you voted for Walters?—Yes.

43,045. Now the next election was Walker and Gridley?—Gridley I should vote.

43,046. What did you receive?—I received nothing.

43,047. Have you ever received anything?—Yes.

43,048. When?—Keane's election.

43,049. It strikes me as very strange. Why, Gridley had money?—I do not know. I never had any offered me, and I never looked for it.

43,050. For whom did you vote at Keane's election?—For Keane.

43,051. What did you get?—2*l.*

43,052. Did you not get money from Walters. You plumped for Glover in 1859. You did not vote for Walters then?—I polled for Glover when he had only 49 votes single.

43,053. But did you not get money from Walters?—No.

43,054. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

43,055. For whom?—The Liberal candidates.

43,056. Did you get anything?—Nothing; and the last parliamentary I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

43,057. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Is 2*l.* all the money you got at Keane's election?—That is all the money I ever received at any election.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM SPENCELEY called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. Spenceley.

43,058. Are you a freeman?—I am.

43,059. How long have you been a freeman?—Eleven years.

43,060. When did you first vote?—1858.

43,061. Then you voted in 1859?—Yes.

43,062. Walters' election?—Yes.

43,063. For whom did you vote at that election?—Edwards and Walker.

43,064. What did you receive?—Nothing.

43,065. Had you been at all employed in any way as a messenger?—No.

43,066. Then you received nothing at that election? Nothing at all.

43,067. And the next election would be Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—Walker.

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43,068. Did you receive anything at that election?—Yes.

43,069. How much?—30*s.*

43,070. And at the Keane election?—Yes, I voted.

43,071. For whom?—Edwards and Sykes.

43,072. What did you get?—I promised Sir Henry Edwards before the election, and I got 2*l.* for voting for Sykes.

43,073. Now at the council choosing did you vote?—I have not a vote at all. I would always vote for Sir Henry Edwards anywhere.

The witness withdrew.

T. C. Stephenson.

THOMAS CRUMP STEPHENSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,074. What is the first election at which you voted?—Edwards and Sykes.

43,075. How did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

43,076. Did you get anything?—2*l.*

43,077. I suppose you are a freeman?—Yes.

43,078. Did you vote at the council choosing?—I voted at all.

43,079. But I mean the last one?—Yes.

43,080. Did you get anything?—17*s.* 6*d.*

43,081. That was from the Conservatives?—Yes.

43,082. Did you vote for them?—Yes.

43,083. Whom did you vote for at the parliamentary election?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

A. Pickard.

ANDREW PICKARD called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,084. When did you first vote?—At Towneley's second election.

43,085. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes, I did.

43,086. For whom?—Well, I should think it would be Denison and Wells.

43,087. You voted on the Liberal side?—I think it would be.

43,088. Did you get anything?—No, I think not.

43,089. You know you have had a long time to think about it?—Well, you asked me who I voted for.

43,090. What did you get?—I did not get anything, I think. I believe I did not. You may take my word that I did not get anything.

43,091. I will take your word if you say positively you did not?—Then I will say positively I did not.

43,092. Edwards and Wells, did you vote then?—Yes, I think so. I believe I voted for all the parliamentary elections.

43,093. For whom did you vote?—I should think for Edwards that election.

43,094. What did you get?—Nothing.

43,095. That you swear?—Yes.

43,096. Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote?—I think I voted Walters and Walker; I think so.

43,097. What did you get?—That is the only election; I got 2*l.* I believe.

43,098. Who gave it you?—It was a publican.

43,099. Not in his own house?—No; I went into the——

43,100. Who was the publican?—Mr. Boyes.

43,101. Mr. Boyes gave it to you?—No, he did not give it to me.

43,102. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You went to Poole the confectioner's house?—It was in the Toll Gavel.

43,103. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You went to Poole's house?—Yes.

43,104. Was that the only election at which you got anything?—Yes.

43,105. Walker and Gridley, did you vote then?—Yes, I should think I should.

43,106. Come?—Yes, I say I believe I did.

43,107. You got 2*l.* you say at Walker and Gridley's election?—No, I did not.

43,108. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For whom did you vote?—Well, I should vote for Walker, no doubt.

43,109. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You did vote for Walker?—Yes.

43,110. And got nothing?—Nothing at all.

43,111. Neither before or after the election?—No.

43,112. Nor any promise of anything?—No, I am sure I did not.

43,113. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you vote then?—Yes, I believe that would be four or five years ago, would not it?

43,114. Yes, 1865?—Yes, I did.

43,115. For whom did you vote?—I should vote for Edwards and Sykes.

43,116. Did you get anything?—No.

43,117. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There is no reason why you should vote, why did you say, "I should vote," did you?—Yes.

43,118. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes, I did.

43,119. Did you get anything then?—No, I did not.

43,120. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Lowther, I think, and Catterson, I believe.

43,121. And how did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

J. Pougher.

JOHN POUGHER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,122. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,123. How long have you been a freeman?—I should think 30 years. My first election would be Murray and Sackville Fox's.

43,124. Do you recollect the Towneley election?—Yes, very well.

43,125. Did you vote at that election?—Yes.

43,126. What did you get?—I got 12*l.*

43,127. Did you vote at the next Towneley election?—Yes, I believe I did.

43,128. What did you get?—Nothing.

43,129. About?—I got nothing at all.

43,130. Did you vote at the Lawley and Wells' election; do you recollect?—Yes.

43,131. For whom?—I voted for Lawley and Wells.

43,132. How much?—2*l.* I believe.

43,133. And then we come at once to the Denison, Wells, and Glover election?—I believe the two Glover's elections I did not vote.

43,134. Denison, Wells, and Glover. Did you vote at that election?—I do not believe I did. I think those are the two elections I missed.

43,135. Did you vote at Edwards and Wells' in 1857, the second election, the first time, you know, that Major Edwards came?—Edwards and Wells, and who?

43,136. No one else, Glover was disqualified?—I should vote for Edwards that time.

43,137. Did you get anything?—No, nothing at all.

43,138. Do you recollect Walters' election?—Yes, very well.

43,139. That was 1859?—Yes.

43,140. For whom did you vote at that election?—I voted for Walters.

43,141. What did you get?—I got 2*l.*

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43,142. From whom ? — A person they called Taylor paid it in that place in Toll Gavel, the Reform Association Rooms.

43,143. You got 2*l.* ?—Yes.

43,144. But did you vote?—Yes, I voted for them, for Walters.

43,145. Now go on to the Walker and Gridley election ; did you vote ?—Yes, for Walker.

43,146. How much ?—Oh, nothing at all.

43,147. Well, we know now money was going, you know. That was in 1860 ?—Well, I never got any.

43,148. Were you much in their confidence at that election ?—No, no.

43,149. In 1866 for whom did you vote ?—What election ?

43,150. Keane's ?—Oh, I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

43,151. How much ?—3*l.*

43,152. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—Yes.

43,153. For whom ?—This last council choosing ?

43,154. Yes ?—I voted for the Conservatives.

43,155. How much ?—15*s.*

43,156. From whom ?—From John Bentley ; he is dead.

43,157. For whom did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—For Sir Henry Edwards and Kennard.

43,158. Now I must take you back to 1859. We understand some persons were prosecuted after that for bribery. Were you one of the witnesses examined ?—Yes.

43,159. Who took you up to York as a witness ?—I believe that John Willis was the party that took us up. There was several of us went beside.

43,160. Who was the attorney ?—Oh, that I know nothing at all about.

43,161. Did any man in Beverley pay your expenses ?—No, it was a very poor job that. I think I only got half a sovereign before we went, and some few shillings after.

43,162. I want to know who paid you ?—It would be Mr. Mills in Mr. Crust's office.

43,163. I believe it was a parliamentary prosecution by order of the House of Commons. How many of you went up ? Tell me the names ?—I perhaps could not mention them all.

43,164. There is the man we had yesterday ?—Well, there is several of them dead since then.

43,165. Do not mention them. Stoker went up ?—There was a person they call Kirk.

43,166. Very well. You were examined as a witness, I believe ?—Yes.

43,167. And proved the fact of the 2*l.* being given you by Boyes ; that is so ?—Yes.

43,168. May I inquire who paid you the 3*l.* at Edwards and Sykes' election ?—I believe it was a gentleman they called Robert Oxley, he is dead now, a butcher.

43,169. You voted for Major Edwards always, except on the occasion when you voted for Walters ?—Yes, with the exception of that election I believe I have generally voted for the Tories.

43,170. When you received the 2*l.* from Walters I suppose you did not intend to vote, or did you receive it for the purpose of exposing it ?—No.

43,171. Not for the purpose of exposing it ?—No, not all. There was nothing of that about it.

44,172. When you received it you received it—— ?—The same as the other people.

43,173. To whom did you tell it ? Were you examined by the committee of the House of Commons ?—Yes.

43,174. Who spoke to you to vote for them in 1865 ? What candidate spoke to you to vote for Edwards and Sykes ?—Oh, I was canvassed the same as the others.

43,175. By whom ?—I could not pretend to say now who came about canvassing.

43,176. Are you sure you did not get money that very year, Walters' election ? We know at the very time that prosecution was pending money was brought down here to be spent in bribery. Did you get any of that money ?—I did not.

43,177. Do you know anybody who did ?—No, I cannot say.

43,178. You were examined up in London ?—Yes.

43,179. Did you see any of the gentlemen who were counsel there down here ?—No.

43,180. You were examined as a witness and had the Queen's pardon given to you before you were examined ?—Yes, that was at York.

43,181. And then you received a bribe in 1865 ?—Very possible.

43,182. But you said you did. You said you received 3*l.* from Oxley. Is not that so ?—Yes, I believe it is. I do not deny it.

43,183. Were there many of you when you received the money from Oxley ?—No, I was with myself.

43,184. Where was he ?—I believe it was at the "Cross Keys," it was in a room at the "Cross Keys."

43,185. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I am going to ask you a question that you need not answer unless you like. I do it for my own information. Do not answer unless you like. Who put you up to asking for the Queen's pardon ?—I am sure I could not say now.

43,186. Very well. I wanted to know for my own information ?—All of us was presented with one.

43,187. You do not remember. You know there is not the least harm in your telling us. I should rather like to know for my own information ?—I could not answer truthfully. I believe we was told before we was examined to apply for a pardon, that they would give us one, but I could not say who it was that advised it.

43,188. You were a witness against Taylor also ?—No.

43,189. Taylor was the man who paid you ?—Yes, he was.

The witness withdrew.

J. Stott.

John Stott called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,190. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

43,191. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—Yes.

43,192. For whom did you vote ?—Denison and Wells.

43,193. Did you get anything ?—No.

43,194. You are quite sure ?—Yes.

43,195. Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote ?—Wells.

43,196. Did you get anything then ?—No.

43,197. Then Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I polled single, Walters.

43,198. You got something then ?—30*s.*

43,199. Then Walker and Gridley ?—I polled for Gridley single.

43,200. You got 2*l.* then, I suppose ?—Yes.

43,201. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I polled for Edwards and received 4*l.* of Keane's money.

43,202. You polled for Edwards and got 4*l.* ?—Yes, from Keane.

43,203. How did you vote at the council choosing ?—I have not voted this eight or nine years.

43,204. Before I sit down, how did you come to get 4*l.* out of Keane ?—I got 2*l.* at the Mechanics' Hall, and 2*l.* from Duffill's.

43,205. At the "George and Dragon" ?—Yes.

43,206. Do you know a man named Southwick ?—Yes, very well.

43,207. Are you any relation of his ?—No.

53,208. Do you work for him ?—No.

43,209. Do you know Wilson well ?—What Wilson ?

43,210. Samuel, I think ?—I do not know the man, I believe. I know William Wilson, brewer.

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43,211. I forget whether that is the man; was he in the Mechanics' Hall?—I never saw him. Samuel Wilson gave me no money.

43,312. Do you know him well?—Yes.

43,313. He is a friend of yours?—He is no friend of mine; he is a great blackguard.

43,314. Do you know Duffill well?—John Duffill?

43,315. Yes, of the "George and Dragon"?—William Duffill that is.

43,216. John Duffill is his uncle?—Yes.

43,217. You know them both?—Yes, I do.

42,218. Are you any relation of theirs?—No.

43,219. Have you ever worked for them?—No.

43,220. What are you, a miller?—At a whiting mill.

43,221. You would get a trifle for voting for Edwards, I'll be bound?—Not a farthing.

43,222. You got 4*l.* from Keane and voted for Edwards?—I did.

43,223. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How is it you managed to get so much as 4*l.*?—They said there was plenty to give. I was to go to the Mechanics' first, and they gave me 2*l.*, and they said I was to go to Duffill's, and I went and got 2*l.* there.

43,224. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) But did not you intend to vote for Keane?—To be sure. There was so many going and saying "Edwards," "Edwards," and they asked me to poll for Edwards. I intended to poll for Keane, but I said, "Edwards," and then, "Stop, I mean Keane," and they said, "It is too late now."

43,225. Did you say, "Edwards" at all?—Yes, I did. It was partly three parts out, but I went to call my words back, and they said I was too late.

43,226. Who presided at the election where you gave your vote? Who took your name?—I went from work.

43,227. No; who took your name when you went to vote?—I do not know? it was quite a stranger to me, I am sure.

43,228. You intended to vote for Keane then?—I did.

43,229. You went up for the purpose of voting for Keane?—I did.

43,230. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you say that you voted for Edwards in the room?—I voted for Edwards. I got the word partly out and went to call it back again, and they said I was too late.

43,231. Do you know the name of the poll clerk?—I do not, I am sure.

43,232. (*Mr. Barstow.*) But we can find that out easily enough.

43,233. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What booth did you vote at?—The Corn Exchange.

43,234. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Now listen to me. You went to a person there who had a book in front of him, who put the names down?—Yes.

43,235. That was the poll clerk?—Yes.

43,236. He asked you which way you were going to vote?—Yes.

43,237. And you said Edwards?—(*No answer.*)

43,238. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien to Mr. Wreghitt.*) Were the polling clerks appointed by the town clerk?

43,239. (*Mr. Wreghitt.*) I believe the town clerk has the appointment of these officers.

43,240. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He asked you which way you were going to vote?—Yes.

43,241. You said Edwards?—Yes.

43,242. Did he put that down?—I expect he did. I came away directly; no more than I said, "Stop:" he said, "You are too late."

43,243. After he had put it down did you say you wanted to vote for the other?—I said I wanted to poll for Keane. He said, "It is too late."

43,244. I understand that; but I want to know whether you said that after he had marked your name for the other candidate. He had got it down before you said you wanted to vote for the other?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

W. Sunman, jun.

WILLIAM SUNMAN, jun., called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,245. You are a freeman?—Yes.

44,246. Do you remember when you first voted at parliamentary elections?—About 1847, I believe.

43,247. Now go on 10 years later, when Mr. Denison was here; did you vote then?—Yes, I should.

43,248. Did you vote for him?—For Glover.

43,249. Glover and Wells were up with him?—Glover, single.

43,250. Did you get anything?—No.

43,251. Did you vote in the next election, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

43,252. For whom?—Edwards.

43,253. Did you get anything?—2*l.* 10*s.*

43,254. Walters, Edwards, and Walker; did you vote then?—Walters.

43,255. How much?—2*l.*

43,256. Walker and Gridley?—2*l.*

43,257. For which?—Gridley.

43,258. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—2*l.* for Keane.

43,259. Did you vote for Keane?—Yes.

43,260. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

43,261. How much?—17*s.* 6*d.*

43,262. Did you vote for the crimson or orange?—Conservatives.

43,263. Who gave you the money?—I got it at the "Golden Ball," I believe, Mr. Watson.

43,264. And for whom did you vote at the parliamentary election?—For Edwards and Maxwell.

43,265. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Whom did you vote for at Edwards and Wells' election? You did not say. You got 2*l.* 10*s.*?—That would be the first election, would not it?

43,266. Yes?—Well, Edwards.

The witness withdrew.

T. Sykes.

THOMAS SYKES called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,267. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,268. When did you vote first?—I think it would be Denison and Wells.

43,269. Did you vote for Denison and Wells?—Yes.

43,270. What did you get?—Nothing.

43,271. Did you vote at the next election?—Yes.

43,272. Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

43,273. For whom?—For Wells.

43,274. Did you get anything?—No. I had an offer of 5*l.*, but it was on the wrong side.

43,275. From whom?—The person is dead.

43,276. Who was it?—Wilkin.

43,277. To vote for whom?—For Mr. Edwards.

43,278. At the next election, Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote?—For Walker.

43,279. What did you get?—2*l.*

43,280. The next, Gridley and Walker, for whom did you vote?—Gridley.

43,281. What did you get?—2*l.*

43,282. The next, Keane?—Keane.

43,283. What did you get?—I got 3*l.* 12*s.* I belonged to the band.

43,284. 1*l.* 12*s.* I suppose for your wages in the band, and 2*l.* for the vote?—Something of that sort.

43,285. How long had you been in the band?—We played every evening.

43,286. Five or six evenings ?—I cannot say.
43,287. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—Yes.
43,288. For whom ?—For the Liberals.
43,289. What did you get ?—I never received anything for the council choosing.
43,290. And I suppose you voted for the Liberals at the last election ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN WHITTAKER TAYLOR called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,291. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
43,292. When is the first time you voted ?—At Wells' election.
43,293. Which election of Wells ?—The last.
43,294. Wells and Edwards ?—Yes.
43,295. For whom did you vote ?—Wells.
43,296. Did you get anything ?—Nothing.
43,297. The next election was Walters' election ; did you get anything then ?—I voted for Walters.
43,298. What did you get ?—*2l.*
43,299. The next election was Walker and Gridley ; who did you vote for ?—Walker.
43,300. What did you get ?—*2l.*
43,301. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, who did you vote for ?—Keane.
43,302. Did you get *2l.* ?—Yes.
43,303. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS HENRY TAYLOR called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,304. Did you vote at the Denison election ?—No.
43,305. When did you vote first ?—At Keane's.
43,306. That was 1865 ?—Yes.
43,307. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
43,308. Were you not qualified before ?—No.
43,309. You voted for Keane ?—Yes.
43,310. How much did you get ?—*2l.*
43,311. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM VERITY called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,312. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
43,313. How long have you been ?—Forty-six years.
43,314. Did you vote at the Towneley election ?—Yes.
43,315. What did you get then ?—12*l.*
43,316. And voted at subsequent elections ?—Yes.
43,317. Do you recollect voting at the Denison election ?—Yes.
43,318. For whom ?—Wells and Denison.
43,319. Did you receive anything for your labour or anything of that sort ?—No, nothing at that election.
43,320. Nothing at all ?—No.
43,321. Had you been employed ?—No.
43,322. At the election following, Edwards and Wells, did you vote for Wells ?—Yes, Wells.
43,323. Did you receive anything ?—No.
43,324. Now, we come to Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Walters.
43,325. Then we know how much ?—*2l.*
43,326. Gridley and Walker ?—Gridley.
43,327. How much ?—*2l.*
43,328. At Keane's election ?—I voted for Keane.
43,329. How much did you get ?—*2l.*
43,330. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—No.
43,331. You did not ?—No.
43,332. I suppose you voted for Maxwell and Trollope at the parliamentary ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

CHARLES VERITY called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,333. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.
43,334. Did you vote at Denison's election, Denison, Edwards, and Wells ?—Yes.
43,335. For whom did you vote ?—Wells and Denison.
43,336. Did you get anything ?—No.
43,337. Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote ?—Wells.
43,338. Did you get anything ?—No.
43,339. Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Walters.
43,340. What did you get ?—*2l.*
43,341. And Gridley you voted for ?—Yes.
43,342. Two pounds ?—Yes.
43,343. And Keane *2l.* ?—Yes.
43,344. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM WALKER called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,345. Did you vote at Denison's election ?—Yes.
43,346. For whom ?—Mr. Denison.
43,347. For him alone ?—Yes, I think I only voted for him.
43,348. You did not vote for Mr. Wells ?—No.
43,349. Did you get anything ?—*5s.*
43,350. Who gave you that ?—Park.
43,351. Where was that ; from Mr. Park was it ?—Robert Park they call him.
43,352. What is he ?—A bricklayer.
43,353. Did he promise you any money ?—No.
43,354. Did he say you should have as much as the others ?—No.
43,355. That was all you expected ?—That was all I expected and all I got. I had nothing, no more promised.
43,356. Did you vote at the next election for Edwards and Wells ?—Yes, I voted Edwards.
43,357. You voted Edwards that time ?—Yes.
43,358. What did you get ?—I got nothing at that election. I got 10*s.* some time before Martinmas.
43,359. You got 10*s.* after the election ?—Yes.
43,360. How long after ?—A little before Martinmas.
43,361. Who gave you the 10*s.* ?—Mr. Wallis.
43,362. That was Edwards' first election ?—Yes.
43,363. The next election of Mr. Edwards, which way did you vote then ?—1859, was it ?
43,364. Yes ; well did you vote for Denison and Wells the first election ? Denison, Wells, and Glover, can you recollect ?—I do not know exactly, I could not find the poll book. I do not know.
43,365. Let us go on to this, Walters, Edwards, and Walker's election, the second time that Edwards was here ?—Edwards and Walker.
43,366. What did you get ?—Nothing.
43,367. Are you sure of that ?—I is.
43,368. Walker and Gridley, did you get anything

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then ?—No, I could not vote, I was cut off the list for being out of the distance.

43,369. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—Edwards and Keane.

43,370. How much did you get from Keane ?—2*l.*

43,371. And how much on the Edwards side ?—Nothing.

43,372. You say you got nothing for Edwards ?—No, I got nothing.

43,373. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

43,374. What did you get ?—17*s.*

43,375. From the Conservatives ?—Yes.

43,376. Which way did you vote at the parliamentary ?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

T. Hall.

THOMAS HALL called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,377. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

43,378. How long have you been ?—Nine or ten years.

43,379. When did you vote first ?—I voted for Walters.

43,380. That was the first election ?—Yes.

43,381. Did you vote for Walters ?—Yes.

43,382. How much did you get ?—2*l.*

43,383. At Mr. Walker's ?—I voted for Walker.

43,384. How much ?—2*l.*

43,385. Were you not offered anything on the Gridley side ?—No.

43,386. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane for whom did you vote ?—For Edwards and Sykes.

43,387. How much did you get ?—2*l.*

43,388. Did you vote at the council choosing ?—Yes.

43,389. How much did you get ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

43,390. Where ?—At the "Golden Ball."

43,391. For whom did you vote ?—For the Conservatives.

43,392. Then you have voted Walters, Walker, and then Edwards and Sykes ?—Yes.

43,393. You voted for Edwards and Kennard at the parliamentary ?—Yes.

R. Hodgson.

ROBERT HODGSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,394. What is the first election at which you voted ?—Edwards and Sykes.

43,395. Did you vote for Edwards and Sykes ?—Yes.

43,396. What did you get ?—Nothing.

43,397. You are quite sure of that ?—Yes.

43,398. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

W. Watson.

WILLIAM WATSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,399. When did you first vote ?—Lawley and Wells.

43,400. Did you get anything then ?—No.

43,401. You did not get anything ?—No.

43,302. Gordon and Hastings, when they were up ?—I voted for Gordon.

43,403. Denison, Glover, and Wells ?—Yes.

43,404. Which way ?—Denison.

43,405. Did you get anything ?—Yes, I did.

43,406. How much ?—2*l.*

43,407. Who gave you that ?—Mr. Boyes.

43,408. Was that the day of the election ?—Yes, it was.

43,409. Did you vote Denison and Wells, or Denison single ?—Denison and Wells, I believe.

43,410. And Mr. Boyes gave you a couple of pounds ?—Yes.

43,411. At Edwards and Wells' ?—I did not vote at all.

43,412. Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Walters I voted for.

43,413. Single Walters ?—Yes.

43,414. How much ?—1*l.*

43,415. Who gave you that ?—I got it in a room in Toll Gavel.

43,416. Walker and Gridley ?—I did not vote.

43,417. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—Keane.

43,418. How much ?—1*l.*

43,419. That was all you got ?—That was all I got.

43,420. Nothing from the other side ?—No.

43,421. Did you vote at the council choosing last year ?—Yes.

43,422. How much ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

43,423. Did you vote for the Conservatives ?—Yes, I did.

43,424. How did you vote at the parliamentary ?—Edwards and Kennard.

43,425. Your name is William Watson ?—Yes.

43,426. What are you by occupation ?—A coach builder.

43,427. And where do you live ?—I live in Well Place.

43,428. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where did Boyes pay you ?—He paid me in the street.

J. West.

JACOB WEST called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,429. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

43,430. How long have you been a freeman ?—Fifty-six years.

43,431. Do you recollect the Denison, Wells, and Glover election in 1857 ?—My memory is bad, I cannot think of it.

43,432. Have you anything written down ?—Yes (*the witness produced a piece of paper*).

43,433. Give it to me, and I will help you. (*It was handed to the Commissioner.*) You voted at the Towneley election and got 12*l.*; you voted for Edwards and Keane and got 2*l.*, that is right, is it ?—Yes.

43,434. Got 3*l.* from Walker's gift as you had lost 15*l.* of stock, it being a bad summer. Polled for the Liberals in 1868; is that all you recollect, that is down on this paper ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

T. Whisker.

THOMAS WHISKER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,435. Which is the first election at which you voted ?—Lawley and Wells.

43,436. Did you get anything then ?—Yes, I got 3*l.*

43,437. Who did you vote for, Lawley and Wells ?—Yes.

43,438. What did you get ?—3*l.*

43,439. The next was Denison, Wells, and Glover what did you get then ?—Nothing.

43,440. Edwards and Wells, how did you vote ?—I voted for Edwards.

43,441. You would get something then ?—No, they would not give me anything.

43,442. Did they promise you anything ?—No.

43,443. The next election was Walters, Edwards, and Walker, how did you vote, do you remember ?—I voted for Walters.

43,444. I suppose you got 2*l.* ?—Yes.

43,455. The next was Walker and Gridley ?—I voted for Gridley.

43,446. And you would get 2*l.* ?—Yes.

43,447. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—I voted for Keane.

43,448. What did you get ?—I got 2*l.*

43,449. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No, I was not on the list.

The witness withdrew.

W. Wilson.

William Wilson called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,450. Did you vote at the election of 1857, when Denison was here ?—No.

43,451. When did you vote first ?—Walters, Edwards, and Walker.

43,452. Do you mean that election ?—Yes.

43,453. When those were the candidates ?—Yes.

43,454. For which of them did you vote ?—For Edwards and Walker.

43,455. Did you get anything ?—No.

43,456. You did not ?—No.

43,457. Walker and Gridley, did you vote then ?—I voted for Walker.

43,458. Did you get anything ?—No.

43,459. Think ?—No.

43,460. There was a good deal of money going, you know. Did you not look after the money ?—No.

43,461. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you vote then ?—I got a sovereign of Keane.

43,462. Have you ever got any money at parliamentary elections besides that ?—I only got a sovereign at Mr. Walters'.

43,463. Have you got any at parliamentary elections besides that ?—No.

43,464. That was the only time you ever got any at a parliamentary election ?—No.

43,465. This sovereign was all you got ?—And the sovereign at Mr. Walters'.

43,466. That was all ?—That is all. 1*l.* at Walters and 1*l.* at Keane's.

43,467. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who gave you the sovereign at Walters' ?—I went into a shop for it.

43,468. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You did not vote for Mr. Walters. You got the 1*l.* for them and you voted for Edwards and Walker ?—Yes.

43,469. Did you get anything from Edwards and Walker's people ?—No, I was told to go for it or else I should not have gone.

43,470. Who told you to go for it ?—Dan Boyes.

43,471. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—I never polled.

43,472. For whom did you vote at the Keane election ?—Edwards.

43,473. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Edwards and whom ?—Edwards and Sykes.

43,474. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) And got the pound from Keane's people ?—Yes.

43,475. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is the same thing you did before ?

43,476. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you not get anything from the Edwards and Sykes people ?—They said I was to have a suit of clothes after the election. Mr. John Brigham said so.

43,477. Who promised you a suit of cloths ?—Mr. John Brigham.

43,478. We are now talking, if we understand each other, about the time that you voted for Edwards and Sykes. You polled for Edwards and Sykes ?—Yes.

43,479. And Mr. Brigham promised you a suit of cloths ?—Yes, a pair of boots and a coat.

43,480. Did he make the promise before or after the election ?—On the day of the election.

43,481. But you never got it ?—Yes, I got the boots.

43,482. Did you get the suit of clothes ?—Yes.

43,483. Where does Mr. Brigham live ?—In the square.

43,484. What is Mr. Brigham ?—I do not know.

43,485. Is he a gentleman ? he has no shop ?—He has a mill at Beckside and grinds bones.

43,486. He has an office, has he not, in the square ?—Yes.

43,487. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How soon after the election did you get the clothes ?—I got them of Martin the tailor.

43,488. When ?—A week after the election.

43,489. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did he tell you to go and fetch them from there ?—Yes, he got me measured.

43,490. You were measured then ?—Yes.

43,491. And he paid for them ?—Yes, he did.

43,492. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are those the clothes you have on now ?—No, they are not ; they are the best I have.

43,493. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You got 1*l.* from Walters, and you voted for Edwards and Walker ?—Yes.

43,494. Did you get a suit of clothes from the other side at Edwards and Walker's election, is that so ?—Yes.

43,495. Who promised you the suit of clothes ?—Mr. John Brigham.

43,496. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Then you have had two suits of clothes promised you ?—No, I have only had one.

43,497. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You got 1*l.* from Walters ?—Yes, I got 1*l.* from Walters.

43,498. And you voted for Edwards and Walker. What did you get ?—I did not get nothing.

43,499. Why should you take 1*l.* for one man and then vote for the other ?—I was told.

43,500. Who told you ?—Mr. Boyes told me.

43,501. Who told you to take 1*l.*, and then go and vote the opposite way ?—No one that I know of.

43,502. Did you get anything in any way ?—No.

43,503. Had you been employed ?—No, I never was a runner for none of them.

43,504. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at the council choosing ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

M. Wilson.

Milner Wilson called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,505. How long have you been a freeman ?—In 1841.

43,506. Then you got 12*l.*, I suppose ?—Yes.

43,507. We will take you to 1857 ; did you vote for Denison, Wells, or Glover ?—I voted for Wells.

43,508. Wells alone ; did you get anything ?—2*l.*

43,509. Do you recollect who paid you ?—No.

43,510. Do you remember where you were paid ?—Where ?

43,511. Yes. I mean the house, the place, the street, or the room ?—I believe I was paid in the market place.

43,512. You do not know by whom ?—No.

43,513. Was it by Boyes ?—No.

43,514. Or by Taylor ?—No.

43,515. In the single election of Edwards and Wells for whom did you vote ?—Wells.

43,516. What did you get then ?—I got nothing then.

43,517. Do you recollect Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Yes.

43,518. For whom did you vote ?—Walters.

43,519. What did you get ?—2*l.*

43,520. And the same thing, I suppose, for Gridley and Walker ?—Yes.

43,521. Gridley 2*l.* ?—Yes.

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43,522. And for Keane?—Yes.
43,523. How much?—2*l.*
43,524. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.
43,525. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*
43,526. Whom did you get it from?—Thirsk.
43,527. Did you vote at the parliamentary?—Yes.
43,528. Who did you vote for?—Maxwell and Edwards.
43,529. How came you to vote for Edwards?—I do not know, I have no particular reason for it. He is a gentleman.
43,530. You voted for Walters, Gridley, and Keane, then interposes the 17*s.* 6*d.* You were always a Liberal, I suppose?—Yes, most part of my time.
43,531. I think you are wrong in saying that you voted Wells in Edwards and Wells; you voted Edwards?—I might make a mistake.
43,532. Do you recollect?—I am sure I do not recollect.
43,533. When Major Edwards first appeared here you appear to have voted for him. That you may have forgotten, having voted for Wells the election before. What did you get?—I cannot bring it to my mind.
43,534. Have you any doubt that you got something?—There is no doubt I should get money.
43,535. You cannot bring to mind the sum?—No.
43,536. Do you remember where you were paid it?—I believe I was paid in the market place.
43,537. It was 2*l.* I think, was it not?—Yes.
43,538. Are you also sure you got it at Denison and Wells' election, when you voted for Wells alone?—Yes, I got 2*l.*
43,539. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien*). Do you work at the old foundry?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. Wood, jun.

JOHN WOOD, junior, called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,540. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,541. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.
43,542. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Glover.
43,543. Did you get anything?—No.
43,544. Were you promised anything?—No.
43,545. Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Wells.
43,546. What did you get?—2*l.*
43,547. Two pounds in Wells' election, you are sure of that?—Yes.
43,548. Who paid you?—I do not know.
43,549. Where were you paid?—I do not know.
43,550. Were you paid in any house?—No.
43,551. It seems you voted for Edwards, and not for Wells, when Edwards and Wells were up?—Yes, I voted for Edwards.
43,552. Do you remember the first time the major came?—No, I do not.
43,553. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Walters.
43,554. Did you get 2*l.*?—Yes.
43,555. Walker and Gridley, for whom did you vote?—I got 2*l.*
43,556. Who did you vote for?—For Gridley.
43,557. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, for whom did you vote?—I voted for Keane.
43,558. What did you get?—I only got 1*l.*
43,559. Have you voted for the council?—No.

The witness withdrew.

W. J. Young.

WILLIAM JOSEPH YOUNG called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,560. Did you vote at Denison's election in 1857?—Yes.
43,561. (*Mr. Serjeant, O'Brien to John Wood, junior.*) Do you work at the old foundry?—Yes.

The Chief Commissioner observed that many of the men who work at the old foundry had stated they voted for Wells when in fact they voted for Edwards.

43,562. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you working at the old foundry now?—No.
43,563. You say you were working at the old foundry at the time you voted for Wells as you say, but in fact you voted for Edwards?—Yes.
43,564. How long have you stopped working at the old foundry?—I have stopped working about seven weeks.

The examination of WILLIAM JOSEPH YOUNG was then resumed by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,565. For whom did you vote in 1857?—Denison and Wells.
43,566. What did you get?—Nothing.
43,567. What did you get at Walters'?—2*l.*
43,568. Did you vote Walters single?—Yes.
43,569. Was that the first time you ever got anything?—The first time I was paid was at Towneley's second election.
43,570. But in these later times. Go to Walker and Gridley in 1860, which way did you vote?—I voted for Gridley.
43,571. Did you get anything?—Yes; 2*l.*
43,572. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane.
43,573. And what did you get?—2*l.*
43,574. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.
43,575. Did you get anything?—17*s.* 6*d.*
43,576. Was that at the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.
43,577. You voted for the Conservatives?—Yes.
43,578. Which way did you vote at the parliamentary?—I did not vote at all.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,579. Why?—Because I had made an application to the pasture masters for a little assistance, and I thought if I voted against them I should not get it.
43,580. What is the date of your application?—I have not got the date, I am sure.
43,581. How long before the election?—I should think it would be two months before the election.
43,582. On what ground did you apply?—To help me on in the world.
43,583. What are you?—A shoemaker.
43,584. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
43,585. Had you been in distressed circumstances at the time?—Yes; I had a good deal of family and personal affliction.
43,586. What family affliction?—I lost a son.
43,587. Who used to assist you?—Yes.
43,588. Did you make your case known to any of the pasture masters personally?—Yes.
43,589. To whom?—I named it to most of them.
43,590. You named it personally to most of them?—To most of the pasture masters.
43,591. That was after your application was sent in, I suppose?—Yes.
43,592. What did they say to you?—They said they would do the best they could for me.
43,593. You got 17*s.* 6*d.* at the "Golden Ball"?—Yes.
43,594. You are not a municipal voter, are you?—Yes.
43,595. Was anything said to you by any one of

the pasture masters, either directly or indirectly, or by anyone coming from them, about the probability of your getting it if you voted a certain way?—No.

43,596. But in your own mind if you voted you thought it would endanger your chance of getting it?—Yes.

43,597. Why did you think so?—I do not know; it was so natural for them to stick to their own party.

43,598. I should say it was very unnatural, very immoral, they were not dealing with their own money, it was robbing the poor if they did it. Now why did you think the pasture masters would refuse you if you exercised the privilege that belonged to you as a freeman of the borough, why did you think that?—Because I thought there were more of the Conservatives got it than the Liberals.

43,599. Was that your own observation of what took place?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,600. Did you vote at the municipal election?—Yes.

43,601. You did?—Yes.

43,602. And your vote was accepted?—Yes.

43,603. Under what name did you vote?—William Young, I believe.

43,604. Your name is not in the book?—No; there has been some mistake.

43,605. What is you christian name?—William Joseph.

43,606. Have you ever made any other application?—Yes, I have made two previous applications.

43,607. "If you grant me assistance, I shall remain your obedient servant on all occasions." You say you applied twice before?—Yes.

43,608. Have you ever received any relief?—No.

43,609. On what ground did you apply before?—The first time I had lost two pigs.

43,610. Are you a stocker?—No.

43,611. How long had you had the pigs before you lost them?—Something like two months, I think.

43,612. What was the date of your first application?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

43,613. Come now, it is a serious charge to make. You say that you were afraid the pasture masters would not do their duty. It is really a very serious charge. You must be particular. Tell me when you made this first application?—I think it would be in 1864. I think so.

43,614. Did you attend at the meeting?—No.

43,615. Why was that?—I did not know there was any necessity to attend.

43,616. Did you receive a notice summoning you?—No.

43,617. I am surprised at that, because the ordinary course is to send a notice to the applicant?—I never received any notice of the kind.

43,618. Do you swear you never received any notice of the kind?—Yes.

43,619. You made another application. What was the next application?—The next application was to help me on in the world.

43,620. When did you make that?—I think it was in 1867.

43,621. What was the ground of your application?—Personal affliction.

43,622. Just tell us what was the reason; had you been in bad health?—Yes, very.

43,623. Had you been attended by a doctor?—Yes.

43,624. Who attended you?—Mr. Calvert, an old doctor at Brandesburton.

43,625. How long had he attended you?—I am sure I cannot say; three or four weeks.

43,626. What was his bill?—I am sure I forget.

43,627. Are you sure that Mr. Calvert attended you in 1867?—Yes; I am sure I cannot be certain of the year.

43,628. You cannot be certain of the year?—No, I cannot be certain of the year.

43,629. How long has Mr. Calvert left the town?—I am sure I cannot say.

43,630. Yes you can, because he attended you, and he was your doctor. You know when he left the town. I can easily learn from these gentlemen round; they know perfectly well now. When did he leave the town?—I am not able to say.

43,631. Will you swear that he attended you in the year 1867 at all?—I cannot say the year.

43,632. Will you swear that he attended you in the year 1866 at all?—No, I could not swear that.

43,633. Will you swear that he attended you in the year 1865 at all?—I think I made a mistake. It may have been my first application. I forget whether the first or the second application was for personal affliction.

43,634. You told us that your second application was 1867?—Yes, I thought so.

43,635. That is a very short time ago, only two years ago; surely your memory can be accurate as far as that goes. Just look at that (*handing a paper to the witness*), is that your handwriting?—Yes.

43,636. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is it all in your handwriting?—Yes, it is all in my own handwriting.

43,637. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That was on November 2nd, it is not a year ago. Tell us what were your distressed circumstances this time last year?—I lost a son last year.

43,638. What time?—He died in November, the year before he died.

43,639. That is not last year. You applied on the ground of personal distress. Was that the ground that you made your application on, the loss of your son?—Yes.

43,640. Had you any other ground? Is this your handwriting and receipt I have here; it seems you have two ways of signing your name (*handing paper to witness*)?—Yes.

43,641. This one that a part of has been read to you, the letter you signed Joseph Young, and the application you sign William Young. This is the receipt: "Received, 2nd day of Decr. 1868, of the "pasture masters for the borough of Beverley, the "sum of 1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* for the following purpose, viz.: "to help me on in the world. WILLIAM YOUNG. "1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*" That was the answer to the application that you made in November 2nd, 1868, in those terms?—In consequence of embarrassed circumstances I felt myself competent to apply to them for a little assistance out of the above fund to help me on in the world.

43,642. "If you grant me assistance, I shall ever remain your obedient servant on all occasions." This gift of 1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* in December 1868 was the answer to the application of November 2nd, 1868, I presume?—Yes, just so.

43,643. Joseph Young and William Young are the same persons. There are two ways of signing the same name?—Yes.

43,644. What do you mean first of all by "continued embarrassed circumstances"?—I had been very much out of health for a long time myself.

43,645. What do you mean by saying "Your obedient servant on all occasions"?—I meant that I should vote for them of course.

43,646. That is what you meant by "obedient servant on all occasions"?—Yes.

43,647. Had you any reason besides your own surmise for thinking that they would refuse your application if you did not vote for them?—No.

43,648. Attend to me; on your oath had you any other reason for not voting, except that you thought that it would prejudice your application for relief to the pasture masters?—No, not a bit.

The witness withdrew.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

T. Relph.

23 Oct. 1869.

THOMAS RELPH called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,649. What are you?—A smith.

43,650. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,651. When did you vote first? Did you vote in 1857?—Yes, before then.

43,652. All I ask is 1857; for whom did you vote?—I always voted Conservative.

43,653. Have you ever received any money?—No.

43,654. Have you ever paid away money?—No.

43,655. Never received or paid away money at any election?—Not above 20 years.

43,656. At parliamentary or municipal?—Neither parliamentary or muncipal.

The witness withdrew.

Adjourned till Monday at 10 o'clock.

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

East Riding Sessions House, Monday, 25th October 1869.

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

H. Underwood.

25 Oct. 1869.

HENRY UNDERWOOD called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,657. Are you a freeman?—No.

43,658. You are an occupier?—Yes.

43,659. How long have you been a voter in the capacity of occupier?—I think since the election of Lane Fox.

43,660. Did you vote at the celebrated Towneley election?—No.

43,661. Did you vote in '57, when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—I voted for Glover.

43,662. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Never in my life.

43,663. Never in your life?—Never in my life.

43,664. At any time?—Never; neither for the parliamentary or municipal.

43,665. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is your occupation?—I am a saddler.

43,666. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you see your name published with reference to any of the elections?—Yes.

43,667. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Can you deny what was stated?—I can deny it; I got two sovereigns from Mr. Lowther, and I gave both to Tritchler.

43,668. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is what was stated.

43,669. (*Mr H. Cox.*) You got two sovereigns, from whom?—Mr. Lowther, and I gave it to Tritchler.

43,670. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For the municipal?—No, parliamentary.

43,671. When was that?—I believe in Sykes' election.

43,672. Were you in the town council?—Yes.

43,673. Are you now?—No.

43,674. When did you cease to be in the town council?—Last November.

43,675. You were one of the retiring members?—Yes.

43,676. How long had you been in the town countil?—Nine years.

43,677. Were there many contests during your time?—One.

43,678. Only one?—One, to the best of my belief.

43,679. Who supplied the money for that contest?—We subscribed ourselves.

43,680. Did you subscribe?—I paid all legal expenses, I and the other two.

43,681. Yes, all legal expenses, but there might have been illegal expenses. How much did you pay?—I believe between 8*l.* and 9*l.* the three of us.

43,682. Did you know of money expended besides that?—I never see a farthing given in my life.

43,683. Except the 2*l.* that you received from Lowther there was nothing else?—That was the only thing I ever did.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,684. How is it that Mr. Lowther came to give you the 2*l.*?—I went to him. This man wanted paying for his vote, and I knew where Mr. Lowther was, and I got the two sovereigns for him and his brother-in-law.

43,685. But why did you undertake the office of going and fetching that bribe for another man?—I was anxious for the cause of Edwards and Sykes.

43,686. Did you on any other occasion fetch money for any other people?—For Tritchler's brother-in-law, Tyzard.

43,687. Was Tyzard to have the money?—He had 2*l.*

43,688. Tritchler had 2*l.*?—Yes, and there were 2*l.* for Tyzard.

43,689. There were two 2*l.*; Tritchler had one sum of 2*l.* and Tyzard had another sum of 2*l.*?—Yes.

43,690. Then you fetched 4*l.* from Mr. Lowther altogether?—Yes.

43,691. That was all at Sykes' election?—Yes; and I have never interfered since that time.

43,692. Was 4*l.* all the money you distributed at Sykes' election?—Yes.

43,693. That was all the money?—Yes; all I remember of.

43,694. But can you say positively that you never distributed any more?—I never distributed any more to my knowledge.

43,695. Had you ever done anything of the kind at a former election?—I think there was once I did.

43,696. When was that once?—I cannot say; I think it was when Edwards first came.

43,697. That was in 1857?—I do not know what time it was.

43,698. It was the year 1857. What did you do then?—I think I gave a person of the name of Philpot something.

43,699. How much?—I think I gave him 30*s.*

43,700. Where did get the 30*s.* from?—Kemplay.

43,701. Who was Philpot?—I do not know.

43,702. What was his christian name?—I do not know.

43,703. Where did he live?—Near again Beckside.

43,704. He worked at Beckside perhaps ?—Yes.

43,705. Do you know whether his name was Stephen ?—No.

43,706. Kemplay gave you the 30*s.* for Philpot ?—Yes.

43,707. Did you get any more money for anybody else ?—I have no recollection of it.

43,708. Those were the only two elections at which you fetched bribes for other people ?—I never received anything in my life.

43,709. Those were the only two occasions on which you took bribes for other people, that you swear.

The Chief Commissioner announced that the learned Commissioners hoped to be able to bring their sittings in Beverley to a close on the following day (Tuesday).

The learned Commissioner also announced that they were prepared to receive applications for certificates from any of those witnesses who had been examined before them, and who thought it necessary or expedient to apply for the protection of their certificate. The learned Commissioners were prepared to adjudicate upon each application during their sittings in Beverley or elsewhere.

SAMUEL LOFT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

S. Loft.

43,710. What is your occupation ?—I am a master blacksmith, and have been so 40 years.

43,711. How long have you been a freeman ?—I voted first in 1826.

43,712. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

43,713. Do you remember the election of 1857 ?—Who was up ?

43,714. When Denison, Wells, and Glover were up ?—I believe I polled for Denison and Glover; if you look at the poll book you will see.

43,715. Did you get anything ?—No, I never got anything for Glover, and nobody else did. I cannot say whether I got anything from Denison after Denison's election; I think I did.

43,716. What did you get ?—I think I got something after Denison's election.

43,717. What was that ?—It may be 30*s.*

43,718. Who gave you the 30*s.* ?—Daniel Boyes, I believe; I think it would be 12 months after the election.

43,719. Twelve months ?—I do not know; it might have been six, but it was a long time after.

43,720. Go on to the next election, Edwards and Wells, the same year ?—I should vote single Edwards.

43,721. Did you get anything ?—No, I have never got a penny since Edwards came, not a penny piece. I defy any man in the world to say that I got a penny after Edwards came. I did not at either election, neither for the borough, nor the county, nor the municipal, or anything else.

43,722. Do I understand that the last time you got anything was the time you received that money from Daniel Boyes ?—I have never got anything since.

43,723. Is that what you say ?—That is what I say. I got something from Daniel Boyes, but I cannot say what.

43,724. And never anything since ?—Not to my knowledge. I defy any man to say I got a penny; no man dare say so.

43,725. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you get anything at the Keane election, when Edwards, Sykes, and Keane were up ?—That is since Edwards came, and I tell you I never got anything from the first time he came to this day.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. JOHN BRIGHAM called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

Mr. J. Brigham.

43,726. You heard what was stated here with reference to a man—I forget his name ?—William Wilson ?

43,727. Yes, that you had given him 30*s.* You first promised him and then you gave him a suit of clothes after the election ?—It is entirely false; I never gave him anything of the kind; I give all my old clothes away.

43,728. No, this is not old clothes, but a suit of clothes paid for at the tailor's ?—I never gave a suit of clothes in my life to him or any other man except my own servants.

43,729. Did you pay for a suit of clothes for him ?—No, I did not. The tailor is here with his books; if you will look at them I should feel obliged.

43,730. You heard what was stated; it is not our statement ?—No. I read it in the papers, and I want to contradict it; it is quite false.

43,731. I do not ask you whether you ever received money ?—Never in my life.

43,732. No, I do not ask that. Did you ever pay any money ?—Never.

43,733. You know what I mean. In an election no money passed through your hands, or money's worth ?—None ever passed through my hands for election purposes at all, never once, never a shilling, and I never had anything to do with them the last five or six years; I never interfered at all.

43,734. You have had an opportunity of explaining it ?—Would you oblige me by looking into this book of mine ?

43,735. What for ?—As to what was said about paying for the clothes.

The Chief Commissioner said he was perfectly satisfied with the witness's account, and they were very much obliged to the witness for coming there, as the only object was to ascertain facts.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM HIND called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

W. Hind.

43,736. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

43,737. You can give me your account of the various elections ?—I have been a freeman 29 years. My first election was Towneley's, and I got 12*l.* and refreshment tickets.

43,738. Go on to '57, Denison and Wells ?—I may state that since that time I have never received a bribe or given a bribe, and I have always voted for the Liberals, both parliamentary and municipal.

43,739. Have you ever received money to give away for services ?—No.

43,740. For services rendered or work done, or anything of the kind ?—No.

43,741. Never for work done, or runners, or anything of the sort ?—No.

43,742. What is your occupation ?—I am a whitesmith.

43,743. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Can you inform the Commissioners of anything you know about the subject of bribery ?—No, I do not know anything particular of my own knowledge. I only know what I have heard others say, and it is of no use for me to mention that.

The witness withdrew

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

J. Best.

25 Oct. 1869.

JOHN BEST called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,744. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,745. How long have you been so?—Between 10 and 11 years.

43,746. When did you first vote?—In '59.

43,747. That was at Walters' election?—Yes.

43,748. For whom did you vote?—For Walters.

43,749. How much?—Two sovereigns.

43,750. Did you vote at the next election of Gridley's?—Yes.

43,751. How much?—Two sovereigns.

43,752. Did you vote for Gridley?—Yes.

43,753. Did you vote at the Keane election, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

43,754. For whom?—I voted for Edwards.

43,755. Edwards alone?—No, Edwards and Sykes.

43,756. How much?—Two sovereigns.

43,757. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No.

43,758. Last year?—No, I have not a vote.

The witness withdrew.

J. Ward.

JOHN WARD called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,759. Are you a freeman?—I am.

43,760. Perhaps you will save time by telling me about the elections yourself?—I have been a freeman over 20 years, and the first election at which I should vote would be Lawley and Wells. I have voted at every election since that time, and always on the Liberal side. I may state that during the whole of that time I have taken an active part in all elections, but I never either gave a bribe or received one in my life.

43,761. Nor gave any money for services?—Never.

43,762. Who paid for the expense of the printing for the last municipal contest, the addresses and so on?—The expenses would be paid by Mr. Hind.

43,763. Mr. Luke Hind?—No; Mr. William Hind, the solicitor.

43,764. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you print them?—I did.

43,765. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You printed the address?—Yes, I printed everything in connexion with the last general election.

43,766. For the Liberals?—Yes.

43,767. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You made a fair charge for the printing?—A very fair charge.

43,768. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) We are asking you about the municipal election of last year, as to the expenses of printing; I suppose the candidates issued circulars or addresses of some sort at the municipal election?—I beg your pardon, I thought it was the general election you were upon.

43,769. No, the municipal?—At the last municipal election there was very little done in connexion with the Liberal party, I never sent any bill in, and I do not think that I shall.

43,770. Was there any printing done?—Yes.

43,771. You did it?—Yes.

43,772. And made no charge?—I made no charge.

43,773. Who gave you orders for the printing?—I should receive orders from various parties in connexion with the Liberal party. There is one point I should like to mention, since I have been brought here, and that is, with regard to undue patronage in connexion with printing in the town, the pastures for instance; there are only two master printers in the town, and during the last six years I have only had the printing once. I am simply naming this to show the undue patronage.

44,774. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Give us your facts, not your inferences. You had only the printing once?—I have not had it for the last six years, once in '62. This also refers, I may state, to the corporation, for since the opposite party have been in power I have only printed for them once since 1856.

43,775. Never since 1856?—Never since 1856.

43,776. You printed the byelaws, I think?—I did.

43,777. When was that?—The byelaws of the pastures I suppose you are alluding to, that would be in '67.

43,778. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The party that you speak of were in power then?—They were.

43,779. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you print the voting papers at the municipal election?—I did.

43,780. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) For the Liberal party?—Yes.

43,781. Not, of course, for the other party?—Certainly not.

43,782. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you paid for them?—No, I never sent in an account for them.

43,783. Do you recollect who ordered them?—I believe Mr. Hind would give the order for them; I think so.

43,784. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Why did not you send in an account?—We did very little for the last municipal.

43,785. You printed this large number of voting papers, why did not you send in an account for them?—I never intended to send; I thought I would allow it to pass; I gave it as a subscription towards the expenses.

43,786. But that has not been your course of business on other occasions?—Certainly not, I was always paid previous to that time.

43,787. Then why did you omit to charge for the voting papers on this occasion?—I had no particular reason, only I thought so much money was spent.

43,788. What?—I thought it really was not a thorough opposition got up, and I thought I would not trouble about it.

43,789. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The byelaws of '68, I think you said?—Yes, '68.

The witness withdrew.

J. Whiteing.

JAMES WHITEING called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,790. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,791. Did you vote in '57?—Yes.

43,792. Denison, Wells, and Glover?—Yes, for Denison and Wells.

43,793. Have a got a paper there?—Yes.

43,794. Look at it and tell me whether there was any money?—No.

43,795. Not a halfpenny?—Not a halfpenny.

43,796. Go on?—"Walters and Walker."

43,797. That was 1859?—Yes.

43,798. What money?—*2l.*

43,799. There was an election between those two; there was an election when Major Edwards came for the first time, Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Wells.

43,800. How about money?—None.

43,801. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For Walters, *2l.*?—Yes.

43,802. You voted for Walters?—Yes, Walters and Walker.

43,803. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Which party gave you the *2l.*?—Walters'.

43,804. How about Walker?—None.

43,805. You got nothing from him?—No.

43,806. Now 1860, Walker and Gridley?—Gridley, *2l.*

48,807. Then '65, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Keane.

43,808. Two pounds?—Two pounds.

43,809. Did you vote at the last municipal election?—Yes.

43,810. How much?—Nothing.

43,811. You did not get anything after the election?—No, never a farthing.

The witness withdrew.

JOHNSON GOULDING called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *J. Goulding.* 25 Oct. 1869.

43,812. Are you a freeman?—No.

43,813. An occupier?—Yes.

43,814. How long have you been a voter in the capacity of occupier?—The first time I voted was for Towneley.

43,815. That celebrated election?—Then for several elections I was away from Beverley and did not vote at all.

43,816. What did you get at that election?—12*l.*

43,817. You were a younger man then. When did you come back again?—I cannot say exactly.

43,818. Look at your paper?—The next time I voted was in 1860.

43,819. That was Walker's and Gridley's election?—Yes; I have always voted for the Liberal side.

43,820. You voted Gridley?—Yes.

43,821. What did you receive?—2*l.*

43,822. The next was Keane?—The next was Keane, I got 2*l.* then.

43,823. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No, I never do if I can possibly do without.

43,824. Did you vote for the Liberals, Maxwell and Trollope, at the last election?—Yes.

43,825. What is your objection to voting at the council choosing?—For a tradesman, I think it is much better let alone.

43,826. Why?—Because there is such a bad feeling in the town.

43,827. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is your occupation?—I am an artist.

43,828. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You say you think it tends to create bad feeling?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

GEORGE STEPHENSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *G. Stephenson.*

43,829. Are you a freeman?—I am.

43,830. How long have you been a freeman?—About 40 odd years.

43,831. Did you vote at Towneley's election?—I have voted at all the elections since the Honorable Langdale's.

43,832. Then you did vote at Towneley's first election?—I voted at all the elections on the Liberal side.

43,833. Did you vote at Towneley's first election, that was the question I asked you?—Yes.

43,834. Did you get anything?—Nothing; I never received money or gave money in my life.

43,835. You have been, I understand, rather active on the Liberal side?—No, I always avoid anything of the sort, I never solicited, I never canvassed in any way.

43,836. You have been on the committee, I suppose?—No, I won't go on any committee. I have frequently been asked, but I never would serve or join.

43,837. You never served on any committee at all?—No.

43,838. I would not ask you the question if I had not been told?—It is a very long time ago then.

43,839. Then if it is a long time ago I have nothing to ask you. You have not lately taken an active part?—No, I never gave or received money.

43,840. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) At the municipal?—Never.

43,841. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That includes the municipal also?—Everything.

43,482. You have been mayor of the borough?—I have.

The witness withdrew.

THOMAS STEPHENSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *T. Stephenson.*

43,843. What is your occupation?—I am a farmer.

43,844. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,845. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Are you a member of the town council?—I am.

43,846. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When were you first elected a member of the town council?—I am sure I do not recollect the year, it was many years ago.

43,847. Five or six years ago, something like that?—Three years ago; no, this last time two years.

43,848. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you one of the *quo warranto* members?—No.

43,849. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You were elected by a majority?—Yes.

43,850. Was yours a pure election?—I subscribed a trifle towards the legal expenses.

43,851. You subscribed how much?—3*l.* or 4*l.*

43,852. What year was it?—1867.

43,853. You were elected in 1867 for which ward?—The Minster ward.

43,854. Were you in any way engaged in the last municipal election?—No.

43,855. Did you take any part in the council choosing of 1868?—No.

43,856. Did any money pass through your hands in reference to the election?—No.

43,857. Has any money passed through your hands in reference to parliamentary elections?—Once.

43,858. When was that?—In Towneley's election.

43,859. In Towneley's election, what have you to say about that, was that money that you had paid to yourself?—No.

43,860. Merely money that you distributed?—Some debts which I paid to a man of the name of John Hutty.

43,861. I will not trouble you about that. Since that time do you say that money has never been received by you to distribute to others in respect to elections?—Never to distribute to others, never in my life.

43,862. Have you received money yourself for elections?—I did once.

43,863. When was that?—In Goldsmid's election.

43,864. Since then?—No.

43,865. Never since then?—Never since then.

43,866. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You received the money for yourself in Goldsmid's election?—Yes.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,867. Have you served on committees in the parliamentary elections?—Occasionally, but not lately.

43,868. Which was the last that you served on that you remember?—Perhaps Glover's and Denison's, but I do not recollect. I am sure I have never taken any active part.

43,869. Did you serve on the committee on Walters' election?—No, I think not, I do not remember it at least.

43,870. You have taken no part since Denison and Glover's election?—Not that I remember.

43,871. But you were on the committee then?—Perhaps I might have been, but I do not remember.

43,872. I think you would remember that?—I have never taken any active part in any parliamentary election.

43,873. You have taken no active part?—No.

43,874. And though you have been on the committee you took no active part?—No.

43,875. Is that what you say?—That is so.

43,876. You were only nominally so. Is that your answer?—That is my answer.

43,877. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election, were you on Keane's committee?—No.

The witness withdrew.

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J. Smith.

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JAMES SMITH called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,878. Are you a member of the corporation?—No sir.

43,879. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,880. How long have you been a freeman?—Five or six and thirty years.

43,881. Did you vote at the Towneley election?—Yes.

43,882. You voted for Glover in 1852, and voted for Edwards in 1857?—Yes.

43,883. You voted for Edwards and Walker in 1859?—Yes.

43,884. For Walker 1860?—Yes.

43,885. And Edwards and Sykes in 1865?—Yes.

43,886. You did not vote in 1868?—No.

43,887. I shall not go beyond Edwards; you voted for him in 1857?—Yes.

43,888. Did any consideration pass to you in any shape or form?—In no shape or form. I never received bribery either before or at the time, or either at the parliamentary or municipal elections.

43,889. You never did on any consideration handle money at any of the elections?—Never.

The witness withdrew.

W. Wood.

WILLIAM WOOD called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,890. Are you a freeman?—Yes, sir.

43,891. You voted I dare say at Towneley's election?—Yes.

43,892. What did you get?—12*l.*

43,893. Whom did you vote for?—Towneley.

43,894. Did you vote in 1857, on Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

43,895. Whom did you vote for?—Denison and Wells.

43,896. Did you get anything?—No.

43,897. Nothing at all?—No, sir.

43,898. Were you employed in any way?—No.

43,899. You got no money whatever?—No, not for that election; if I got anything it would be a hare, but I do not know I got that; I got one once, but it was a good while after.

43,900. The next election was Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

43,901. For whom did you vote then?—Wells.

43,902. Did you get anything then?—No.

43,903. I daresay you got something at Walters' election?—Yes.

43,904. The next was Walker and Gridley?—Yes, 2*l.*

43,905. And 2*l.* at Keane's, perhaps?—Yes, that is all.

43,906. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

43,907. Which way did you vote?—I voted for the Liberals, and I always have.

43,908. Did you get anything?—No.

The witness withdrew.

S. Horden.

SAMUEL HORDEN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

43,909. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,910. Did you vote in 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—In 1847 was my first vote, my first election.

43,911. I will not trouble with those elections so far back, but will come to 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I should vote for Glover.

43,912. Did you get anything?—No. I remember my first election was G. L. Fox, I voted for him, and always have since.

43,913. Did you vote for Edwards in 1857?—Yes, and always have, and always will.

43,914. We do not care about the future; only tell us what you did in the past; I only care about the past; did you vote for Edwards in 1857?—Yes.

43,915. Did you get anything?—No.

43,916. 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Edwards.

43,917. Did you get anything?—No, sir.

43,918. Walker and Gridley in 1860?—I should vote for Walker.

43,919. Did you get anything?—No.

43,920. Neither before or after the election?—No, neither.

43,921. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, '65?—I should vote for Edwards and Sykes.

43,922. Did you get anything?—No.

43,923. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

43,924. Did you get anything then?—No.

43,925. Did you say at no parliamentary election did you get anything?—I never got a farthing in my life.

43,926. For any vote?—For any vote.

43,927. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You always voted one way, that I see; have you ever been on any committee?—No.

43,928. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What is your occupation?—I am a grazing farmer and cowkeeper.

The witness withdrew.

J. Hewson.

JAMES HEWSON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

43,929. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,930. How long have you been a freeman?—I really cannot tell you.

43,931. Thirty or forty years?—I have been a freeman since I was 25. I am now 62. I came from Cambridge to take up my freedom at the time.

43,932. Of course you voted at Towneley's election, and got 12*l.*?—I can only remember since 1859.

43,933. That is all I will ask you about; you can recollect from 1859?—I can; I have had a severe fall, and it has affected my memory; I can recollect from 1859.

43,934. Tell us in your own way?—I polled at the election of Edwards and Walters.

43,935. And got 2*l.* from Walters?—Yes, or something. I remember better from Keane's election.

43,936. Do you remember getting anything on Edwards' side?—I only got a pair of grouse sent me on the Edwards side; that is all I got from that party.

43,937. In 1860 did you vote for Walker?—There was an election at which I did not vote at all. I do not know whether it was that. I only recolleet Mr. Keane's election; I remember that much better.

43,938. For whom did you vote?—I voted a plumper for Keane.

43,939. Then you would get 2*l.*, no doubt?—Yes.

43,940. Did you vote at council choosing?—Yes; I filled up the paper at my own house and took it to the rooms, at the hall.

43,941. Did you get anything?—I never got a halfpenny; I never go near them.

The witness withdrew.

HENRY HARRISON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

43,942. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,943. Did you vote at Denison, Glover, and Wells' election?—Yes.

43,944. Did you get anything?—No.

43,945. Did you get anything at the next election, Walters and Edwards?—No.

43,946. Then I suppose you never got anything?—I never got anything since Towneley's election.

43,947. And then you got the common 12*l.*?—Yes.

43,948. Have you not been a messenger the last 30 years?—A messenger?

43,949. Yes, a messenger, or runner, or whatever you call it?—Perhaps I might.

43,950. You told us just now you got no money?—I never got any money for voting.

43,951. I never asked for voting, you know that very well. When were you a messenger? You answered me before intending to deceive me?—No, I did not; I really had no such intention.

43,952. Have you been a messenger within the last 10 years?—I think I must.

43,953. Are you not always a messenger on these occasions?—No.

43,954. Were you a messenger at Keane's election?—I had to do with Keane's election.

43,955. Were you a messenger?—Yes, or a clerk.

43,956. What sort of a clerk were you?—I was a clerk in the committee room.

43,957. Are you always employed in that way, as a clerk or runner?—No.

43,958. Except at the last election, in 1868, were you not always employed?—The election before Keane's.

43,959. Walker and Gridley's; were you employed there?—I was employed then.

43,960. You were employed?—Yes.

43,961. The election before that, Walters'?—No.

43,962. You were not employed then?—No.

43,963. Perhaps you got something without being employed?—No.

43,964. Were you, of all men, without money at Walters' election?—I did not receive any money.

43,965. For whom did you vote?—Walters.

43,966. And never received money for voting?—No.

43,967. Then you are a phenomenon; you received no money?—I have served the Reform party for 32 years in every way I could, and that was the only time I ever received money.

43,968. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When?—At Towneley's election.

43,969. (*Mr. Barstow.*) But you received money at Keane's election?—For being a clerk.

43,970. You received money?—Oh yes.

43,971. You just told me so. At Denison, Glover, and Wells' election, were you a clerk then?—No.

43,972. Not at all?—No.

43,973. Then Edwards and Wells; were you employed as a runner then, or as a clerk?—No.

43,974. You have already said you received no money for your voting?—I certainly never have, and I voted at all the contests.

43,975. How much money did you get at Gridley's election?—1*l.*

43,976. How many days were you employed?—I cannot say exactly.

43,977. More than one?—I think I was employed two.

43,978. Are you sure you were employed two?—I could not be positive; I could not swear.

43,979. You will not swear you were employed more than one day?—I cannot swear it.

43,980. In Keane's election how long were you employed?—I should think I was employed three or four days.

43,981. You know you are on your oath?—Yes. I was there on the nomination day and the election day for certain.

43,982. You say positively you were employed on those two days?—Yes.

43,983. Were those the only two days; it is not so long ago?—I say I was employed on the nomination day and on the election day in the committee room.

43,984. What did you receive?—1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

43,985. Where were you paid?—I was paid, I believe, by Mr. Hind for Mr. Todd; I expect so.

43,986. Mr. Joseph Hind?—No.

43,987. Mr. Luke Hind?—No, Mr. William Hind, I expect.

43,988–9. *Mr. Barstow* stated he saw the item was in the accounts, and if the witness hadonly mentioned it he would not have asked him a question, as that was the test.

The witness then withdrew.

JOHN RICHARDSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

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43,990. What is your occupation?—Ironmonger.

43,991. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

43,992. Did you vote at Denison, Glover, and Wells' election?—Yes, for Glover.

43,993. Did you get anything?—For myself do you mean?

43,994. Yes, first of all for yourself. I will ask about the other presently. You did not get anything for yourself?—No.

43,995. How much did you get to give away?—30*l.*

43,996. Who gave it you?—Nathaniel Kemplay brought it to my shop.

43,997. Was that the day of the nomination or election?—The nomination day.

43,998. Let us see that we are agreeing as to time. Was that the Denison, Glover, and Wells election?—Yes, that is right.

43,999. 1857?—Yes, Glover's first election.

44,000. That money you paid away to voters?—Yes, the money I had.

44,001. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Glover's first election would be 1852, Lawley, Wells, and Glover.

44,002. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Well, the money you paid away?—Yes, to voters.

44,003, Now we will go to a later date, the second election, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were up together?—I voted for Glover.

44,004. You voted for Glover again?—Not to my knowledge. I only voted for Glover once. I voted for Glover at the first election, no doubt.

44,005, Now, Edwards and Wells, at the following election; how did you vote?—I voted for Edwards.

44,006. Did you get anything?—Kemplay said I got 50*l.*; you have an account of it.

44,007. What do you say to it?—It is perfectly true.

44,008. When was the 50*l.* given to you?—It was the nomination day.

44,009. On the nomination day?—Yes.

44,010. Where did you disperse it?—In the market place. I went into the market place, and I asked them what they would take. The voters were standing there, and I asked them what they would take, and I bought them as cheap as I could. I went into the market place and bought them. If I saw a man standing in the market place I asked him if he was going to vote. If he said Walters, I said "Go." If he came back without voting I asked him how much he wanted, and if he was a staunch supporter of the Reform cause I got him if I could.

44,011. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He was worth more?—Yes, it was a gain of one.

44,012. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It was more; it was a gain to you of one, and a loss to them of two. That is good arithmetic at all events?—Yes, it was equal to two. I

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never left them if I once started them, if I thought I could get them.

44,013. How many do you think you got from the other side that way?—I will tell you from my list; they are all there as I put them down in their turn. Here is a person (*reading from a list*), he got 50*s.* There are only six of them dead, and the others I shall never want any more, and they are of no use to me.

44,014. This is a list you made at the time?—Yes.

44,015. I will read it, and you will tell me who are dead. Osgerby, 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, that is correct.

44,016. Then there is Abbott, 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

44,017. I see you have put the letter *d* against some of them; Downing, 3*l.* 10*s.*?—He is dead.

44,018. There is Compass?—He is alive I know; that was 3*l.* 10*s.*; and Downing, he was not particular, he was one of the floating stock. Compass came from the other side.

44,019. Leason, 2*l.*?—He was later in the day.

44,020. The market was getting over?—Yes.

44,021. Mr. Andrew, 2*l.*?—He was here twice, I think, last week; he got wet twice over.

44,022. Bulmer, 2*l.*?—Yes, he was 2*l.*; he said he got wet.

44,023. William Jackson, 3*l.*?—He is dead; he died long since.

44,024. Cross, 3*l.*?—He is dead. He was an orange fellow.

44,025. T. Hulstanson, 3*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

44,026. And William Wilson, 1*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, Billy Wilson; he was here last week; it was him who said Mr. Brigham gave him a suit of clothes.

44,027. That has been contradicted this morning?—Yes.

44,028. At all events you swear you gave William Wilson 1*l.* 10*s.*?—I do. I will.

44,029. Mr. Clark, 3*l.*?—Yes, he was here last week.

44,030. Did you bring him over from the other side?—No, but I gave the other parties 3*l.*, and I thought he should have his 3*l.* as well.

44,031. Then Leadley, 2*l.*?—Yes, he was late in the afternoon; there was R. Leadley and T. Leadley.

44,032. They came from the other side?—But they were late in the afternoon.

44,033. Vickers, 1*l.*?—I should think that was towards paying a voter.

44,034. Raymond, 3*l.* 10*s.*?—He is dead.

44,035. The next here is Winningham, 3*l.*?—He is dead.

44,036. George Whitehead?—He is alive.

44,037. 3*l.*?—Yes, that is correct.

44,038. Has he been here?—No.

44,039. Did he come over from the other side?—No.

44,040. How is it that he got so much as 3*l.*?—Well, he followed me when I went with the other man, and so I could not give one man 3*l.* without giving the other the same; you see it would have been partial.

44,041. Then there is Levi and Co., 3*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

44,042. And expenses, 1*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes.

44,043. What was that spent in; was it eating and drinking?—Yes; perhaps I should drink myself.

44,044. Well, you have given here a very detailed list; it is correct, I suppose?—Yes; if you will turn it on the other side, you will see Kenningham, 1*l.*, and that makes 49*l.* 5*s.* altogether.

44,045. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is near enough.

44,046. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You paid down another 1*l.*, making it 49*l.* 5*s.* What did you do with the balance?—I do not know I am sure, but I should think this child (*striking his breast with his fist*) would get it.

44,047. Did you show this to Kemplay?—No, he never asked for it, and I never showed it to him. It was for my own satisfaction; I wrote it to show how the money was gone.

44,048. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) And so far it was to your credit.

44,049. You did not get any other money?—Never in my life.

44,050. Neither at that election or at the other?—No.

44,051. Go on to the election of 1859?—Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I was very ill in bed and could not get ont.

44,052. You had no money then?—I could not come out, I was confined to my bed, I was in bed for a fortnight.

44,053. You did not vote of course?—No.

44,054. 1860, Walker and Gridley were up by themselves; Walker and Gridley together?—I should vote for Walker.

44,055. Do you remember the election I speak of?—Yes, it was a bye election, I remember I voted for Walker.

44,056. Did you have anything to do with money matters then?—No.

44,057. Not anything?—Not anything at all.

44,058. Did you not get anything for yourself?—No, I never got any money for myself in my life.

44,059. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Edwards and Sykes.

44,060. Did you have any money then?—No.

44,061. Not to give away?—No, I voted about five minutes past 8, and I went to Bridlington races the same day.

44,062. Did you take an active part?—No.

44,063. Did you take a part at the last council choosing?—No.

44,064. Did you vote?—I did.

44,065. Did you get anything?—No.

44,066. We are obliged to ask these questions?—I am obliged to you for asking me.

44,067. You did not get anything?—No.

44,068. Have you told me of all the money with reference to elections?—Yes.

44,069. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Well, I must say, Mr. Richardson, you have given me a very candid account as far as I can tell.

The witness withdrew.

W. O. Boyes.

William Oustoby Boyes called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,070. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,071. When was your first vote?—In 1847.

44,072. Who were the candidates then?—I voted for Fox.

44,073. Who else was up?—Towneley, Goldsmid, and Fox.

44,074. Come down to 1857, when Denison was up?—I voted for Glover.

44,075. There was some money going then?—I did not get any.

44,076. Edwards and Wells?—I voted for Edwards.

44,077. How much?—No money, I did not get any.

44,078. You have heard the account by Richardson, his recollection upon it. Well, go on to the next, to Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I voted for Walters in that election.

44,079. How much?—2*l.*

44,080. Gridley and Walker?—I voted for Gridley.

44,081. How much?—Nothing.

44,082. Then you were disappointed. How was that that you did not get 2*l.*?—I did not look after it, I suppose that would be the reason.

44,083. They were paying them at the "Pack Horse"?—No, I did not get it at all.

44,084. Keane's election?—Yes, I got 3*l.*

44,085. For whom did you vote?—Keane.

44,086. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

44,087. For whom?—The Liberals.

44,088. How much?—Nothing.

44,089. You did not get anything more till you came down to Walters' election?—There was Lawley and Wells.

44,090. We are not inquiring into that?—Very well.

The witness withdrew.

DAVID GIBBS called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

44,091. Now you have got a list I see. (*It was handed to the Commissioner, and is as follows*):—"1841, received 12*l.* 12*s.* at Towneley's. 1847, "received 3*l.*, Towneley and Goldsmid, split vote. "1852, received 3*l.* for Lawley and Wells, split vote. "1854, received 2*l.* for Gordon. 1857, received 2*l.* "for Edwards, 2*l.* for Walters, 2*l.* for Gridley, 2*l.* "for Keane and nothing for the last, and polled for "Maxwell and Trollope. Council choosing, 5*s.* from "Herdsman for Tories; 5*s.* from Nutchey three years "since, and 10*s.* at the last from Browsho; 2*l.* from "Mr. Walker's gift, for loss of two pigs four years "since. DAVID GIBBS, Norwood." Here is a very perfect list and a very long one. He received 12*l.* 12*s.* at Townley's; I will not go over the others; he received 2*l.* for Gordon according to this. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

44,092. You voted for Denison and Wells?—Yes.

44,093. Did you get anything?—Yes, I got 2*l.*

44,094. You have not put it down. You got 2*l.* for Denison and Wells?—Yes.

44,095. Where did you get it?—I got at at Boyes'. John Tiger gave it me for Lawley and Wells.

44,096. You got it from Boyes for Denison and Wells?—Yes.

44,097. 2*l.*?—Yes.

44,098. You got 2*l.* for Edwards?—Yes.

44,099. 2*l.* for Walters?

44,100. 2*l.* for Gridley?—Yes.

44,101. And 2*l.* for Keane?—Yes.

44,102. You voted Maxwell and Trollope, and got nothing?—I got 5*s.* from Herdsman at the council.

44,103. And you received 2*l.* for Walker's gift for the loss of two pigs four years since?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

Mr. GEORGE EARLE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,104. What are you by profession?—A surgeon.

44,105. Have you ever given money to any person in respect of his vote?—Never.

44,106. We have had evidence before us of your having done so. Have you read the evidence?—I have.

44,107. What do you say?—I say never.

44,108. Were you the person?—I heard his name was something like Jameson.

44,109. Dr. Earle, he says, paid it me at the "White Swan," that was in the 1857 election. Jameson says that he voted for Edwards and Wells, and that you gave him at the "White Swan" 10*s.*, and you said that he should have as much as the rest, and afterwards he went to you and asked for more, and that you said that you had nothing at present. I recollect pressing him as to whether you said, "at present," and he said, "Yes, Dr. Earle said he had nothing at present to give"?—I never gave a man a shilling in my life; I know the man.

44,110. Did you have any conversation with him?—Yes.

44,111. Do you know him?—I should think I did. He owes me 10*s.*

44,112. How is it he owes you half a sovereign?—Because I attended him when he was ill, and he has never paid me.

44,113. Did you see him at the "White Swan"?—No, I did not see him at the "White Swan."

44,114. Were you at the "White Swan," about the time of the election?—What election was it, I should like to know?

44,115. The election of 1857 I am talking of?—I could not recollect so long as that back.

44,116. Edwards and Wells, do you remember that election?—I recollect there was an election of the sort.

44,117. There was one election when Edwards and Wells were the candidates?—I cannot recollect the dates, I cannot remember the year.

44,118. That was the case. Did you see Jameson about that time?—I never saw him about anything of the sort in my life. I have often seen him. I know him too well.

44,119. He said he saw you at the "White Swan"?—He might see me, it is very possible, because I attend the people at the "White Swan," and many of them were sick about that time. I know nothing about the man except that he owes me 10*s.*

44,120. He might see you?—It is very possible.

44,121. When was the debt incurred of 10*s.*?—Within the last four or five years.

44,122. Do you remember if he saw you at the "White Swan," whether he came to you a second time and asked you for more money?—I am sure I do not; it is not the truth, because I never gave a man a shilling in my life.

44,123. You never gave anyone?—Never in my life, I could not get any to give, and I should be very sorry to give any out of my own pocket.

44,124. Here is another man who mentioned your name, John Abbott?—Yes, he mentions my name.

44,125. Do you know anything about him?—I do not know the man if I was to see him.

44,126. That might well be, that you would not recognize him. What he says is this, that at the first election of Major Edwards he said he got 2*l.* He is asked, "Who paid you that?—He was a stranger. "Where were you paid?—In a shop in North Bar "Street. Who told you to go there?—Dr. Earle." Did you ever tell a man at the election of Edwards to go there?—I remember the man coming to me and asking me for some money, I said, "Get away with you, "I have nothing to do with any money, go and ask in "North Bar Street and see if you can get it." I never paid a halfpenny in my life, I never had anything to do with any election.

44,127. Why did he come to you?—He was drunk in the street, and I said, "Get away."

44,128. He was drunk, you say?—He was as drunk as a fiddler. I said, "Get away, go down the street."

44,129. Have you ever been on a committee?—No, I should not like that.

44,130. Have you taken any part in elections actively?—No.

44,131. Never done anything except vote?—Never.

44,132. And you have never received any money for your vote?—No, not a fraction. I only wish I had the opportunity of some people, if I had perhaps I might have taken advantage of it.

44,133. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you say that? do you say you wished it?—I should have liked to have had a chance of it perhaps.

44,134. Chances there were enough. Do consider the position you are in. You, a professional man, do you seriously say in that box before us that you would have been glad to have received money?—If I had had it I should have distributed it amongst the people that I know.

44,135. That is not an answer to the question?—(*No answer.*)

44,136. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For my part I should rather be inclined to treat that as a flippant and in-

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considerate answer ?—If I had been flippant I should apologize for it.

44,137. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien*) It is entirely against yourself.

44,138. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You do not mean seriously to say (let us see whether we understand each other) —do you mean to say you would have been glad to get money for your vote. Do you mean for yourself ?—No, certainly not.

44,139. Or to give away to voters ?—I do not know about that. If I had had money I should have distributed it amongst those I knew.

44,140. On which side would you have taken money to give away to voters ?—They are all alike to me.

44,141. You would have taken from Conservatives or Liberals indiscriminately ?—Yes.

44,142. You would have willingly ?—I do not say I should not if I had the chance.

44,143. (*Mr. H. Cox*). I can only say for one I am very sorry that is your answer.

44,144. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How came Jameson to owe you the 10*s.* ?—For attending to him, medicine.

44,145. Had no money ever passed between you, will you take on yourself to say you never gave him 10*s.* ?—I never gave him anything.

44,146. I ask you did you give him any money ?—I did not, never a fraction.

44,147. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you mean by telling him to go to North Bar Street ?—I wanted to get quit of the fellow. He was in North Bar Street.

44,148. Why should you tell him ? — Because I thought he might go anywhere. I said, "Go down the street and see if you can get any."

44,149. You are on your oath, and I suppose you meant go to Robert Oxley's shop ?—I suppose I did not.

44,150 Did you know they were paying money in Robert Oxley's shop ?—I did not.

44,151. We know they were, and we know that it was at Robert Oxley's, in North Bar Street.

44,152. On your oath, did you not mean to go to Robert Oxley's shop ?—No.

The witness withdrew.

J. E. Atkinson.

JOHN EYRE ATKINSON called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,153. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

44,154. How long have you been ?—Forty odd years.

44,155. Do you recollect the celebrated Towneley election ?—Yes.

44,156. Were you a voter then ?—Yes.

44,157. For Towneley, I suppose —Yes.

44,158. How much did you get ?—10*l.*

44,159. For whom did you vote in 1857 ?—I forget who were up.

44,160. Denison, Wells, and Glover ? — I should vote Denison and Glover ; I think so.

44,161. What did you receive ?—Nothing.

44,162. Have you a clear recollection of that ?—Yes, I have.

44,163. Edwards and Wells, the next election ?—I should vote for Wells.

44,164. Did you get anything ?—No.

44,165. You have a clear recollection ; you pledge your memory clearly ?—I have not received a penny since Towneley.

44,166. You have not ?—Not a penny.

44,167. Well, I accept your statement ?—No, I have not.

44,168. Have you received anything at the municipal, at the council choosing ?—No, never a penny.

44,169. I understand you to include all elections ?—Never a penny.

The witness withdrew.

T. Westerby.

THOMAS WESTERBY called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

44,170. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

44,171. How long have you been ?—Twenty years or more.

44,172. And have you generally taken an active part in elections ?—No, never.

44,173. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election ?—Yes.

44,174. For whom did you vote ?—Denison and Wells.

44,175. Did you receive anything ?—No.

44,176. Either for yourself or to distribute ?—No.

44,177. Nothing whatever ?—No.

44,178. Edwards and Wells; for whom did you vote ?—I should vote for Wells.

44,179. First of all, have you ever received any money for yourself at parliamentary elections ?—No.

44,180. Either for your vote or for services of any kind ?—No.

44,181. Have you ever received any money to pay away amongst voters for the purposes of the election ?—No.

44,182. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

44,183. For whom did you vote ?—The Liberals.

44,184. Did you pay away any money then ?—No.

44,185. You are not one of the Westerby's of whom we have heard ?—I am a brother.

44,186. You are now of the town council ?—Yes.

44,187. You are one of the *quo warranto* members ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. P. Taylor.

JOSEPH PARKER TAYLOR called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,188. Are you a freeman ?—No.

44,189. Are you a 10*l.* householder ?—Yes.

44,190. How long have you been a 10*l.* householder ?—About 30 years.

44,191. What is your occupation ?—A carrier.

44,192. Did you vote at the election of 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover ?—Yes.

44,193. For whom ?—Denison and Wells.

44,194. Did you get anything ?—No.

44,195. Did you pay away anything in respect of the election ?—No.

44,196. Did you vote at Edwards and Wells' ?—Wells.

44,197. Did you get anything ?—No.

44,198. Nor pay away anything ?—No.

44,199. Had you any money for yourself, or to give away in respect of the election ?—No.

44,200. Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Walters.

44,201. There was money then ?—I got 2*l.*

44,202. Did you vote Walters alone ?—Yes.

44,203. Walker and Gridley in 1860 ? — For Gridley, and got 2*l.*

44,204. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—Keane.

44,205. 2*l.* ?—Yes.

44,206. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes.

44,207. Did you get anything then ?—No.

44,208. Which side did you vote ?—Liberal.

44,209. You did not get anything for your council voting ?—No.

44,210. Did you vote for the Liberals at the parliamentary ?—Always.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD GOULDHAM called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,211. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,212. How long have you been a freeman?—About 25 years.

44,213. You voted at the celebrated Towneley election?—No, I did not.

44,214. We will come down to Denison, Wells, and Glover. Did you vote at that election for Denison and Wells?—Yes.

44,215. Did any money pass through your hands in any way?—I received 2*l.*

44,216. Do you remember from whom?—No, I could not say.

44,217. Was it from Daniel Boyes?—I really could not say who it was; I would if I could.

44,218. Have you any doubt that it was at the Denison and Wells election?—Yes, I received that, but I could not tell from whom.

44,219. Could you tell me where you got it?—I believe I was paid in Toll Gavel; there was a committee room there, I believe, at the time.

44,220. Was that opposite the "Holderness Hotel"?—No, I think it was more towards the other end; nearer to Butcher's Row.

44,221. Was it paid for expenses or anything of the kind?—It was. I travelled at the time; I got it for my expenses.

44,222. Where did you come from?—I believe it was from Scarborough.

44,223. You were travelling for a house?—Yes, I was travelling for a watch and clock maker.

44,224. The next election, Edwards and Wells, did you vote?—I really cannot tell you whether I voted at that election or not; I could not positively say whether I did or not. I was away a good deal of my time at that time, and I really could not positively tell you.

44,225. Did you vote at the Walters election?—Yes, I did, I believe.

44,226. You did vote for Wells, I see?—I was not sure.

44,227. Do you remember whether you got anything?—I did not get anything.

44,228. You voted at Walters'?—Yes.

44,229. What did you get then?—2*l.*

44,230. You were living in the town then, I presume?—I believe I was here at that time. About that time I was in this neighbourhood.

44,231. Walker and Gridley?—I voted for Mr. Walker.

44,232. How much?—I got nothing.

44,233. The Keane election?—I voted for Keane.

44,234. How much?—3*l.*

44,235. Council choosing?—Yes.

44,236. Did you vote?—Yes.

44,237. For which party?—The Liberals.

44,238. Did you get anything?—15*s.*

44,239. From whom?—Mr. Vickers.

44,240. Was he with the candidates when they canvassed you? Was Vickers with them when Maxwell and Trollope canvassed you?—I could not possibly swear that I saw him.

44,241. Were you employed as a messenger in any of the elections?—No, never.

44,242. How did you vote at the last parliamentary?—Maxwell and Edwards.

44,243. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote for the Conservatives at the last council choosing?—No, the Liberals.

44,244. Are you a householder?—Yes. I am occupied as a flour agent at present.

44,245. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were your rooms at all used as committee rooms by either side?—Yes.

44,246. By whom?—By the Conservative party.

44,247. You mean at the parliamentary election?—Yes.

44,248. How long had they been occupied for that purpose?—The old gentleman that left there, I remained after he went away, they had the rooms at several of the elections, and they came to me and said they had had that room and would I allow them to have it again, and I said they should.

44,249. What did they pay for it?—They paid my missis 2*l.* 2*s.* altogether.

44,250. Did they ever use it?—Yes.

44,251. Were they there more than twice?—They have only been there once since I was there.

44,252. In your time they had only been there once?—Only this last election in my time.

44,253. How often did they use the room, were they in your room more than once? How many days did they use it?—Only one day.

44,254. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were they in and out of it the whole day?—Yes, they had a board with the names on, and they struck them off as they voted.

44,255. Where were your rooms with regard to the polling place?—It is just opposite the booth, the hustings.

JOSEPH FARRAH called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

J. Farrah.

44,256. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,257. What is the first election at which you voted?—I cannot recollect any before Walters'.

44,258. For whom did you vote then?—I voted for Walters.

44,259. And you got 2*l.*, I suppose?—Yes.

44,260. Whom did you vote for at Walker and Gridley's?—Gridley.

44,261. 2*l.*, I suppose?—2*l.*

44,262. And 2*l.* at Keane's?—Yes.

44,263. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No I did not vote.

44,264. Anything else?—No.

44,265. You are mistaken; you voted at Edwards and Wells' election?—Yes, I should vote at that election, but I cannot tell you anything about it.

44,266. Did you get anything?—I do not know that I did, I am sure.

44,267. For whom did you vote?—I can hardly tell you that; I am sure I cannot; I have forgotten.

44,268. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover?—I generally got some when there was any out to get.

44,269. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes, I should vote for Glover, I think.

44,270. You ought to have told me that. You told me you began to vote at Walters'?—I cannot tell you anything really about the election before.

44,271. That was two years before?—Yes. I voted at that election.

44,272. You ought to have told me so. I asked you what was the first election at which you voted. When a man, who I must say as you seem to be, a respectable man, comes into the box I take his word at once; I do not like to question everything he says. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes, I should; I cannot tell you the first election I did vote.

44,273. But you did vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover's?—Yes I should.

44,274. What did you get?—I cannot tell you; I should get something.

44,275. For whom did you vote?—I should vote for Glover, I should think, at that election.

44,276. Are you pretty sure of that?—Yes, I should say I did, but I could not swear.

44,277. The next election was Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote then?—Edwards, I believe.

44,278. You would get something then most likely?—I cannot say, I am sure.

44,279. You cannot say?—No.

44,280. What objection have you to say?—I might,

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I generally do get something. I am generally fresh at those times, and I am sure I cannot tell you, or else I would.

44,281. You really mean to tell us you do not know whether you got money or not?—I am sure I cannot.

44,282. It is possible, but very unlikely?—It is likely, but I cannot remember.

44,283. It is very unlikely that a man should not remember such a thing as that?—I cannot remember I assure you.

44,284. Having told us that you got 2*l.* at three elections, I cannot see what object you should have in not telling us now?—I cannot remember.

44,285. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where do you work?—I work in Tiger Lane.

44,286. What do you work at?—A shoemaker.

44,287. You voted Edwards and Keane; did you get anything on the Edwards' side?—Yes, I believe I got 2*l.*

44,288, (*Mr. Barstow.*) You got 2*l.* from Edwards?—Yes.

44,289. You ought to have told me that. I had this piece of information in my hand, but I did not think of asking you, because I relied upon a man of your appearance to tell me the truth at once.

The witness withdrew.

C. Dove.

CHARLES DOVE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,290. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,291. Did you vote at Denison, Wells, and Glover?—No.

44,292. When did you first vote?—I voted at Edwards and Sykes' election.

44,293. What did you get?—2*l.*

44,294. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

44,295. Which way did you vote at the parliamentary?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

J. Lascelles.

JOHN LASCELLES called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,296. Are you a freeman?—No.

44,297. Are you an occupier and voter?—Yes.

44,298. How long have you been a voter?—About 20 years.

44,299. You are a 10*l.* occupier?—No, I am not a "ten pounder."

44,300. If you are not, how could you be a voter for 20 years?—For the municipal election I am.

44,301. How long have you been a voter for the parliamentary?—This last borough election.

44,302. Did you get any money for voting at the municipal election last time?—17*s.* 6*d.*

44,303. From whom?—From the Tories.

44,304. Did you vote at the parliamentary?—Yes, Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

W. Mitchell.

WILLIAM MITCHELL called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

44,305. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,306. Tell me accurately what is the first election at which you voted?—Edwards and Sykes.

44,307. Did you vote for Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

44,308. What did you get?—2*l.*

44,309. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

The witness withdrew.

R. Arnott.

ROBERT ARNOTT called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,310. Are you a freeman?—No.

44,311. A 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

44,312. Did you vote at the election of 1857, Denison, Wells, and Glover?—No.

44,313. When did you vote first?—When I voted I voted right away through the elections for the Conservatives; that was the major and the other gentleman, and Edwards and Sykes.

44,314. When Edwards and Wells were up together, did you vote then?—I voted Edwards.

44,315. Did you get anything?—No.

44,316. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, 1859, did you vote?—Edwards, but got nothing.

44,317. Walker and Gridley?—No.

44,318. Did you vote at all?—No.

44,319. Why did you not vote then?—I was in business at the time, and I did not wish to do anything in it; and I did not do anything.

44,320. But were you not in business in 1859 when you voted for Edwards?—I always voted for the Conservatives barring one time; you will come at it presently.

44,321. Wait a minute, we will come to that. In the year 1859 you voted for Edwards?—Yes.

44,322. You were in business then?—Of course I was at business. I keep a public house in this town.

44,323. In 1859 you had that public house, when you voted for Edwards?—Well, I have been something like 10 years at yon house, where I live at the present time.

44,324. You had that house when you voted for Edwards?—No, I do not think I should have it then.

44,325. How did you have a vote then?—I do not know. With paying rent, I should think; I do not know.

44,326. Paying rent for what house?—The house where I am living at now.

44,327. Then you did have that house?—Yes.

44,328. You were in business then?—Yes.

44,329. What is the name of the public house?—The "Sun Inn."

44,330. Were you in business at the "Sun Inn" when you voted for Mr. Edwards?—Yes.

44,331. Walker and Gridley, the next year, 1860, did you vote?—No.

44,332. Why not?—Well, I was busy at the time, and I did not go to vote at all.

44,333. What do you mean by being busy?—As regards my business.

44,334. Was that the first time you were busy?—No, I am a tradesman and a publican, that's what I am, and there are times that I never went near to vote at all. I promised this one and the other at all events, and if I was not able to go, I did not go.

44,335. How far is the "Sun Inn" from the polling booth?—Well, perhaps a quarter of a mile, I do not know.

44,336. Did anybody come to you to talk about your vote at Walker and Gridley's election?—I do not know particularly for that.

44,337. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—Well, perhaps they might.

44,338. Well, what did you say?—I always voted for the Conservatives.

44,339. That you have told me; I do not want to be told a thing more than once. Did anybody ask you not to vote?—I do not know that they did.

44,340. Did anybody ask you not to vote?—No.

44,341. Let us go on to the next election, Edwards, Skyes, and Keane; which way did you vote?—Edwards and Keane.

44,342. Now, how many elections before that had you voted?—I do not know exactly; perhaps three or four altogether.

44,343. Three or four before that one?—No, I should not think that. I have only been there ten years.

44,344. Three or four altogether?—Yes.

44,345. When did you begin to vote? who was the first person you ever voted for in your life?—I believe Edwards was one.

44,346. Was it when Edwards and Walker were up?—Perhaps it might; I cannot tell you the time. I have not the poll book with me; you will find it there.

44,347. Now Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, you voted for Mr. Keane?—Yes.

44,348. Just the time before, did not somebody come and offer you money not to vote?—No, not to my knowledge.

44,349. Not to your knowledge?—They did not come and offer me anything at all, because I come out of my house. You are aware that anyone that keeps a public house is a little liable for getting a little bit over the left sometimes. I come out next morning, and "Would I vote for Keane? I'll get you 2*l.* from so and so." I said, "I will take it, but I am not "going to turn from the other party, from the Con- "servatives." That is the first time and the last.

44,350. So you voted for Edwards as well?—Yes.

44,351. I want to know about that election before, in 1860; I am talking about the election of 1860, five years before that, when Walker and Gridley were up?—I did not vote.

44,352. I know you did not vote; but what was the reason?—I do not know.

44,353. Did not anyone try and persuade you not to vote?—Not to my knowledge.

44,354. Did anybody come and ask you not to vote?—No.

44,355. Are you sure you voted three or four times?—Well, three or four times. In 10 years I could not vote more than three or four times.

44,356. But you have voted four times?—That will be pretty near three or four times; I do not know exactly.

44,357. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

44,358. Did you get anything?—I got 17*s.* 6*d.*

44,359. Who gave you that?—Thompson the barber.

44,360. Which way did you vote?—I voted for the Conservative party, of course.

44,361. How did you vote at the parliamentary?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard. That is all the money I ever received, 2*l.* from Mr. Keane, and 17*s.* 6*d.* at the municipal election; that is the only monies that I have received for 10 years from any party.

The witness withdrew.

WILLIAM LOFT called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

W. Loft.

44,362. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,363. How long have you been a freeman?—16 or 17 years.

44,364. I will only take you back to the election of 1857. Did you vote in 1857, when Denison, Glover, and Wells were the candidates?—Yes.

44,365. For whom?—For Glover, if I mistake not.

44,366. Did you receive anything on that occasion? No.

44,367. I suppose you did at the election before? You voted for Glover at the election before?—I voted for Glover.

44,368. Twice, did not you?—No, only once, the first time he came.

44,369. Do you recollect when Mr. Edwards came first?—Yes.

44,370. Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

44,371. Whom did you vote for then?—Edwards.

44,372. What did you receive?—Nothing for myself.

44,373. What money passed through your hands?—None at all.

44,374. You mean you received nothing for your vote?—Nothing for my vote.

44,375. How were you employed?—I was a master mariner at the time.

44,376. When you came back you found money was left at your father's house for you?—Yes.

44,377. How much?—Well, that I cannot really tell you.

44,378. About how much?—From the first of my voting to the last I received from 4*l.* to 4*l.* 10*s.*

44,379. But that time, in 1857?—That I cannot tell you, because it is a thing I did not take much notice of.

44,380. Was it 30*s.* or 2*l.*?—It might be.

44,381. You received money? That is really the important part?—Yes.

44,382. You received money from your father?—Yes.

44,383. Do you recollect voting at Walters, Edwards, and Walker's?—Yes, I recollect voting.

44,384. For whom?—It would be for Walker and Edwards.

44,385. How much?—I cannot tell you.

44,386. You received money?—I did not receive any till, perhaps, three or four months afterwards. It was merely my expenses; I did not receive any money for voting.

44,387. How much money did you receive?—That I cannot tell you upon any consideration.

44,388. You received money?—I did for my expenses.

44,389. What do you mean by expenses?—Sometimes I have to come from different places, London and different places, Leeds, and Wakefield.

44,390. Would you give me any one instance?—Once I was at Leeds and I was loading for Yarmouth, and what there was left for me I did not know for two or three months. Sometimes I go away for seven months.

44,391. Can you tell us what you received at the Walker and Gridley election?—I cannot tell you what I have received singly.

44,392. Did you receive money?—Yes, all the time I voted.

44,393. Every time you voted?—No doubt.

44,394. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, did you vote at that election?—Yes.

44,395. That is a short time since, only four years ago, July 1865?—Yes, I should vote then. There are only two elections from 1857 that I have not voted, that is, these last two.

44,396. You did not vote in 1865?—Yes, I should vote in 1865; did I? This is 1869.

44,397. Did you vote in 1865 when Keane was up, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

44,398. What money did you get?—That I cannot tell you. I got none myself; it was left at my father's house.

44,399. That is getting it?—Yes, but it would be merely my expenses; it might cost me 10*s.* or it might cost me twice 10*s.*

44,400. Cannot you tell us?—I cannot.

44,401. You got money, that is all you can say?—I should get my expenses; I have always voted for the Conservatives.

44,402. Now we will test that. In 1868 did you vote, when Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope

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were up?—No, I could not; I was in Grangemouth at the time.

44,403. Then in all the other times you voted you got money?—And the time before that I was in London and could not come. I was taking in a bondage cargo and could not leave it. The last two elections I have not voted.

44,404. You voted always for the Conservatives?—Always, and there was always my expenses left for me.

44,405. We will judge of that if you will tell us the amount of money. Can you tell us the amount of money you have received?—I cannot tell you. It might be from 3*l.*, 3*l.* 10*s.*, or 4*l.* to 4*l.* 10*s.*; I cannot say if I was on my oath ever so. The municipal I never voted at all.

The witness withdrew.

J. Branton.

JOHN BRANTON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

44,406. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—An occupier.

44,407. How long have you been an occupier?—Perhaps seven years.

44,408. Did you vote in any election before Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—No.

44,409. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Keane.

44,410. What did you get?—2*l.*

44,411. For whom did you vote at the last council choosing?—The Liberals.

44,412. Did you get anything?—Yes.

44,413. What did you get?—15*s.*

44,414. From whom?—From Mr. William Westerby.

44,415. I suppose you voted for Maxwell and Trollope?—Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

T. Spruce.

THOMAS SPRUCE called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,416. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,417. Did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election of 1857?—I do not know; I have forgotten.

44,418. Do you remember Denison coming here?—Yes, Denison and Wells.

44,419. Denison, Wells, and Glover, there were those three up together; did you vote for either of them?—Yes, I should vote for Wells and Denison.

44,420. Did you get anything?—No.

44,421. Sure?—Sure.

44,422. Edwards and Wells, did you vote then?—For Wells, I believe.

44,423. Did you get anything?—Not a penny.

44,424. Do you remember the next election, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—No, I do not remember it.

44,425. In 1859; Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Walters.

44,426. You voted for Walters?—I should vote Walters.

44,427. You got something then?—No.

44,428. There was a lot of money going?—I never got a penny, never since Towneley's.

44,429. Walker and Gridley, did you vote then?—I believe I did not; I think I was from home then.

44,430. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane, that was the last election but one?—I did not poll then.

44,431. How was that?—I was from home.

44,432. You were away from Beverley?—Yes.

44,433. Where were you?—I am sure I forget now, I was on business.

44,434. What is your business?—A ropemaker and sheep netmaker.

44,435. Were you far away from here?—Yes, I did not get to poll.

44,436. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes, I did.

44,437. Which way did you vote?—Liberals.

44,438. Did you get anything?—Not a farthing.

44,439. You say you have not got anything at any election within the last 10 years. Within this last 10 years have you ever had any money in respect of any election?—No, never since Towneley's election, never had a penny from any party.

44,440. Have you ever had money to pay away?—No, I have not I am sure.

44,441. Have you ever been employed in any way?—No.

The witness withdrew.

J. Armstrong.

JOHN ARMSTRONG called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,442. Are you a freeman?—No, an occupier.

44,443. When did you first become a voter?—In 1854.

44,444. Then did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election?—Yes.

44,445. For whom did you vote?—I voted for the Liberals every year since.

44,446. Did you ever receive any money either for yourself or to pay away?—Never either gave a bribe or received a bribe in my life.

44,447. Does that apply also to the municipal elections?—Yes.

44,448. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have been a member, I suppose, of the Liberal committee?—No.

44,449. Never?—Never took an active part in any election whatever.

44,450. We understand you are one of the petitioners on the late election?—Yes.

44,451. I thought from that you must have taken an active part?—No, none whatever.

44,452. You really answer that you have never been a member of any committee?—Yes.

44,453. And you also say you never paid anyone?—There was, I think, a kind of committee formed called the working men's committee. I think my name was down there, but I never took any part.

44,454. You never took any part?—No.

44,455. That is what I mean. At any of these elections within the last 10 years have you ever taken anyone to be paid?—No.

44,456. Never taken anyone?—Never taken anyone.

44,457. Have you never taken any man to vote?—No.

44,458. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) From wrong information you are brought here.

The witness withdrew.

J. Ombler.

JAMES OMBLER called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

44,459. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—An occupier.

44,460. How long have you been an occupier?—Since 1833.

44,461. Speaking of the elections following the election of Denison, Wells, and Glover, have you ever received any money for yourself?—No.

44,462. For voting?—No.

44,463. Have you ever paid any money to any person?—No.

44,464. Have you ever taken anyone to be bribed ?—I have.

44,465. When was that ?—Goldsmid's."

44,466. No, you heard what I said. I said within the last 10 years ?—Not since Goldsmid.

44,467. Then since Denison, Wells, and Glover you have never taken anyone to vote ?—No, I never received anything or paid anything.

44,468. Or taken anyone to be paid ?—No.

44,469. Or ever been stakeholder, had the money to be paid to another ?—No, never.

44,470, Have you been a member of the Liberal committee ?—No, never.

The witness withdrew.

Samuel Hutty called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,471. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

44,472. What is your occupation ?—A labourer.

44,473. Did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election ?—Yes.

44,474. That was in 1857 ; did you get anything for your vote ?—No, I do not recollect that I did.

44,475. I wish you would recollect and answer positively ?—I can tell the times when I recollect that I did get it.

44,476. Let us have them, then ?—In 1852, Lawley and Wells, I got 3*l.*

44,477. Go on ?—Edwards, the first time he put up, I believe, I got 2*l.*

44,478. That was Edwards alone ?—Yes, I think that was the only time.

44,479. Which way did you vote ?—I voted for Edwards. I do not know whether I voted for Wells or not.

44,480. You could not have voted for him, because there were only two put up that time ?—I voted for Edwards then.

44,481. And you got 2*l.* ?—Yes.

44,482. Go on to later elections ?—I have voted at other elections, I believe, since, but I do not recollect getting anything at all.

44,483. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in 1859, which way did you vote then ?—I do not know.

44,484. That time did you vote for Walters ?—I believe I did.

44,485. What made you vote for Walters ?—I do not know.

44,486. Come, think, and tell me ?—Well, let us see.

44,487. At the previous election you voted for Edwards. At this election you did not vote for Edwards, but you voted for Walters. What was the reason of that ?—Well, I believe I got 2*l.* that time.

44,488. Walker and Gridley were up together in 1860, which way did you vote then ?—I do not know, I forget.

44,489. Did you not vote for Mr. Gridley ?—Gridley ?

44,490. That is not the first time you have heard the name ?—Yes, I know, but I do not know.

44,491. Come now, did you vote for Mr. Gridley ?—Well, I forget ; I cannot say.

44,492. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We will refresh your memory directly.

44,493. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You must try and answer better.

44,494. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted for Gridley.

44,495. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) And you got 2*l.* Did you not go to the "Pack Horse" ?—I did, yes.

44,496. And got a couple of pounds?—Yes.

44,497. Why did you not say so ?—I forgot.

44,498. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ?—Edwards and Sykes.

44,499. And you got a couple of pounds then ?—I got nothing.

44,500. You say positively you got nothing then ?—I know I got nothing then.

44,501. Now, did you vote at the last council choosing ?—No.

44,502. Have you a municipal vote ?—No.

44,503. How is that ?—Because I did not live in Beverley.

44,504. Did you have any money at all this last municipal election ?—No.

44,505. Not at the council choosing ?—No.

44,506. (*Mr Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you in the market place on the day of the council choosing ?—No, I was not.

44,507. Were you in town ?—No.

44,508. You got nothing at Edwards and Sykes ?—Nothing.

44,509. Why did you vote for Walters and Gridley ?—I do not know the reason.

44,510. Were you promised anything ?—Nothing at all.

44,511. We are speaking of 1865 ?—Yes.

44,512. Keane, Edwards, and Sykes ? — I got nothing.

44,513. Were you promised nothing ?—Nothing at all.

The witness withdrew.

William Jenkinson called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,514. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

44,515. 1865, I suppose you voted ?—I voted for Keane, and got 2*l.*

44,516. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

44,517. For the Liberals ?—For the Liberals.

44,518. What did you get ?—Nothing.

The witness withdrew.

William Wright Foster called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

44,519. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

44,520. What is the first election at which you voted ?—I voted, I believe, three times, but twice that I can recollect.

44,521. Did you vote at Walker and Gridley's election?—I can recollect voting at Edwards and Sykes'.

44,522. You voted for Edwards and Sykes ?—Yes.

44,523. Did you get anything ?—No.

44,524. Nothing at all ?—No, never did get anything.

44,525. You are quite sure you got nothing ?—Yes, quite sure.

44,526. Have you ever voted at the council choosing?—No.

44,527. Now you are quite sure you got nothing at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election ?—Sure. I never did get anything.

44,528. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you receive the Walker's gift ?—Yes.

44,529. When ?—I do not know what year. I got 30*s.*

44,530. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It was 1865. Had you lost anything ?—No, I had nothing to lose.

44,531. What did you get it for then ?—I applied for a licence to hawk, and they would not give me what I wanted, not enough, so I paid for a part of a suit of clothes.

The witness withdrew.

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W. Southwick.

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WILLIAM SOUTHWICK called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,532. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,533. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes.

44,534. What did you get?—Nothing.

44,535. You say positively nothing?—Yes, positively.

44,536. Edwards and Wells?—No.

44,537. You did not vote?—Yes, I voted for Wells.

44,538. Whom did you vote for the time before, Denison, Glover, and Wells?—I voted for Denison and Wells.

44,539. And the next time you voted for Wells?—Yes.

44,540. 1859, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Walters.

44,541. Did you get anything?—No.

44,542. The next time, Walker and Gridley?—I did not vote at all.

44,543. The next time, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I voted for Keane.

44,544. Did you get anything?—No.

44,545. That you are positive of?—Yes, positive of it.

44,546. Have you ever had any money?—Never since you have asked me I have not.

44,547. When did you then?—I got some at Towneley's election.

44,548. But since then?—Not since then.

44,549. Never in respect of any election?—In respect of none.

44,550. Or the municipal election?—I did not vote.

44,551. Did you get any money at the municipal election?—Never in my life.

44,552. This last one I mean?—I did not vote.

44,553. Yes, but still you might have had money?—I never got anything at a municipal election in my life.

44,554. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Were you ever employed?—No.

44,555. As a messenger?—No, no shape whatever.

The witness withdrew.

H. Brown.

HENRY BROWN called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,556. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,557. What are you by calling?—A cartman, keeps horses and carts, carts about for people, what you call a rulley man.

44,558. When did you first vote?—Denison and Wells.

44,559. For whom?—Denison and Wells.

44,560. How much?—I got 30*s.*

44,561. Tell us where you got it?—Daniel Boyes's, from Mr. Green, a bricklayer. I got three half-sovereign pieces.

44,562. Where were you living at the time?—I was living in Minster Moor Gate with my father then.

44,563. Had you worked for them or done anything for them except to vote?—No. I got a hare afterwards.

44,564. Now your next election was Edwards and Wells?—Yes; I voted for Wells.

44,565. How much?—I got nothing.

44,566. Then Walters'. I need hardly ask you. You voted for Walters, I suppose?—Edwards and Walker.

44,567. Did you go to Edwards and Walker?—Yes.

44,568. How much?—Nothing.

44,569. Oh, come now?—I did not, I am sure; not a halfpenny piece.

44,570. You were promised?—No.

44,571. That may be. Were you promised anything at Wells' election?—No.

44,572. Were you dissapointed at not getting anything for voting for Wells?—No.

44,573. Then how came you at once to change?—Because I had asked them two or three times to give me a pound for flag carrying and they would not, so I would not vote for them.

44,574. And then you went over to the other side?—Yes.

44,575. Did you tell your friends on Edwards and Walker's side why you voted for them?—No.

44,576. You did not tell them?—No.

44,577. Who took you up to the poll; do you recollect?—I went with myself.

44,578. Now, at the next election, when Walker and Gridley were up?—Walker.

44,579. Did your resentment last so long as that? Did you get anything?—No; I polled for Walker then.

44,580. Under the same feeling?—Yes.

44,581. Now you heard that money was going at the Gridley election, did not you?—No; I did not get any. I never asked for none.

44,582. But you heard money was going?—No, I did not.

44,583. Then you must have been a long way from Beverley?—No, I was not.

44,584. Now come to Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

44,585. Well?—I got 2*l.*

44,586. Who gave you the 2*l.*?—Mr. Sturdy, coal merchant.

44,587. Did you ever receive Walker's gift?—No. I have lost cattle and all, but never asked for it.

44,588. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I never voted for council choosing in my life and have been an occupier going on nine years.

44,589. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In this election of Denison and Wells had you been employed as a messenger?—No. I was at the North-eastern Railway Company. I was horseman at the time. Mr. King was station master at the time.

44,590. You mean at this time?—Yes. I was shunt man.

44,591. You lived in Beverley?—Yes; I was born in Beverley.

44,592. What did you consider this 1*l.* 10*s.* for?—For voting for Denison and Wells. I got it in Mr. Boyes's passage.

The witness withdrew.

W. A. Brusby.

WILLIAM ATKINSON BRUSBY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

44,593. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,594. What is the first election at which you voted?—Lawley and Wells.

44,595. Coming down from that to Denison, Wells, and Glover, for whom did you vote?—Glover.

44,596. Did you get anything then?—Not a farthing.

44,597. The next election was Edwards and Wells. For whom did you vote then?—For Edwards.

44,598. Then the next was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

44,599. Did you get anything then?—Not a farthing.

44,600. Have you ever got anything?—Yes.

44,601. The next was Walker and Gridley; for whom did you vote?—Walker.

44,602. Did you get anything then?—1*l.*

44,603. And for Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; for whom did you vote at that election?—Edwards and Sykes.

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44,604. Did you get anything then?—Yes.
44,605. How much?—*2l.*
44,606. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—I have not been on these last eight or nine years.
44,607. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When you first voted for Major Edwards did you get anything?—Yes, I got *3l.*

The witness withdrew.

G. Fitzgerald.

George Fitzgerald called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,608. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
44,609. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,610. Can you remember the Denison, Wells, and Glover election?—Yes.
44,611. Did you vote?—Yes.
44,612. For which of them?—Glover, I believe.
44,613. Did you get anything?—Nothing at all.
44,614. Not a penny?—Not a penny.
44,615. Edwards and Wells' election after that?—Edwards.
44,616. Did you get anything?—No, not a penny.
44,617. Then there is the election after that, Walters, Edwards, and Walker; how did you vote then?—Edwards and Walker.
44,618. There was a good deal of money going then; did you get any of it?—I did not get anything.
44,619. You did not?—No.
44,620. Walker and Gridley?—Walker.
44,621. Did you get anything?—No.
44,622. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Edwards and Sykes.
44,623. Well?—*2l.*
44,624. Was that the first time you got anything?—No; I got some at Lawley and Wells.
44,625. But after that?—That is the first time after that.
44,626. Well now, did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.
44,627. Did you get anything then?—*17s. 6d.*
44,628. For the Conservatives?—For the Conservatives.
44,629. And you voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Voted for Edwards and Kennard.
44,630. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Where do you work?—I have been lame six months, been laid up, and work nowhere at present.

The witness withdrew.

W. Flint.

William Flint called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,631. What are you?—A shoemaker.
44,632. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,633. How long have you been a freeman?—Thirty years.
44,634. Do you recollect voting at the celebrated Towneley election?—Yes.
44,635. What did you get?—*12l.*
44,636. Now come down to 1857. Did you vote when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—Yes.
44,637. For whom?—For Glover.
44,638. No money going then, I believe?—No, I expect not.
44,639. I suppose you had voted for him and got some money at the former election?—I voted for him in 1852 and got no money for him.
44,640. Now, when Major Edwards came, Edwards and Wells, for whom did you vote?—For Edwards.
44,641. How much?—I did not receive any money.
44,642. Did you apply or were you promised?—No, I never made any application or was made any promise.
44,643. Perhaps you did not know Kemplay? Were you acquainted with him at that time?—I have been for many years acquainted with Kemplay.
44,644. Did you vote at the election when there were Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—Yes, I voted for Edwards and Walker.
41,645. How much?—I was put down as a runner or messenger. I got *1l. 2s. 6d.*
44,646. Who paid you?—I got paid at Mr. Bainton's office. I cannot say who he was. There was two or three on the bench at the time.
44,647. How long after the election?—A day after.
44,648. And how many days were you running?—I was running the whole of the election time, a week perhaps, or something of that.
44,649. Running?—Running and walking perhaps, doing something.
44,650. Going from public house to public house and seeing about?—No, not much of that.
44,651. Now the next time, Gridley and Walker?—I voted for Walker.
44,652. Got money?—I got no money.
44,653. Were not you a runner?—No.
44,654. Did they give up the running system?—I gave it up then.
44,655. But did not you get any money then?—No.
44,656. Kemplay was at work again then?—I never had any transactions with Kemplay or any other.
44,657. But did not you know he was at work, he had money distributing?—I always understood he had money, but I never received any money from him or any other party.
44,658. Now come down to Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election; how did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.
44,659. Did you get anything at that election?—I did not receive a farthing at Edwards and Sykes' election.
44,660. Not a farthing?—Not any money whatever, of any description.
44,661. Is that all the money you received, *1l. 2s. 6d.*?—That is all the money I received for the last 20 years.
44,662. Did you vote at the council choosing?—No; I have voted for it, but I have not had a vote for some years.
44,663. You did not vote last time?—No.
44,664. Did you get any equivalent of any kind?—No, never at all; I never took any part in it whatever.
44,665. Never applied for or got Walker's gift or anything in that way?—No.

The witness withdrew.

D. Greenbury.

David Greenbury called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

44,666. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
44,667. How long have you been a freeman?—Since 1862.
44,668. Then you voted at Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election?—No, I did not vote.
44,669. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—I voted at Keane's election.
44,670. I just asked you that?—Yes.
44,671. What did you get?—*3l.*
44,672. On whose side?—The Liberals.
44,673. Did you get anything on the other side?—That is all the money I have got.
44,674. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

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44,675. Has your house ever been used as a committee room?—My father's was.

44,676. In your lifetime, I suppose?—Yes.

44,677. Was that in 1857, at Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Lawley and Wells, I believe.

44,678. Not since that?—Not since then, I believe.

44,679. What house is it?—An auctioneer's in the market place.

The witness withdrew.

W. A. Hutton.

WILLIAM ABBOTT HUTTON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,680. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,681. Did you vote in 1857?—Yes.

44,682. For whom?—For Keane and Sykes.

44,683. I want to know the earlier elections than that?—That is the first time I did vote.

44,684. Then your answer was under a mistake evidently. The first time you voted was in 1865, Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—Yes.

44,685. For whom did you vote?—Sykes and Keane.

44,686. How much?—Nought.

44,687. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—No.

44,688. What is your occupation?—A wheelwright.

44,689. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No, I have not a vote.

44,690. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,691. Are you one of those who have had Walker's gift?—No.

44,692. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you any relation to the family of Abbott we have had here? Have you any relations in the town called Abbott?—Yes.

44,693. You must have heard from them that money was going?—Oh, I knew it was going.

44,694. On both sides?—Yes.

44,695. How came you not to get any?—Because I had plenty of my own, I did not want none.

44,696. You made no application at all?—No.

44,697. You knew it was going but did not want to have it?—No.

44,698. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How came you to vote for Keane and Sykes then?—Because I thought they was the two properest man. I thought they was the best men.

44,699. Were you promised anything?—No.

44,700. Now tell us all about it. Were you promised anything at all?—There was two or three wanted me to go to the Mechanics' Hall, and I got to the door and came back; I would not go in.

44,701. Who were they?—A brother of mine.

44,702. And he got money, did not he?—Yes.

44,703. I think he got money for you too?—No; I had a brother went in and got money for me, and he had not a vote, but I did not go.

44,704. Well, you will get no money here to-day, I can tell you. What about Sykes'?—I voted for Sykes.

44,705. Did you get any money there? Did any brother of yours go in there?—No.

44,706. What is your brother's name who went to the Mechanics' Hall for you?—James Hutton. He had not a vote.

44,707. I know he had not. How much did he get?—1*l.*

44,708. Did he give it to you?—No.

44,709. What then?—He kept it.

44,710. Why did not you tell us that at once when you were being examined?—I did tell you.

44,711. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What time did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—It was nomination day about six o'clock when I was going, and I turned back. There was a man persuaded me to go back.

44,712. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Why did you turn back?—Because there was a man persuaded me to turn back. I did not care about going.

The witness withdrew.

F. Johnson.

FRANCIS JOHNSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,713. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,714. Did you vote when Denison, Wells, and Glover were the candidates?—1857, yes.

44,715. Which way?—Well, I believe I voted for Glover and Wells; I fancy so, but would not be positive.

44,716, Did you get anything?—No.

44,717. Are you sure of that?—Sure of that.

44,718. Edwards and Wells just after?—Yes, I voted for Edwards.

44,719. Did you get anything?—No.

44,720. When did you get anything?—Never since Towneley's election. I should vote for Hogg and Fox. I never had a shilling piece for any voting since that time, nor a penny.

44,721. What is your occupation?—I am a bricklayer and builder.

The witness withdrew.

W. Monkman.

WILLIAM MONKMAN called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,722. When did you first vote?—1852.

44,723. Then you voted, I suppose, for Lawley and Wells?—For Glover.

44,724. Did you get any money then?—No.

44,725. Did you vote for Glover the next election?—I voted in 1857 for Edwards.

44,726. How much?—Nothing.

44,727. Tell me what you got now. Did you vote when Walters was here, Walters, Edwards, and Walker?—I got half a sovereign for Walters.

44,728. Did you vote for him?—Edwards and Walters, yes.

44,729. Well, Walker and Gridley?—Walker.

44,730. How much?—Nothing.

44,731. Why, how was that? How did that come about?—I do not know, I voted.

44,732. You know Walters was a perfect stranger to you. Go on to the next election?—Edwards and Sykes, and got nothing.

44,733. Well?—Edwards and Kennard; nothing.

44,734. Oh, I do not ask you about that. Council choosing, did you vote?—Yes.

44,735. How much?—15*s.*

44,736. From whom?—From Watson.

44,737. The auctioneer?—Yes.

44,738. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

44,739. Now, you know I do not like to be suspicious, but I must ask, if you took half a guinea from a stranger, how came you not to get money from Walker; you knew it was going?—I never sought it.

44,740. How came you never to get Edwards and Sykes' money?—I never sought it.

44,741. Did not you know it was going?—No, I never inquired.

44,742. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you ever apply for Walker's gift?—No.

44,743. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Do you live in Beverley?—Yes, but did not then.

44,744. Have you a shop?—No, I am a cowkeeper.

44,745. Are you a stocker?—Yes.

44,746. Did you ever get any money? Were you employed in 1859?—No.

44,747. Were you ever employed at any election as a messenger?—No, I do not believe I was.

44,748. You know that is quite ridiculous, talking

about "do not believe." You had better be cautious. Were you ever employed as a messenger?—Edwards and Sykes?

44,749. Yes?—I believe I got *5s.*

44,750. I am not asking what you got; I am asking you were you employed as a messenger?—Yes; for one day.

44,751. More than one day, I should think?—No.

44,752. Who employed you?—I cannot say.

44,753. Now you had better answer. Who employed you as a messenger?—I cannot say.

44,754. Who paid you the *5s.*?—I am sure I could not say.

44,755. What would prevent your saying it?—Nothing; I could not say.

44,756. How many cows have you?—Four.

44,757. Had you four then?—No.

44,758. How many then?—Three.

44,759. You had them on the pastures, I suppose?—Yes.

44,760. You were employed in 1865 by an unknown man, and paid by him *5s.*, is that what you would like us to understand; that you, a cowkeeper, a man in the position of having three cows on the pastures, was paid *5s.* by an unknown man, and employed by an unknown man? What did you run about for? Give me the name of any one man you saw as a messenger?—I was in Toll Gavel, at Padget's shop.

44,761. They were paying money there, were not they?—I did not see them.

44,762. What were you doing there?—I was there and went to the committee room.

44,763. Oh, then I beg your pardon, it was as a committee man you were paid?—No.

44,764. What else?—As a runner.

44,765. Now look here; you are put down here, "William Monkman, *1l. 2s. 6d.*" (*referring to a paper*)?—I never got it.

44,766. Oh, this is in 1859. You were in the committee room at the Toll Gavel?—I was not in the committee room.

44,767. What room else?—In Padget's shop.

44,768. What were you doing there?—Taking messages.

44,769. What is his shop?—A painter's shop.

44,770. Now, that is not always the pleasantest shop to be in; what were you doing there the day of the election?—Taking the number of the poll.

44,771. Were you bringing men up and down to the poll? I do not understand. What were you doing? Did you leave the shop all day?—No.

44,772. Stayed there all the day?—Oh yes, I kept leaving the shop.

44,773. Where did you go to?—I went to Mr. Clowes, from Paget's shop to Moore's shop.

44,774. Now, cannot you tell me at all who told you to do that? You did not do that out of your own head, you know. Who told you to do it?—I cannot say just now.

44,775. When were you told to do it?—I could not say now.

44,776. When were you paid the *5s.*?—I really could not say.

44,777. Now, in 1859, what were you doing then? That was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Walker.

44,778. Did you get any money at that election?—No.

44,779. Not in respect of the election?—No.

44,780. You are put down here as "William Monkman, *1l. 2s. 6d.* on account of money paid on behalf of Major Edwards, M.P., and James Walker, Esq." It may be your father?—My father is called William Monkman, and I have a cousin William Monkman as well.

44,781. Are you a brother of the gentleman who is—— ?—Isaac; yes.

44,782. He is clerk to the pasture masters?—Yes.

44,783. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you ever get Walker's gift?—Me! I never asked for it.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN NEWBALD called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

J. Newbald.

44,784. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,785. Did you vote at Denison, Glover, and Wells' election?—Yes.

44,786. For whom did you vote?—Denison and Wells; I voted for those two.

44,787. What did you get?—I got nothing.

44,788. Did you vote at the next election, Edwards and Wells, when Edwards and Wells were up together? Did you vote for Edwards?—I voted for Edwards.

44,789. Did you get anything?—Yes, I got *3l.*, I believe.

44,790. Walters, Edwards, and Walker, in '59?—I voted for Edwards and Walters.

44,791. What did you get?—I got nothing.

44,792. Did you vote for Walters?—No, I did not.

44,793. Whom did you vote for?—Edwards and Walters.

44,794. You said not, just now. Why did you vote for Walters?—I do not know, I am sure.

44,795. Just think; why did you vote for Walters?—I cannot say the reason.

44,796. You forget you had an interest in voting for him. Come, you had better out with it, it is really too late to try and conceal these matters now. You thought you had something to gain or lose by it?—I thought I would vote for him.

44,797. Why; did you not talk to somebody about money?—No, I never thought about money.

44,798. You told me you got *3l.* the time before?—Once I did.

44,799. Why did you tell me you did not think about money; that cannot be right? Well, Walker and Gridley's election, how did you vote?—I voted for Walker.

44,800. You voted for Walker that time?—Yes.

44,801. You did not vote for him the time before?—No.

44,802. Now that Mr. Walker has engaged your sympathy, why was that?—I do not know.

44,803. How much did you get?—*2l.*

44,804. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election; for whom did you vote?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

44,805. How much?—I did not get anything.

44,806. Did you get anything for Keane's side?—No, I did not vote for Keane.

44,807. I know that. Did you go to the Mechanics' Hall?—No, I did not.

44,808. Are you above it?—No.

44,809. At all events, you did not go there?—No.

44,810. Did you vote at the last council choosing; the last municipal election?—Yes, I did.

44,811. How much?—*10s.*

44,812. Who gave you that?—Robert Thirsk.

44,813. Which way did you vote?—Conservative.

44,814. And which way did you vote at the last parliamentary election?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

44,815. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you ever apply for Walker's gift?—No, I never had any gift.

44,816. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you ever go to a house in Toll Gavel at Walters' election?—I know the house.

44,817. The house that had been a pastrycook's, a confectioner's shop; did you go to Poole's, the confectioner's shop, at Walters' election?—No.

44,818. You did not go there?—No.

44,819. Do you swear you never went there?—I know where the house is.

44,820. On your oath, did you never go there?—Yes.

44,821. Do you mean to say you never went into

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Poole's, the confectioner's shop, at Walters' election ?—No.

44,822. You never did ?—No.

44,823. That you swear ?—Yes.

44,824. Did you see Robert Taylor that day ?—No, I never saw no Robert Taylors.

44,825. You saw no Robert Taylors ?—No.

44,826. Upon your oath did you receive no money on Walters' election ?—No, on my oath I did not.

44,827. No money whatever ?—No money.

44,828. No money on any account ?—No.

44,829. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you get any promise ?—No, I did not get any promise.

The witness withdrew.

E. Osgerby.

EDWARD OSGERBY called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

44,830. Did you vote at Denison, Glover, and Wells' election ?—No, I think not.

44,831. You think not ?—I did not vote for Wells at Glover's election.

44,832. I did not ask if you did. I asked did you vote at Denison, Glover, and Wells' election, and if so, for whom did you vote ?—I did not vote for either of them.

44,833. Did you vote at the election at all ?—I think not ; I could tell if I had the poll book.

44,834. So could we. The next election was Edwards and Wells in 1857 ?—I voted in 1852 for Wells.

44,835. Never mind 1852, we are talking about 1857, Edwards and Wells ?—I voted for Wells one election.

44,836. Attend ; in 1857 the candidates were Edwards and Wells ; for whom did you vote ?—For Wells.

44,837. You know very well you did not ?—I never looked.

44,838. You say you voted for Wells ?—Yes.

44,839. Did you receive anything ?—No.

44,840. Nothing ?—No ; I was promised 4*l.* by Daniel Boyes and never got it ; he never gave me fourpence.

44,841. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I was wrong and you were right when you said you voted for Wells. The next election was Walters' election ; Walters, Edwards, and Walker ; for whom did you vote ?—Walker and Edwards.

44,842. Did you get anything then ?—I think not.

44,843. Just give the thing a thought and tell me ?—I do not know that I did.

44,844. Did you not get anything ?—Yes, I believe I got 30*s.*

44,845. Where did you get that ?—I got 30*s.* at the "Cross Keys."

44,846. The next election was in 1860, Walker and Gridley ; for whom did you vote then ?—For Walker.

44,847. Did you get anything then ?—I think not.

44,848. You think you did not get anything ?—Not at that election.

44,849. Are you sure that was not the election at which you got 30*s.* at the "Cross Keys" ?—I think not.

44,850. You got nothing when Walker stood singly ?—Yes.

44,851. That is really your belief ?—Yes.

44,852. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane ; for whom did you vote ?—For Edwards and Sykes.

44,853. What did you get ?—30*s.*, I believe.

44,854. Where did you get it ?—I do not know where I got it now.

44,855. Did you vote for the last council choosing ?—Yes.

44,856. What did you get then ?—15*s.*, I believe.

44,857. For whom did you vote at the council choosing ?—Conservatives.

44,858. And for whom did you vote at the parliamentary election ?—I voted for Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

W. Pougher.

WILLIAM POUGHER called and sworn ; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,859. What are you ?—A wheelwright and a freeman.

44,860. Do you remember the election of 1857 ?—Yes.

44,861. Did you vote then ?—Yes ; the first time.

44,862. There were two elections that year ?—Yes.

44,863. Did you vote at the first of them ?—Yes, at Glover's ; I gave him a plumper.

44,864. Did you get anything ?—No.

44,865. Edwards and Wells was the next election ; which way did you vote ?—Mr. Edwards, and got 3*l.*

44,866. The next was Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—I voted for Walters and Edwards, and got 1*l.* for Walters and nothing the other.

44,867. In 1860 which way did you vote ?—For Walker ; I was engaged two days and got 1*l.*

44,868. You got more than that ?—No.

44,869. You had not voted for him the time before ?—No, I voted for Walters the time before.

44,870. And now you come back ?—I got 10*s.* the nomination day and 10*s.* the polling day and nothing more, nothing more was offered ; I never heard tell of any more than that.

44,871. Who employed you as a messenger ?—My father got my name put down ; I do not know who he went to.

44,872. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane in 1865 ?—I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

44,873. How much ?—2*l.*

44,874. Did you vote at the last council choosing ?—Yes, and got 10*s.*

44,875. Is that the Conservatives ?—Yes.

44,876. Who gave it you ?—Mr. Watson, the auctioneer, at the "Golden Ball."

44,877. And you voted for Edwards and Kennard ?—Yes.

44,877*a*. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You said 2*l.* Edwards and Sykes ?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J. L. Ramshaw.

JOSEPH LEE RAMSHAW called and sworn ; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,878. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

44,879. How long ?—Since 1865. The first time I voted for Edwards and Sykes.

44,880. Are you a freeman by birth ?—Yes.

44,881. How much did you get ?—3*l.*

44,882. Did you vote at the council choosing last time ?—Yes.

44,883. How much ?—17*s.* 6*d.*

44,884. From whom ?—From Watson the auctioneer.

44,885. How did you vote at the parliamentary ?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

JOHN ROBINSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow. *J. Robinson.* 25 Oct. 1869.

44,886. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,887. How long have you been?—About 20 years.

44,888. Did you vote in Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—I voted in 1852 for Glover.

44,889. In the next election after, Denison, Wells, and Glover, how did you vote?—I did not vote.

44,890. Did you vote at Edwards and Wells' election?—I did not vote any more till 1859.

44,891. That was Walters, Edwards, and Walker; for whom did you vote?—Edwards.

44,892. Edwards single?—Yes.

44,893. What did you get?—1*l.*

44,894. From which side?—From Edwards'.

44,895. You got nothing from the other side?—No.

44,896. The next election was Walker and Gridley; what did you get?—Nothing.

44,897. Who did you vote for?—Walker.

44,898. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; what did you get?—2*l.* for Edwards and Sykes.

44,899. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—Yes.

44,900. Whom did you vote for?—The Conservatives.

44,901. What did you get?—17*s.* 6*d.*

44,902. At the parliamentary for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

The witness withdrew.

HENRY SCRUTON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox. *H. Scruton.*

44,903. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,904. When did you first vote?—1865.

44,905. For whom?—Edwards and Sykes.

44,906. How much did you got?—50*s.*

44,907. Did you vote at the last council choosing?—No.

44,908. There are several persons of the name of Scruton. Have you had Walker's gift; are you one of them?—Yes.

44,909. When was that?—Last Christmas.

44,910. Had you lost anything?—No; I had been off ill 17 weeks.

44,911. Was that the reason that you asked for it?—Yes.

44,912. When did you ask for it?—I applied for it first in March.

44,913. When you were not ill?—I had been out of work.

44,914. Did you get it?—No.

44,915. Did you apply for it again?—I applied for it again; I think it was in June or July.

44,916. Did you get it that time?—No.

44,917. What was your ground for applying for it then?—With being out of work I had gotten back a bit. I thought if I could get some money out of the thing it would help me on.

44,918. What is your work?—I am a joiner.

44,919. You work as a journeyman?—Yes. I had been out of work six months when I applied the first time, and I did not get it, and I thought I would apply again and see if they would give it me then; so I sent in another application, and the reason I did not get it then was that Mr. Monkman had not brought the application before the pasture masters.

44,920. Did you send it in writing?—Yes; I sent three applications in.

44,921. When did you send the last?—Some time about October the last one.

44,922. And you got the gift?—I got the gift in December.

44,923. And there were 17 weeks you had been ill?—Yes.

44,924. Were you ill at the time you sent the application in?—I was ill at the time I sent the last application, and I got 30*s.*

44,925. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you vote in the meantime; you applied in October?—I voted at the parliamentary election.

44,926. That was in November?—Yes, I voted then.

44,927. For whom did you vote?—Edwards and Kennard.

44,928. In December you got the gift?—Yes, I got it in December.

44,929. There are two other persons of the name of Scruton, John and Thomas; are they brothers of yours?—No.

44,930. Are they any relations of yours?—There are two or three John Scrutons.

44,931. Have any brothers of yours got anything?—I have not a brother; they call my father John.

44,932. Did he get it?—I do not know whether he got it or not. I applied for it. I had a wife and two children. I think I had as much right to it as them that got 3*l.* or 4*l.*

The witness withdrew.

ROBERT TURNER called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner. *R. Turner.*

44,933. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

44,934. How long have you been one?—39 years.

44,935. You voted at the Towneley election, did you?—Yes.

44,936. What did you get?—12*l.*

44,937. Now we will come down to 1857. Did you vote when Denison, Wells, and Glover were up?—Yes; I voted for Denison and Wells.

44,938. What did you get?—I got nothing.

44,939. Did you vote at the next election, Edwards and Wells?—Yes.

44,940. For whom?—For Wells.

44,941. Did you get anything?—No.

44,942. Walters, Edwards, and Walker; did you vote?—I voted for Walters.

44,943. How much did you get?—2*l.*

44,944. Gridley and Walker?—I voted for Gridley.

44,945. How much did you get?—2*l.*

44,946. Edwards, Sykes, and Keane; for whom did you vote?—Edwards and Sykes.

44,947. How much did you get?—2*l.*

44,948. For Edwards and Sykes?—Yes.

44,949. Is it a fair question to ask you—you voted Walters and Gridley, and all that—how came you to vote Edwards and Sykes, because there was 2*l.* going the other side?—I thought I would change my mind that time.

44,950. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

44,951. Well, how much?—Nothing.

44,952. On either side?—No.

44,953. What are you?—A tailor.

44,954. You never applied for Walker's gift?—No.

The witness withdrew.

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R. Mallans.

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RICHARD MALLANS called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

44,955. Are you a freeman?—No.

44,956. Are you a 10*l.* occupier?—No; last time was the first time I ever voted.

44,957. Where do you work?—At the old foundry.

44,958. Do you know whether Flint works at the old foundry?—No. There is not one there that I know of.

44,959. Do you know whether Fitzgerald works there?—Yes. Flint used to do; he does not now; he works at the wheelwright's shop.

44,960. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are you, an under-foreman there?—A labourer.

54,961. What money did you give away at the last municipal election?—I believe I gave three men 15*s.* each.

44,962. How many men did you give 15*s.* to?—Three. I went and brought them in, and Bentley gave me the money; I gave it them in Dickinson's shop.

44,963. Bentley was your foreman?—Yes, he was my foreman.

44,964. How did you yourself vote?—I voted for the crimson at the council and the parliamentary.

44,965. What did you yourself get?—I got 15*s.*

44,966. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) 15*s.* for yourself at the council?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

J Stephenson.

JAMES STEPHENSON called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

44,967. Are you a freeman?—No.

44,968. Are you a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

44,969. Did you vote so far back as 1857?—Yes.

44,970. Denison, Wells, and Glover's election?—Yes.

44,971. Which of them did you vote for?—Denison and Wells.

44,972. Did you get anything?—No.

44,973. Have you got anything at any election?—No.

44,974. What are you by occupation?—A grocer and seed merchant.

44,975. And you say you have not had money in any election in respect of the election?—No.

43,976. Have you ever given money?—No.

44,977. Have you at any municipal election given or received money?—No.

44,978. Or have you been employed in any way?—No.

The witness withdrew.

R. Watson.

ROBERT WATSON called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,979. What are you by trade?—A joiner.

44,980. How long have you been a freeman?—It is a long time.

44,981. You have a piece of paper; take out the paper, and look at it. Hand it to me. (*It was handed to the Commissioner.*) I will help you. Did you vote at the Towneley election?—Yes, I think so.

44,982. And got 12*l.*?—No, I did not.

44,983. You did not vote?—No; I was not here.

44,984. Did you vote when Major Edwards came?—I have a very bad memory. I do not know whether I did or not.

44,985. I will read what you say: in 1859 you voted Edwards and Walters and got 2*l.*; is that so?—Yes.

44,986. From whom did you get the 2*l.*?—I am sure I forget.

44,987. You voted for Gridley, and what did you get?—2*l.*

44,988. And you voted for Edwards and Keane, and what did you get?—I did not get anything.

44,989. Edwards and Keane?—I think not.

44,990. Yes, you must have; did you not go to the Mechanics' Hall?—No, I think not.

44,991. Who wrote this paper for you?—My brother.

44,992. Edwards and Keane is written down here?—Yes.

44,993. Is that so?—Edwards and Keane; yes, I think it is.

44,994. Did you not get anything at the Mechanics' Hall?—My memory is so bad that I cannot tell; I have no remembrance at all.

44,995. You voted and got 10*s.* from Mr. Bentley at the municipal election?—Yes, I remember that.

44,996. Then you voted for Edwards and Kennard?—Yes, I think so.

44,997. You voted crimson at the municipal?—Yes.

The witness withdrew.

The *Chief Commissioner* here stated that they would close to-morrow, and that any gentleman who wished to make any explanation, to deny any statement that had been made, or to add anything that he thought necessary, they should be happy to hear him, in order to give every person the fullest opportunity to explain, deny, or qualify any statement that they had made.

The *Chief Commissioner* further observed, with regard to certificates, that if the applicants would leave their names with the secretary they would be considered.

Adjourned till to-morrow at half-past 10.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

East Riding Sessions House, Tuesday, 26th October 1869.

WILLIAM WELLS, Esq., M.P., called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

44,998. Are you in Parliament now?—I am.

44,999. Where for?—Peterborough.

45,000. When were you first a candidate for Beverley?—In 1852.

45,001. I forget whether you were returned on that occasion?—I was.

45,002. You were returned. Then which was your next election?—1857.

45,003. You were then a candidate with Mr. Denison and Mr. Glover?—Yes.

45,004. You were not returned?—I was not.

45,005. You petitioned against Mr. Glover for want of qualification, and then you were a candidate against Sir Henry Edwards?—I was.

45,006. And was thrown out?—I was.

45,007. And you have not been in the borough since?—No.

45,008. Who conducted the election for you in 1852?—Messrs. Leeman and Clark.

45,009. Had you any connexion with the borough by family or property, or anything of the kind?—I was asked by my cousin, Mr. Lawley, to stand for Beverley in the first instance.

45,010. You were asked by Mr. Lawley, who had been member; you were with him; it was Lawley and Wells?—Yes.

45,011. Leeman and Clark you know, I believe?—Yes.

45,012. Which of the two gentlemen personally superintended the election?—Mr. Clark was here mostly. I think Mr. Leeman was here once or twice.

45,013. Unfortunately, Mr. Clark is dead, and Mr. Leeman is ill?—Mr. Leeman is, I understand, very ill indeed.

45,014. We have reason to believe, and we do believe, that is so. I am afraid he is too ill to attend?—I understand he is seriously ill.

45,015. Can you at all tell us what was the cost of your first election; were you in coalition with Mr. Lawley?—Yes, I was.

45,016. You fought the battle jointly. I do not want the petition, but, apart from the petition, can you tell me what your joint expenses were in 1852?—In 1852 my expenses were 1,500*l.*

45,017. Your single expenses?—Yes, in 1852.

45,018. Do you know at all what your colleague's expenses were?—I do not, but I think they were the same; I am not sure; I should not like to say.

45,019. What I mean is this, are you aware whether there was any great disparagement, as there would be between 500*l.* and 1,500*l.*, or 1,000*l.*?—I should say, certainly not.

45,020. How much of the 1,500*l.* had you advanced to Messrs. Leeman and Clark before the election?—I think it was all paid after the election; I think I paid it at twice, to the best of my recollection, 1,000*l.* and 500*l.*

45,021. 1,000*l.* a short time after the election, I suppose?—I think so.

45,022. You may look at any memorandum you have. Was the 500*l.* paid till after the decision in Mr. Glover's case?—I should like to hand that in. Those are all the payments that I made. (*A paper was handed to the Commissioners by the witness.*) I see I am wrong; there were two payments of 250*l.* The 500*l.* was made up of two payments, one of 250*l.* and another of 250*l.*

45,023. When was the election; was it July?—I think it was the middle of summer.

45,024. It was July I think; it was a very hot year.

45,025. This is June, cash 1,000*l.*; it is money received from Mr. Wells, by Messrs. Leeman and Clark; "December 3d, 250*l.*;" then "1853, March, 250*l.*;" that is all. I forget myself, Mr. Wells, but I think there was a petition presented at the first Glover election against you and Mr. Lawley?—I do not remember anything about it.

45,026. Now in 1857 you were a candidate again, and I see here "August 4th, 1857." What time would the election be in 1857?—One was in April, and the other was in August.

45,027. Then you were fighting single-handed?—In the second election.

45,028. And with the same agent?—The same agent.

45,029. Do you recollect whether Mr. Leeman was here at all during that time?—I think he was once, but I am not certain. Mr. Clark was the person who superintended it; I think Mr. Leeman was here once

45,030. "August 4th, 1857, 173*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*; September 4th, 500*l.*;" altogether 673*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes. I should like to hand those in (*handing certain letters to Commissioner*).

45,031. That is, I presume, a letter of Messrs. Leeman's?—Yes.

45,032. This is relating to the petition; we do not care about that. 300*l.* was the cost of the petition?—300*l.*

45,033. We have nothing to do with that; what I want to know is this: you paid 173*l.* and 500*l.*; now have you been called upon to pay anything more since in respect of that election?—No.

45,034. Not in respect of the petition at all, but the election?—None in respect of the election.

45,035. Was that account sent in to you in detail on this election?—Only that (*handing account to the Commissioner*).

45,036. I understand now this is what was submitted to the auditor?—I believe so. Yes, I see it is.

45,037. He says: "Auditors' accounts, Beverley "election, August 1857; an account of the expenses "incurred by William Wells, Esq.," and here it is "Election auditor's fee 10*l.*," and I see the whole amounts to 396*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*?—That is 1857.

45,038. Did you ever receive from Mr. Leeman, or Mr. Clark, an account of how the difference between this which was returned to the auditor at the time, nearly 400*l.*, and the 673*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* was made up; that is about 250*l.* or 270*l.* to be accounted for; call that 400*l.*, and you have paid Messrs. Leeman and Clark 673*l.* You first paid 173*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, and next 500*l.*?—You will see by the letter I advanced the 500*l.*, and the petition and election expenses were, I think, massed together by them.

45,039. And they only charged you 300*l.* for the petition, I understand; they did it in that way; they charged you 300*l.* for the petition say, and 500*l.* for the election, so that you did not get a detailed account?—I got nothing but that. No other account; absolutely nothing.

45,040. 673*l.* was for the August election.

45,041. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) No, I do not understand that was for the second election, or the first in 1857?—I understood this was for the August election, but I have not seen those accounts for 12 years. I have routed them out.

45,042. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This is August 12th?—I believe that to be so.

45,043. That was a single-handed contest?—It was.

45,044. You cannot tell me how much of the 673*l.* (if any of it) went to the petition?—No. I simply paid these sums of money as Mr. Leeman asked me for them.

45,045. "The election auditor's fee, 10*l.*; the returning officer's fee, 10*l.*" Now, this paper is 1857. We have been a little out of the order of proceeding. Do you remember your election in the earlier part of the year?—In the April?

45,046. Yes. Have you any accounts relating to that?—No; the only sum I paid for that was 173*l.*

45,047. When you were standing with Mr. Denison?—When I stood with Mr. Denison.

45,048. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) How much?—173*l.*

45,049. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The item is 173*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

45,050. That was in respect of the April election?—That I believe to be so. These papers I only got the other day. They were in considerable difficulty, Mr. Leeman being away.

45,051. In whose handwriting is that?—It is from the office. I applied to Messrs. Leeman and Wilkinson to give me every account and paper they had.

45,052. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It is possible that the payment on August 4th might relate to the April election.

45,053. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I should say that the person who prepared this document intended that it should be confined to the August election. You will see at once, it appears upon the face of it, it is intended to be confined and to comprehend the August election, "Augt. 4th"?—I certainly understood it to be for the April election; it was paid in August; I do not think the election in August had taken place then.

45,054. No, very likely. It took place on the 8th or 9th of August, I believe?—I think I may state, with the greatest confidence, no money was advanced before the second election.

45,055. I am only speaking of what appears on the face of the document?—This is August 4th, and that is all the money I am certain in my banker's book.

45,056. When did you get that?—About a week or ten days ago.

45,057. Who sent it to you?—It came from the office of Leeman and Wilkinson.

45,058. Do you know whose handwriting that is?—No, I do not.

45,059. I must go to your recollection now. Have you any recollection of what money you paid in the April election?—It was a very small sum that election cost, and I certainly do not recollect paying anything more than that. I do not remember the sum total, but they sent me that paper. I have always been in the habit of saying that my two elections in Beverley and my petition cost me 1,000*l.*, and that comes within a very little of it. For 12 years I have never seen any detailed account.

45,060. You mean your two latest elections?—The two latest.

45,061. The two in 1857?—Yes.

45,062. I see the amount of the expenses would be 331*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*, and that appears to include the expenses for yourself and Mr. Denison?—At the first election in April?

45,063. At the first election; if you look at it it may refresh your memory. What I want to know is, can you pledge your memory, Mr. Wells, that you did not pay any more than half that sum?—I am confident, as far as I can be confident of anything, that I did not pay anything beyond what is put down there.

45,064. Have you looked at your banker's book?—Yes, I have, and it corresponds exactly with it.

45,065. You have looked at your banker's book?—I have; I shall be very happy to send it to you.

45,066. Oh, no; the 500*l.* refers to the second election?—It shows there that Mr. Leeman asked, as I understand it, for the 500*l.* I believe the accounts were mixed up together. You will see that if you read that letter.

45,067. Mixing up the accounts and expenses in that way looks very suspicious, but of course it would not strike you in that way?—Certainly Mr. Leeman had nothing to do with it, nor had Mr. Leeman anything of the kind in his mind.

45,068. You will see at once what I mean; I only mean that by mixing the things up together it becomes very difficult to distinguish them afterwards?—I can only judge from the whole conversations we had together at the time that it never entered his mind; at least I believe so.

45,069. The letter from Mr. Leeman to Mr. Wells had better be taken down. It is the 9th of September and payment followed immediately after. "We are "getting in the accounts, both of the petition and the "election, cutting down to the utmost penny, and "paying as we go on. Will you therefore be good "enough to send us a cheque for 500*l.* on account? "We will send you an account as soon as ever we "can get it completed." And then they sent you an additional account for 300*l.* for the petition?—Yes, January 25th.

45,070. How long did the election petition last? I think it lasted for a very short time. There were only witnesses examined as to qualification?—I claimed the seat, and there was a great deal of evidence taken as to whether proclamation had been made.

45,071. You claimed the seat?—Yes, there were questions of that kind.

45,072. I quite understand it if you claimed the seat, of course it would be so. I was not aware that you claimed the seat. I must ask you, as a question of knowledge, 3,000*l.* having been spent in 1852, were you not aware at the time or afterwards that some of that money had been spent illegally, improperly?—I was not; of course I was fully aware afterwards that too much——

45,073. I mean afterwards?—I was fully aware afterwards that too much money had been spent, that the election had cost too much; but I never heard till your commission sat that there had been any bribery at all. Of course I was aware it cost too much, but the elections then were very different to what they are now; we had colours and bands, and everything of that kind, which we had not in '57.

45,074. I only refer to it for this: had you knowledge of it in fighting again in 1857?—I had no knowledge.

45,075. Go to the election of '57. Had you at the time of the election, or before its close, any knowledge or suspicion that any money was directly or indirectly paid for illegal expenses?—Quite the contrary.

45,076. Had you any knowledge?—None whatever.

45,077. Had you any ground for supposing there had been?—Quite the contrary. I should myself, and all those with me, have no trouble in saying it was a perfectly pure election.

45,078. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Which one are you now speaking of?—Of both the elections of 1857.

45,079. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Has anything come to your knowledge since, either by application for money from Mr. Leeman, or applications from other persons in the town, to raise the fair presumption

in your mind that money had been advanced, and illegally expended and repaid out of that 500*l.*?—Never until now; on the contrary, I had always been firmly persuaded there was no money whatever advanced on either side and expended.

45,080. Illegally?—Illegally. I remember the last thing that was said to me after the election, and I was flattered by it. Somebody made the remark to me, "I believe nobody but you could poll so many on "purity," as the phrase is, except Mr. Clay, of Hull. I mention Mr. Clay because he is a Conservativo.

45,081. Another question. When did you hear, in 1857, that bribery had been resorted to on the other side?—It was talked about even on the day, and it was intimated to me that if I had chose to spend 50*l.* I could have been returned.

45,082. Then how was it you did not petition? That is the object of my question. You know sometimes one is prevented from petitioning from the knowledge that there is a weak case behind?—Well, my expenses were getting great, and I had had one petition.

45,083. What I want to know is, can you pledge your memory you were not deterred from petitioning from any knowledge you had that a counter petition could be presented by the other side?—Most certainly not.

45,084. That was the object of my question?—Certainly not.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

45,085. In 1857 Denison was your colleague?—Yes.

45,086. You were in coalition?—Yes, I have remarked that; but I do not know what meaning exactly you attach to the word coalition.

45,087. I mean you had the same committee rooms, and shared the expenses?—Yes, generally we were in coalition.

45,088. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You were fighting together?—Yes. I took for granted that Mr. Leeman would send me an account for half the total expenses, though nothing was said.

45,089. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You shared the expenses. You understood that half the expenses would be paid by you, though probably there was no actual agreement?—Yes.

45,090. You suppose that 173*l.* was half the expense of the April election. I understood you to say that this item in 1857, of August the 4th, though dated in August, does in fact refer to the April election?—I think it does.

45,091. I thought you spoke very confidently on the subject?—I quite take it for granted that 173*l.* was my share of the first election in 1857.

45,092. To which has this other item of 500*l.* reference?—To the second election.

45,093. Then are you aware of any sum of money paid by you in respect of the April election, except the 173*l.*?—None whatever. But I am not at all aware, because the letter which you have just read from Mr. Leeman's clerk shows that he had made up the accounts, and he called on me asking for money. I am not quite sure that he might not say part of the 500*l.* went to the first election; I am not confident.

45,094. Exactly. I was going to ask you at what time was the account between you and Mr. Clark closed?—In January 1858, when the 300*l.* was paid.

45,095. Then the account was paid?—Yes.

45,096. You had no bill of costs on account of the petition?—No.

45,097. You had no knowledge, in fact, of how much the petition cost?—No, I had not.

45,098. So this sum of money, which we will call 1,000*l.*, refers in fact to your two elections generally?—And the petition.

45,099. And the petition?—Yes.

45,100. And it was a current account as regards those two elections and the petition?—I understood it to be so, and if it had not been for the 173*l.* I should have considered it quite a current account, but that looks as if it was a division of some expenses.

45,101. Are you aware at all whether any money was contributed by other parties towards prosecuting the petition against Mr. Glover?—I should say certainly not; I am not aware of it.

45,102. You are not aware of it?—No, I had nothing to do with it.

45,103. You never heard of it?—No.

45,104. I do not know whether you have followed the evidence taken before us throughout the inquiry, I mean that part of it which relates to your own evidence?—To a certain extent I have.

45,105. You are aware that from time to time we have had witnesses here who state they have received sums of money by way of a bribe in the April election of 1857?—I have seen it with great surprise.

45,106. Money paid at the committee room and money paid by a person named Boyes?—I have seen it.

45,107. Have you also seen that we have in our possession a cheque signed by Leeman and Clark for 25*l.*, sent to Boyes' house by way of paying the expenses of the Hull voters?—Referring to some supper or something?

45,108. A breakfast?—Yes, I saw that.

45,109. The mode in which the money was given was that each voter found under his cup 30*s.*?—I have heard that since.

45,110. It is admitted that it was so. That sum of money does not appear in these accounts?—No.

45,111. I take it this sum of 173*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* in the rough is about the half of 333*l.*, the legal expenses of the election?—Yes.

45,112. The inference would be that those sums of money came from some other quarter?—Yes.

45,113. Are you aware at all from what fund those sums could have been drawn?—Not in the least.

45,114. Does it strike you as probable or possible that they could have been advanced by Messrs. Leeman and Clark, and repaid by them out of this sum of 500*l.*?—I should think not, but I should not like to say confidently.

45,115. That is the cheque with Messrs. Leeman and Clark's signature. (*The cheque was handed to the witness.*)—I do not know it.

45,116. At all events they advanced that.

45,117. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That was the 10th of August.

45,118. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I was mistaken, I thought it was the 1st; at all events Messrs. Leeman and Clark had in their hands a sum of money on the 14th of September amounting to 500*l.*, for which they returned to you no account?—I never had any detailed account further than that.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

45,119. I understood you that you had a general understanding that the expenses of the first of those two elections were to be shared equally between you and Mr. Denison?—Yes, that was so, I think; I do not remember the fact.

45,120. Then, as I have taken the figures, there was 173*l.* charged to you in respect of the first election, which by doubling it, multiplying it by two, would make the whole expenses of the election, the first election, 346*l.*?—Yes.

45,121. Are we to understand that was the total expense of the election, 346*l.*, as far as you know?—Certainly, as far as I know there was nothing beyond what was sent in to me.

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45,122. Then further, you do not think it absolutely impossible, as I understand you, that some of the 500*l.* that came afterwards might have been devoted to the expenses of the earlier election?—I think certainly it was a current account.

45,123. What I want to get at is this, how did you ascertain that you had on the whole account paid your half, and no more than your half, of the expenses of the election?—I left that in fact to Mr. Leeman.

45,124. You did not discriminate between the two elections?—No, the petition followed close on the first election, and payments were made from time to time. I took for granted, and I do take for granted, that the 173*l.* represented the half of what Mr. Leeman thought it was right for me to pay, and I was satisfied that whatever they thought I ought to pay would be correct. There were circumstances that might have rendered the halves unequal. Lord Londesborough was away at the time, and there was a great deal of trouble in telegraphing, which would cause extra expense, and the 173*l.* might be more or less on account of the preliminary expenses.

45,125. You do not know of his paying anything more?—None whatever.

45,126. The account does not specify the balance between you and him?—No; I took for granted that the proper share was allotted to me.

45,127. When did you first hear of any illegal expenses at either of those elections?—Not till I read it in the paper, I never had the slightest idea of it.

45,128. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Or suspicion?—Not the slightest suspicion.

45,129. Are you aware at all whether the petition against Glover was at your sole cost?—I should say that it was.

45,130. I mean whether anything was contributed by Mr. Denison, on Mr. Denison's behalf?—No, I think not.

45,131. You of course was the person interested in the decision?—Yes. I do not think there was anything from Mr. Denison.

The witness withdrew.

T. Cross Clubley.

THOMAS CROSS CLUBLEY called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

45,132. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

45,133. How many years?—I took my freedom up in 1861.

45,134. Then the first election at which you voted was Edwards, Sykes, and Keane?—I did not vote at Keane's election.

45,135. You did not vote at that election?—No.

45,136. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you vote at the council choosing last year?—No, I did not vote for the council. I voted for Maxwell and Trollope.

The witness withdrew.

W. Smales Wreghitt.

WILLIAM SMALES WREGHITT presented himself for further examination.

45,137. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. Wreghitt, you have been examined, and therefore we are ready to hear you if you wish to supplement that examination, or to make any explanation, or give us other facts. You are bound to tell us, and we think you are disposed to tell us, if there is any other fact you think we ought to know.—On Friday morning there were two witnesses of the name of Boyes examined here. I may say that in 1865, when Sir Henry Edwards and Mr. Sykes were candidates, there was a conversation between Alderman Arden, I believe, Mr. Bainton, and myself with reference to paying the travelling expenses of the out voters. Mr. Kemplay, as you will remember, had been employed in the previous election, the bye election of Mr. Walker; I thought it very objectionable to have that class of man for the purpose, and I undertook to find some person never on any previous occasion mixed up with bribery, and with sufficient firmness to resist any improper claims. Mr. Boyes being in the bank I thought he would be the most proper person, and I asked him if he would be kind enough to take that office. He agreed to do so, and I handed over to him 100*l.* for the purpose of making those payments. Mr. Boyes stated here——

45,138. What age was he?—Five years ago I think he would be over 20 years of age; he is married now. He would be 20 years of age at that time, I believe. Mr. Boyes stated here he had an understanding with me that if he could not perform the duties himself he might find a substitute. Mr. Boyes is certainly mistaken in that part of his evidence. I do not think he made a wilful mistake.

45,139. Oh no.—But there was no agreement of the sort whatever further than that when I was in the bank afterwards I said to him, "Is the whole of the money expended?" and he told me it was, or rather that he had employed his father, and that he had seen the account, but, to use his own words, "the account was not presentable;" those were his own words. Of course, as the money was spent, I made no further inquiry about it. That is the whole thing with regard to Mr. Boyes.

45,140. But the most important fact there is left out. Where did you get the 100*l.*?—There is the difficulty I have to contend with. If I had been called upon five minutes after Mr. Boyes had sat down I should have said without hesitation that I received it from Mr. Bainton, and merely handed it over. But on leaving here on Saturday morning I went to Mr. Bainton's office to have that view confirmed; and Mr. Bainton turned to his books and assured me I had not had a penny from him, and Mr. McCoy confirmed that. On Saturday there was an agricultural dinner here, and Mr. Sykes was here as one of the county members, and I thought perhaps he would be able to help my memory on the matter. I asked him, and he said he could not call at all to mind whether he or Sir Henry Edwards handed it over to me; but that I eventually received the money from them there is no doubt whatever.

45,141. I do not wish to say it was more than a mistake, but you stated to me distinctly that no money had passed through your own hands for that election?—Yes, that was quite my impression.

45,142. You recollect you stated that?—Yes, I think you are right.

45,143. You certainly said so, because it struck me very forcibly, especially when the evidence about the 100*l.* came out afterwards; but I am quite willing to receive it; I am not complaining of you at all?—I may state the thing entirely escaped my mind.

45,144. A man of your experience, you will pardon me for saying that if that was to be expended legally there was no necessity whatever for going to a mere boy in a bank; it was a most dangerous and injudicious thing?—He was of age.

45,145. He was a boy merely, he was 20 or 21; it was a most dangerous thing to do for other purposes I am speaking of. If it was for legal expenses, why not leave it to the legal agent?—It would have been the wiser plan to have done so, I quite admit. Those are the facts of the case.

45,146. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) No part of course of the 100*l.* would be in the audited accounts?—I do not think it would.

45,147. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There are one or two things on that subject with regard to the money spent in the election I should like to ask you about, if you

can give us any information?—I shall be glad to do so.

45,148. You have said the account was not presentable?—That was what Mr. Boyes said.

45,149. I suppose you and Mr. Boyes were quite at one as to the meaning of the word presentable?—I suppose he had looked at the account his father kept, and it was so imperfect and unsatisfactory that he could not present it to me.

45,150. Quite so.—So I understood.

45,151. Mr. Boyes and you quite understood each other as to the meaning of the word presentable?—Certainly.

45,152. I will ask you what you thought was meant by "not presentable"?—I thought it was not satisfactory.

45,153. The fact was you thought the money had been embezzled, in plain language?—I should not like to say that; I should not like to say more than repeat the words the young man used.

45,154. Perhaps you are right in your caution; it is quite clear the money had been expended, but you observe quite a proper caution in your answer. We are quite satisfied the money was embezzled.—I must say I cannot say that that did occur to my mind at the time.

45,155. I think it is quite a proper caution. In the election of 1865, as far as I remember, though I have not the figures before me, each candidate gave a cheque for 535*l.*?—Yes.

45,156. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. Wreghitt himself paid 500*l.* in half notes?—Mr. Sykes paid his half by cheque; the other was sent to me from London.

45,157. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That makes 1,070*l.*?—Yes, 535*l.* each, that was the sum.

45,158. There was 800*l.* paid to Mr. Matthews alone?—Yes, from the East Riding bank.

45,159. And 100*l.* paid by you to Mr. Boyes?—Yes.

45,160. That makes 900*l.*, and leaves 170*l.* to be accounted for; how do you account for it?—I had nothing whatever to do with the sum beyond what I stated to the Commissioners, handing over the money I received from London. I was not at all privy to the arrangement of Mr. Matthews or Mr. Barkworth.

45,161. No, we know that, that is clear; it passes from hand to hand, and is disbursed. But here is a sum of 170*l.* which has gone from the candidates and we do not know where it has gone; can you assist us?—I am sure I cannot assist you in the slightest degree.

45,162. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What Mr. Barkworth, said, was this: in addition to the 800*l.*, other sums were advanced at the same time, so as to make the candidates indebted to the bank in 1,070*l.*?—But I think I may state the 100*l.* that I advanced I do not think would pass through that channel at all, I think it would most probably come directly to me. I do not remember receiving any money from any second-hand source.

45,163. Then that would make the sum 1,170*l.*?—Yes, it would make the matter worse rather than better.

45,164. It would make it worse rather than better. You cannot assist us?—No.

45,165. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do I understand you to say, with respect to the 100*l.* that was given to Mr. Boyes, that half was to be paid by Mr. Sykes and half by Sir Henry Edwards?—I have no doubt whatever of it that it was paid to me by them in some form or other afterwards, but I could not feel justified in saying, and I could not say now where I got it. If I had known it I should have said so without hesitation.

45,166. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It must have been in your hands before the election; it must have been some part, I suppose, of a current account?—It looked to me like it; that is the only impression I have.

45,167. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There is some other matter you wish to mention?—Yes, there is, in reference to Walker's charity.

45,168. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I have been carefully considering the question, and I do not think anything has been said to impeach you upon it; if there had I should most certainly have asked you about it.

45,169. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I have carefully considered the matter, and my impression is that the evidence does not touch you on the subject; you are quite clear of it.—That I am glad to hear, for I feel satisfied about it.

Mr. Barstow observed that he had been under that impression all throughout.

45,170. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you applied for a certificate?—Yes, I have.

45,171. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You shall have it at once, to show that we appreciate the way in which you have given your evidence.

45,172. (*The witness.*) I have to thank the Commissioners for the way in which they have treated me.

Mr. Alfred Crosskill presented himself to make a statement.

Mr. A. Crosskill.

45,173. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You wish to say something?—Will you take a statement from me respecting the 1857 election; it relates to the public state of facts in the town then; it refers to the evidence of that man who came here——

45,174. You have been sworn?—Yes. I wish to pledge my oath that there were no bands playing about the streets of Beverley at the first 1857 election. I simply speak for my own side.

45,175. No bands?—No bands at all. I, of course, deny it on my oath.

45,176. We shall be glad to hear you, but you need not asseverate in that way; we are quite satisfied with your word. I do not think it is of much importance.—Well, but it is important; a man here swore he got 1*l.* a day for playing in the band.

45,177. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What does that go to prove, a man saying he got 1*l.* a day?—I say I do not think he spoke it wilfully, but that he was totally mistaken in saying so.

45,178. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He may have been mistaken?—He said he played in the band, and we have not heard of a band; we have had 700 men examined here, and no reference has been made to a band by one of them.

45,179. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It must have been a mistake as to the year?—But you could not get him to say so. You cross-examined him, and when you refer to Mr. Walton's notes you will find the man persisted in it.

45,180. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He did, and therefore we cannot help it.—I thought I was bound to say it was so.

45,181. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Quite so; but it is quite possible the man might have been paid?—I cannot give any reason, only the fact. I wish also to state the fact that Greenbury's shop was not used in the 1857 election in any shape or way for the Liberal party.

45,182. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When was it used, in '52?—In '52. I have heard so, but I was not here; I was on the continent. I wish to say also, as a decided fact, that the "Pack Horse" was in no shape used in the '57 election.

45,183. The "Pack Horse" was used in '59?—Yes; but one or two men said here it was used in '57.

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45,184. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That was an evident mistake as to dates; that I understood perfectly.

45,185. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Yes, we understood that perfectly. We shall be pleased to hear anything you know yourself, and you think we ought to be informed of?—I wish to state also with respect to three men who gave evidence about that election——

45,186. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Which election?—The '57 election; I will not refer to any other at all; I will not take up the Commissioners time about any other matter. Duffill, Herdsman, and Wilson have sworn they received money at that election. I believe it is perfectly true, and I will swear they were *bonâ fide* employed. I myself gave orders to those men amongst others at that election.

45,187. You did not pay them?—No, I merely speak as to the orders.

45,188. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What are their names?—John Duffill, Wilberforce Herdsman, and Samuel Wilson.

45,189. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I think Herdsman's name appears in the account?—I do not remember, I merely speak as to the fact; that, I say, was *bonâ fide*. Robert Taylor was not on the list of voters at that election, he was out of the town; I think he said so himself.

45,190. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is beyond all doubt; you need not trouble yourself about that.—I do not know whether the Commissioners have it, but they may take it from me that there was no printed poll book at that election, but there have been printed poll books for the witnesses to go by at all the other elections. There being no printed poll books then also accounts for the fact that more mistakes have been made with reference to that election than all the other elections.

45,191. No doubt that is quite correct, because many men said they did not recollect till they looked at the poll book.—Samuel Smelt said, before the cross-examination began as to this election, quite early in the inquiry, that he voted for Denison and Wells, and received money at the time. I take it for certain that Samuel Smelt did not vote for Denison and Wells; he voted for Glover. Of course I did not see him vote, but I had the same opportunities of seeing as other persons had——

45,192. Never mind that?—You cannot take that from me?

45,193. No?—But you can take this from me, that the person employed to take the vote in the poll book on the Liberal side put Samuel Smelt down as a voter for Glover. I will swear that. I have myself, from the slips kept by the Liberals on that side, compiled a poll book of that election. I have it here if you would like to have it.

45,194. No, never mind?—But you will take that from me?

45,195. Oh yes?—I will say, then, nothing further. Have the Commissioners anything they would like to ask me?

45,196. No?—Now, then, shall I go to the last election—Maxwell and Trollope's election?

45,197. No, you need not?—I will just say this, you may take it or not; of course you may refuse it if you like. Here is an analysis made by me of the way in which the persons employed at the old foundry voted at that election.

45,198. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I think for my own part I would rather not have it.

The witness withdrew.

The *Chief Commissioner* tendered the thanks of the learned Commissioners for the assistance afforded to them by the gentlemen on both sides, who had been watching the proceedings.

G. Dunn.

GEORGE DUNN called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

45,199. Are you a freeman?—No.

45,200. Are you a 10*l.* householder?—Yes.

45,201. When did you first vote?—I voted at Keane's election.

45,202. That was your first?—Yes.

45,203. Which way did you vote?—I voted for Keane.

45,204. What did you get?—3*l.*

45,205. Who gave it to you?—Edward Stephenson.

45,206. Did you vote at the municipal election last year?—No.

The witness withdrew.

W. Whitehead.

WILLIAM WHITEHEAD called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

45,207. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

45,208. How long have you been a freeman?—I took my freedom up in 1841.

45,209. I hope in time for the great election; for the Towneley election?—I had my freedom, I daresay, about three months, and I had to wait till the reviser came, so I was out of it.

45,210. At the 1857 election; did you vote at the Denison election?—My first election was Goldsmid.

45,211. Never mind, we will come down to 1857?—I voted at all the others, excepting for Gordon and Hastings, because there was not a candidate of my party, so I kept still.

45,212. How did you vote at the Denison, Wells, and Glover election?—I voted single for Glover.

45,213. Did you get anything?—I remember getting 15*s.* for being a messenger, night watching, and watching at days.

45,214. That was not much for those important services, 15*s.*?—No.

45,215. Did you vote at the Edwards and Wells election?—Yes. I have voted for Edwards every time he came.

45,216. What did you get for that?—Nothing; not a farthing.

45,217. Never anything?—I have never had anything from the beginning until Edwards, Sykes, and Keane's election.

45,218. I accept what you say?—Except that one.

45,219. What did you get?—I got 5*s.* for one day's work to be a messenger from the Corn Exchange, to carry slips.

45,220. Is that all, 5*s.*?—That is all.

45,221. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Which way did you vote?

45,222. Edwards and Sykes. I never polled any other way but for the Conservatives, nor I never will.

45,223. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is the act of an honest man?—I could have had money as well as others. I could have got it, but I never would send a member to Parliament shackled.

45,224. You are put down, Mr. Whitehead, in a list handed in by Mr. Richardson as having received 3*l.*?—I never got 3*l.* once; I have told every farthing I have got. I am on my oath, and I speak the truth, and nothing but the truth.

45,225. It is John Richardson?—I have a father they call George Whitehead; he is a freeman; it may be him.

45,226. Do you work for Mr. Richardson?—Yes, I do.

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45,227. Then you know the man very well?—Would it be John Richardson?

45,228. Yes?—The man that I work for is father to that man; I have no connexion with John Richardson.

45,229. Did you vote at the council choosing?—Yes.

45,230. Did you receive anything at the council choosing?—Yes; I got 15*s.* from Bentley.

45,231. How did you vote at the subsequent election, the election that followed; for Edwards and Kennard, I suppose?—Edwards and Kennard.

45,232. Why did you take the 15*s.*; you have voted all along in an honest manner?—I took it because it was given to other people, and I was very thankful for it, and if any gentleman belonging to Beverley would give me another 15*s.*, I should take it, and think I was not committing myself in any way.

45,233. Do you get many 15*s.* from gentlemen who do not ask you to support them?—No.

45,234. (*Mr. Barstow.*) After what you have just said, I think the learned serjeant's compliment was a little premature.

45,235. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I think so too.

45,236. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You knew that the 15*s.* was to secure you; you must have known that?—I suppose if I had not have voted, I did not get it until I had voted; I suppose if I had not have voted for them, I should not have expected it.

The witness withdrew.

R. Arnott.

Richard Arnott, who had been previously sworn, presented himself to make a statement.

45,237–9. (*The witness.*) I wish to rebut a statement made by Thomas English last Thursday. He was examined before the court, and he said that I had offered him 5*l.* or 6*l.* at Sykes's election. He said in his evidence that I offered him 5*l.* or 6*l.* I consider that is quite incorrect. I never had any conversation with him; I never had any money to offer to him at all, therefore I think it is quite false.

45,240. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember what day he was examined?—Thursday, I believe. He said that I offered it at Sykes' election.

45,241. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) For whom did you yourself vote?—For the Conservatives, Edwards and Sykes.

45,242. And he voted for the Liberals?—Yes, he did. He said I offered him 5*l.* or 6*l.*, and it is quite incorrect.

45,243. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you see him that day?—I never saw him.

45,244. (*Mr. Barstow.*) "Richard Arnott offered me 5*l.* or 6*l.*"?—Yes.

45,245. Did you pay away any money?—I took five or six men up to the "Cross Keys" to get their money.

45,246. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is the same thing; that is an act done, much stronger than a word; taking men up to get their money is bribery?—I never did anything with English.

45,247. (*Mr. Barstow.*) All you say is that what he really says is not true?—It is not true.

The witness withdrew.

W. Loft.

William Loft, who had been previously sworn, presented himself to make a statement.

45,248. (*The witness.*) I wish to state, gentlemen, there is a mistake yesterday in the papers with regard to Mr. Glover's election. I did not get any expenses at all that election, but I received them for all the other elections. I see it in the papers that it is for Glover's.

45,249. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are the mariner?—Yes. It says that at Glover's election I received my expenses; I did not.

45,250. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is an inaccuracy?—Yes.

45,251. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) All the other elections you did?—Yes; but it says I voted for Glover and received money from my father.

45,252. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you William Loft?—Yes.

45,253. Yes, I have got it as you say now, that you received at Edwards' election?—Yes, and not in Glover s.

The witness withdrew.

45,254. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is there any other witness present who would like to give any explanation?

T. Marshall.

Thomas Marshall, who had been previously sworn, presented himself to make a statement.

45,255. (*The witness.*) A voter of the name of Thomas Kirk, junior——

45,256–7. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a druggist and a pasture master?—Yes. Thomas Kirk has stated that I gave him 2*l.* I wish to repeat the evidence that I gave before, that I never had any money pass through my hands on any occasion, and that Kirk must have been mistaken; he is the only witness who has at all impugned my evidence.

45,258. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) What election do you refer to; you are referring to what? Was it at the Keane election?—He stated it, but I am sure I do not know. He stated that I bribed him with 2*l.* once, and as I never did I do not know what election he refers to.

45,259. Did you take any part at any of the elections?—I have never taken a part so far as taking men to get money or paying money; I have always supported the Conservatives.

45,260. How long have you been a pasture master?—About four years, I came in in 1863; I have no wish to shirk any fair share of blame with regard to the pasture masters, but to the best of my recollection, I am on my oath——

45,261–2. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It is a solitary charge?—Yes, but I am looking to the future; I do not wish to be scheduled as a briber without it is correct.

45,263. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did I understand you to say, "I have no wish to shirk any part of the blame attached to the pasture masters"?—Yes, for any election; I have no wish to shirk any fair share of blame that is fairly attached to me.

45,264. I do not go into any of them, but there have been several cases that have occurred here in which men have received money (I do not say they may not have been entitled to it), but have you any explanation to offer on any of those matters?—If you refer to Walker's charity, I have always given it to persons according to my belief.

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45,265. Have you anything to say as to any of the men who have been refused it; if you have instance to explain we will hear you?

45,266. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Have you read the evidence that has been given before us referring to Walker's gift?—I have.

45,267. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember the case of a mare, a man who bought a mare which he had one day and it died the next. If you come to volunteer we shall expect something definite. A man bought a mare for 3*l.*, and put her on to the pastures for one night. Of course he bought her in a dying state, and then received 3*l.* on the ground that he lost the mare; a man who was earning 22*s.* a week at the time?—I do not know the man at all; there are many of the freemen that come I do not know.

45,268. If you attended to the evidence this must have struck you?—It was the first knowledge that I ever had of it when it came before the court. I never heard of the case till it was in print.

45,269. There was another one, which is perhaps more capable of explanation. It is impossible to go thoroughly into these cases, so we very likely may draw wrong conclusions. There was the case of a man who had 12 tenements, which brought him in 30*l.* a year. Do you remember the man's name?—I do not.

45,270. I think I ought to add that at the time he received the gift there was a mortgage on the property, and he had not the deeds in his possession?—If you mention the name I shall be very much obliged.

45,271. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is ridiculous to suppose that you do not know the names of such parties. You are one of the pasture masters. I had hoped that all the pasture masters would have attended here to give evidence. They are dealing with a fund that was left for the poor people in the town of Beverley, not with their own money?—True; and so far as I could I have given it to them.

45,272. Then why did you not read this case?—I thought it was not my duty to inquire——

45,273. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I do not say it is, but I thought you said that you did not wish to shirk any fair share of blame attaching to the pasture masters. What do you mean by that?—I alluded to the way it is supposed they were elected once or twice.

45,274. Very well, then; the man's name that I mentioned I am told is Duncan. There was a man named Duncan who had 12 tenements, the income of which, if he had it in his own hands, would be 32*l.* a year. Do you remember the case?—I do not remember that Duncan ever got the money, ever got Walker's charity.

45,275. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) The chairman of the pasture masters I thought would have been here, and I should have liked him to have been here.

45,276. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Mr. Marshall, before you give away these gifts do you not first inquire as to the circumstances of the persons applying, and make such inquiries as will generally preclude you from giving such a man as Duncan, the owner of 12 tenements, such a gift?—My impression of Duncan is that he was a poor man, though the owner of 12 tenements.

45,277. Did you make inquiries?—Probably he may have nothing from the 12 tenements.

45,278. He may?—True; but if they are mortgaged for the full value——

45,279. How do you know?—I do not know. I am simply explaining. There are many men who come there who disguise their circumstances, and it is utterly impossible to get at them.

45,280. What inquiries do you make?—We simply inquire among each other.

45,281. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Your answer does not meet this case, because in this case the tenements were obvious. The inquiry would disclose the fact perhaps that they were mortgaged, but he was in possession of the property, that was a thing obvious?—I was not aware of it until lately.

45,282. Do you remember a case; a young man who came up early, who was living in a house of 18*l.* a year, and who was the owner of two horses and earning 2*l.* with them, and who got Walker's gift?—I considered Gawan's was a very proper case, that he was left completely a beggar, that his father died bankrupt; and if that is not a case that Mr. Walker's will does not touch I am at a loss to conceive one that is.

45,283. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien*) We want explanations?—I believe it is a very proper case.

45,284. We only want explanations?—I know somewhat of the case. In that case I believe it was a very honest and proper case, at least what has been told me that the man's father died bankrupt, and that they had nothing, and this was simply to start him in the world.

45,285. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I think there was evidence that he had two horses of his own?—I believe not; the money that was given him was along with other money that he raised in other ways. It was for the purpose of buying a horse and cart.

45,286. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is what he said?—Yes, it was for that purpose.

45,287. We are here to receive explanations upon that?—I am very glad to offer any explanation in a case where I know.

45,288. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There was another case of a man who had an office under the mayor and received an income from that?—I believe it is only two guineas a year.

45,289. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why do you fix it at two guineas?—I am informed so.

45,290. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you remember any other case?—There was a very strong case made of Marmaduke Bateson. My name was mixed up in it.

45,291. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is not at all a strong case?—My name was mentioned specially.

45,292. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Of course, and very rightly.

45,293. (*Mr. Barstow,*) I remember that quite well; it is quite unnecessary for us to call upon you to explain that, the man explained it himself.—I am very glad to offer any explanation I can honestly.

45,294. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It left on my mind the impression that there was a great feeling?—The impression on my mind was that the man had really nothing but what he was getting from friends, and that is the impression of the whole of the pasture masters, I believe.

45,295. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) As a matter of fact you did not make any thorough investigation of the circumstances before you gave a man money?—We have no means excepting from personal inquiries.

45,296. Do you make any systematic inquiry as to their circumstances?—Inquiry is made by the pasture masters who know such and such parties, and they state then what they know of them.

45,297. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I know perfectly well inquiries are made?—I do not know that any improper inquiries are made; I have no knowledge of it myself.

45,298. (*Mr. Barstow.*) As this is the last day of the inquiry, I should have been glad if the pasture masters had deputed some of their body to explain these cases which, on the face of them, bear the impression of being improper dispositions of the gift. My own impression is that we have not had many, but we have had some decidedly who seem to be very improper objects to give it to.—I can tell you of a case where a man who had property was refused, where great offence was given, and more than one case.

45,299. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Yes, and so could I.

45,300. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) You may as well tell us of a case in which murder has not been committed.

The witness withdrew.

JAMES DAWSON, the Chairman of the Pasture Masters, attended to explain.

45,301. (*The witness.*) I may tell you, gentlemen, with respect to Duncan I know from my own knowledge——

45,302. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) This will open, I tell you, Mr. Dawson, a whole inquiry. Where is the gentleman who gave his evidence first, the clerk Monkman; where is he?—He is in the office. With respect to the man Duncan receiving Walker's gift, he has twelve tenements, but they are mortgaged, and I should think he did not get more than half the rents. He was reported to us as being a man of the poorest. He was a master bricklayer; in fact he is now; but I believe he has no work at all, or very little indeed, and has a large family to support. With respect to Gawan, he came to me and said his father had died insolvent, all the things were going to be sold, and Browsho and others had promised to advance him some money if the pasture masters gave him the remaining part, and then he would be able to make a home for himself and his sister, otherwise they would be turned into the streets, as their father had not left sufficient to pay for his debts.

45,303. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was it a fact that Gawan had horses of his own?—I do not think it was. He came to me before the meeting, and I really thought that a case like that was such a case as was contemplated by the first part of Mr. Walker's will.

45,304. Is that all?—That is all I know.

45,305. You do not give any other explanation?—With respect to the mode in which the pasture masters make inquiries, we generally have meetings, and all the applications are brought before them, and some people live in the district of one pasture master, and some of another. It is generally said to one of the pasture masters, "You know this man probably; will you inquire whether this application is correct;" and they generally come and say they have information, and they say whether they think the case is a deserving one or not. In fact I may say the pasture masters at the present time have about 50*l.* in hand belonging to Walker's gift, and there are the same class of applicants as there always have been, and the whole body of the pasture masters would much rather dispense with the distribution of the money than not, as it takes as much trouble as all the other things put together, because you cause very often great unpleasantness, and you please nobody.

45,306. Is there any other explanation you wish to make?—I am not aware of any other. I did not know you wanted the information.

45,307. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Who presides at the election of pasture masters?—I believe the mayor.

45,308. The mayor? You are in the employment of the mayor, and you are chairman of the pasture masters, and you answer me by, "I believe the mayor." The mayor does preside?—I have not been in the room except just to go and vote; I have taken no part.

45,309. You have heard of a good many other cases; are there any other cases you wish to make any explanation upon?—These are the only ones I have heard you mention. If there are any more I should be very glad to give you any other explanation.

45,310. Might I inquire, when did you ascertain this man had a mortgage upon his property, and how?—It was a matter of business; the mortgagee was in possession, receiving the rents.

45,311. When?—Some five or six years ago.

45,312. I am speaking of when you gave him the gift?—I did not know then; I did not know at the time.

45,313. Have you seen him since?—Yes, I have seen him since; not with respect to that. I will tell you why. He said I promised him some money at Glover's election. Not a word was said with respect to the gift. I knew he was mistaken; it could not be so. He said it was on the polling day at Glover's first election. It was impossible for me to do so on the polling day, because I was engaged on the hustings.

45,314. There was no conversation about this gift?—Not at all.

45,315. Did you hear the story of the man who lost the pony?—Yes, I have read it; that has been a misrepresentation to the pasture masters. We find many people tell us things which afterwards turn out not to be true.

45,316. The man did lose it, the woman went after it, and it was stated that he was told he never need come there?—That was Bateson; I have his agreement, which I produce.

45,317. I do not want the agreement?—He was keeping the gate there.

45,318. I am only speaking about the loss of the pony. Is there any other explanation you want to give?—No.

45,319. How long have you been a pasture master?—Three years.

45,320. Were you elected at considerable expense?—No, no expense at all.

45,321. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Do you know as a fact which way the majority of the recipients of this gift have voted?—There is an analysis that I have prepared. I believe that the majority have voted Conservative.

45,322. A considerable majority?—The Secretary has the list; he has the statement. I cannot tell you from memory, but there are a considerable majority. I think 133 Conservatives to 85 Liberals out of 218. I think that is the statement. I gave it to the Secretary some weeks ago.

(*The statement was handed to the Commissioners, and is as follows:*)

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WALKER'S GIFT.

STATEMENT of the manner in which the Recipients voted at Elections prior to receiving the Gift.

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1860.

Voting at Election, 11th August 1857.	Edwards.	Wells.
John Brown	—	1
Andrew Gleadhill	1	—
Joseph Lee (not voted)	—	—

Voting at Election, 29th April 1859.	Edwards.	Walker.	Glover.	Walters.
William West	1	1	—	—
William Cook	—	—	—	1
Mary Pexton, widow	—	—	—	—
Richard Megson	—	—	—	1
John Carr	1	1	—	—
Benjamin Loft	1	—	—	1

Liberals	2
Conservatives	4
Split vote	1
Not voted	1
Widow	1
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Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1861.

Voting at election, 31st January 1860.	Walker.	Gridley.
John Pougher	1	—
Thomas Suggitt	1	—
William Holliday	1	—
Francis Castle	1	—
Mary Blyth, widow	—	—
John Bielby	—	1
Robert Kirby	1	—
James Robinson	1	—
Ann Palmer, widow	—	—
William Osgerby	1	—
William Clough	1	—
Stephen Philpot	1	—
Thomas Palmer	—	1
Richard Jenkinson	1	—
William Brusby	—	1
John Scruton	1	—
Isaac Bentley	—	1
John Loft	—	1
Henry Wallis	1	—
Thomas Scruton	—	1
	12	6

Liberals	6
Conservatives	12
Widows	2
	20

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1862.

Voting at Election, 31st January 1860.	Walker.	Gridley.
Thomas Drewery	—	1
Edmund Widdall	1	—
John Ezard (not voted)	—	—
Andrew Pickard	1	—
Henry Harrison	—	1
James Stokell	1	—
Stephen George Smelt	—	1
Thomas Gillyon	—	1
John Robinson	1	—

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1862—*cont.*

	Walker.	Gridley.
John Megson	1	—
George Whitehead	1	—
James Dalton	1	—
John Parker	—	1
Joseph Gossip	1	—
Aaron Marshall	1	—
Gervase Megson	1	—
Benjamin Megson (not voted)	—	—
John Atkinson	1	—
John Graham (not voted)	—	—
William Clough	1	—
Robert Swailes	1	—
Benjamin Lee	—	1
William Dove	1	—
Wilberforce Herdsman	—	1
John Abbott	1	—
John Constable	1	—
John Dove	1	—
John Robinson	1	—
John Robert Pearson	—	1
	18	8

Liberals	8
Conservatives	18
Not voted	3
	29

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1863.

Voting at Election, 31st January 1860.	Walker.	Gridley.
Joseph Cross	—	1
George Winningham	1	—
John Burton Constable (not voted)	—	—
Peter Walker	1	—
Wilkinson Jackson	1	—
Stephen Smelt	—	1
George Clough	1	—
Thomas Musgrave	—	1
William Sunman	—	1
John Peacock	1	—
Charles Griffin	1	—
John Bulman	1	—
Matthew Kirkman	1	—
John Hobson (not voted)	—	—
Francis Castle	1	—
Mary Monkman, widow	—	—
William Leck	1	—
Robert Needham	1	—
William Foster	1	—
William Brown Dosser	—	1
John Leeson	—	1
Robert Robinson Ransom	1	—
William Clark (not voted)	—	—
Robert Clark	1	—
Robert Bishoprick	1	—
William Blyth	—	1
William Cook	—	1
John Watson (not voted)	—	—
	15	8

Liberals	8
Conservatives	15
Not voted	4
Widow	1
	28

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1864.

Voting at Election, 31st January 1860. (Walker and Gridley.)	Walker.	Gridley.
William Spence	1	—
George Roy	1	—
Thos. S. Palmer	—	1
Thos. Norton	—	1
Sarah Ringrose, widow	—	—
Richard Skinner	—	1
Francis Castle	1	—
John Thompson	—	1
Francis Greenhough	—	1
George Hoggard	—	1
Robert Loft	1	—
Thomas Kirk	1	—
Thomas Rippon	1	—
Theodocia Simpson, widow	—	—
Paul Marsh Duffill	—	1
Margaret Youell, widow	—	—
William Spivey	—	1
John Cook	1	—
Henry Purdon (not voted)	—	—
William Wilson	1	—
Henry Hoggard	—	1
Samuel Smelt	1	—
James Dalton	1	—
George Megson	—	1
John Mitchell	—	1
William Harrison	—	1
Thomas Whitelock	—	1
John Chambers	—	1
Sarah Hutton, widow	—	—
William Mitchell (not voted)	—	—
Mary Wilson, widow	—	—

Liberals	14
Conservatives	10
Widows	5
Not voted	2
	31

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1865.

Voting at Election, 31st January 1860. (Walker and Gridley.)	Walker.	Gridley.
George Fitzgerald	1	—
Sarah Cook, widow	—	—
Mary Megson, widow	—	—
Thomas Gawan	—	1
Samuel Wilson	—	1
Richard Bell	1	—
John Downing	—	1
John Constable	1	—
Robert Walker (not voted)	—	—
Robert Padget (not voted)	—	—
Sarah Simpson, widow	—	—
Robert Bielby	—	1
Richard Jenkinson	1	—
Tindall Suggitt	1	—
Richard Day	—	1
William Bielby	—	1
Francis Johnson	1	—
James Bishoprick	1	—
Francis Castle	1	—
Ellen Dry, widow	—	—
John Parker	—	1
Thomas Farrah	—	1
William Cross	1	—
James Hall	1	—
William Gibbs	1	—
William Hall	—	1
William Constable	1	—
Joseph Cattle	—	1
Benjamin Lee	—	1
John Botterill	1	—
Joseph Middleton	1	—
Thomas Suggitt	1	—
Thomas Hutchinson	—	1

Liberals	12
Conservatives	15
Not voted	2
Widows	4
	33

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1866.

Voting at Election, 12th July 1865. (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane.)	E.	S.	K.
David Cattle	—	—	1
Robert Clark	1	1	—
Agnes Duncum, widow	—	—	—
William Wright Foster	1	1	—
Frances Greenbury, widow	—	—	—
Thomas Harrison (not voted)	—	—	—
William Hoggard (not voted)	—	—	—
John Harrison	1	1	—
Thos. Kirk	1	1	—
Robert Kirby	—	—	1
Benjamin Reynolds	1	1	—
William Smith	1	—	1
Jemima Sneeston, widow	—	—	—
John Scruton	—	—	1
William Spivey	1	1	—
John Graham	1	1	—
Aaron Marshall	—	—	1
James Leason	—	—	1
William Wardell (not voted)	—	—	—
John Parker (not voted)	—	—	—
Jacob West	1	—	1
Edmund Julian	1	—	1
Ervase Megson	1	1	—
Charles Cook	1	1	—
Ann Spenceley, widow	—	—	—
William Rippon	1	1	—
Hannah Appleton, widow	—	—	—
Thomas Spivey	1	1	—
Thomas Bielby	1	—	—
John Watson	1	—	1
William Ridley	—	—	1

Liberals	6
Conservatives	12
Split votes	4
Not voted	4
Widows	5
	31

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1867.

Voting at Election, 12th July 1865. (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane.)	E.	S.	K.
William Brusby	—	—	1
Levi Nicholson	—	—	1
Henry Hoggard	1	—	1
Oswald Wilson	1	1	—
James Dales Thompson	1	1	—
Robert Wilson (not voted)	—	—	—
William Southwick	—	—	1
John Fentiman	1	1	—
Jane Dunn, widow	—	—	—
William Walker	1	—	1
John Palmer	1	1	—
John Megson	1	1	—
James Campey	—	—	1
Robert Hunsley	1	1	—
Thomas Hunsley (not voted)	—	—	—
John Tuting	—	—	1
Benjamin Megson (not voted)	—	—	—
Bainbridge Hood	—	—	1
Christopher Duncum	1	—	1
William Leck	1	1	—
Thomas Monkman	1	1	—
George Monkman	1	1	—
John Graham	1	1	—
Richard Clark Dosser	—	—	1
Peter Walker	1	1	—
John Robinson	1	1	—
John Burton Constable (not voted)	—	—	—
William Constable	—	—	1
Samuel Smelt	1	—	1
Robert Robinson Ransom	1	1	—
Thomas English	—	—	1
Peter Watson	1	1	—
Joseph Coverdale	1	1	—

Liberals	9
Conservatives	15
Split votes	4
Not voted	4
Widow	1
	33

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1868.

Voting at Election, 12th July 1865. (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane.)	E.	S.	K.
John Hoggard	—	—	1
William Bielby	1	1	—
Jane Renwick, widow	—	—	—
Henry Ridley	1	1	—
Henry Clark	1	1	—
George Wilson	1	1	—
Andrew Clark Gleadhill	—	—	1
Mark Arnott	1	1	—
John Duffill	—	—	1
William Noon Dixon	—	1	1
John Constable Lancaster	1	1	—
Ann Andrew, widow	—	—	—
Stephen George Smelt	—	—	1
Thomas Frederick Sneeston	1	1	—
Thomas Musgrave	—	—	1
Wilberforce Herdsman	1	1	—
Sarah Norman, widow	—	—	—
Richard Skinner	—	1	1
David Gibbs	—	—	1
Thomas Whitfield	—	—	1
Richard Jenkinson	—	—	1
John Scruton	—	—	1
William Johnson	1	—	1
Charles Griffin	1	—	1
Susannah Lundie, widow	—	—	—
James Arnott (not voted)	—	—	—
William Dove	1	1	—
Ann Spenceley, widow	—	—	—
Thomas Best	1	1	—
James Oxley (not voted)	—	—	—
Saml. Smelt, jun.	1	—	1
John Groves, jun.	1	—	1
Hugh Ridley	1	—	1
William Smelt (not voted)	—	—	—
Robt. Needham	1	—	1
Ellen Best, widow	—	—	—
Stephen Philpot	1	1	—
William Priestman	—	—	1
Henry Julian	—	—	1
Peter Duncan	1	1	—
John Dove	1	1	—
John Mitchell (not voted)	—	—	—

Liberals	11
Conservatives	13
Split votes	8
Not voted	4
Widows	6
	42

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1869.

Voting at Election, 17th Nov. 1868. (Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope.)	E.	K.	M.	T.
Hannah Loft, widow	—	—	—	—
Ellen Dry, do.	—	—	—	—
Margaret Leavens, do.	—	—	—	—
Sarah Hutton, do.	—	—	—	—
Mary Blyth, do.	—	—	—	—
Jane Lundie, do.	—	—	—	—
Joseph Wilkinson (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Jas. D. Thompson	1	1	—	—
Robt. Wilson (not voted)	—	—	—	—
David Duncan	1	1	—	—
John Dickinson	1	1	—	—
Thos. Foster	1	1	—	—
Thos. Ward Flint	1	1	—	—
William Hoggard	1	—	1	—
William Palmer	1	1	—	—
Thos. Best	1	1	—	—
William Suddaby	1	—	1	—
George Brigham	1	1	—	—
Mark Lumbard	1	1	—	—
Daniel Nicholson	—	—	1	1
John Rennison	—	—	1	1
George Scaum	1	—	—	1
William Duffill	1	—	1	—
Thomas Skinner	1	1	—	—
William Ramshaw	—	—	—	1
Richard Horner	—	—	1	1
Robert Castle	1	1	—	—
Saml. Bishoprick	1	1	—	—
John Watson	1	1	—	—
John Thompson	—	—	1	1
Thos. Scruton	—	—	1	1
Thos. Gawan	—	—	1	1
Charles Thomas Jewison	1	1	—	—
Richard Megson	—	—	1	1
Edward Harrison (not voted)	—	—	—	—
William Foster	1	1	—	—
John Scruton	1	1	—	—
Robt. Smelt	1	1	—	—
Ed. Clarkson Hutchinson	—	—	1	1
Henry Scruton	1	1	—	—
Wm. Young (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Joseph Cattle	1	1	—	—

Liberals	9
Conservatives	19
Split votes	4
Not voted	4
Widows	6
	42

WALKER'S GIFT.—SUMMARY, showing the manner in which the Recipients voted at Elections prior to receiving the Gift.

Date.	Liberals.	Conservatives.	Split Votes.	No Voting.	Widows.	No. of Recipients.
Year ending February 1860	2	4	1	1	1	9
„ „ 1861	6	12	—	—	2	20
„ „ 1862	8	18	—	3	—	29
„ „ 1863	8	15	—	4	1	28
„ „ 1864	14	10	—	2	5	31
„ „ 1865	13	14	—	2	4	33
„ „ 1866	6	12	4	4	5	31
„ „ 1867	9	15	4	4	1	33
„ „ 1868	11	13	8	4	6	42
„ „ 1869	9	19	4	4	6	42
	86	132	21	28	31	298

WALKER'S GIFT.—STATEMENT of the manner in which the Recipients voted at Elections subsequent to receiving the Gift.

Walker's Gift for the year ending February 1860.

Voting at Election, 29th April 1859.	Edwards.	Walker.	Glover.	Walters.
John Brown	1	1	—	—
A. C. Gleadhill	1	1	—	—
Joseph Lee	1	1	—	—

Voting at Election, 31st January 1860.			Walker.	Gridley.
William West	—	—	1	—
Wm. Cook	—	—	—	1
Mary Pexton, widow	—	—	—	—
Richd. Megson	—	—	1	—
John Carr	—	—	1	—
Benjn. Loft	—	—	1	—

Conservatives	7
Liberals	1
Widow	1
	9

Walker's Gift for the year ending February 1861.

Voting at Election, 12th July 1865.	Edwards.	Sykes.	Keane.
John Pougher	1	1	—
Thos. Suggitt	1	1	—
Wm. Holliday	—	—	1
F. Castle	1	—	1
Mary Blyth, widow	—	—	—
John Bielby (not voted)	—	—	—
James Robinson (not voted)	—	—	—
Ann Palmer, widow	—	—	—
Wm. Osgerby	1	1	—
Wm. Clough	1	1	—
Robert Kirby	—	—	1
Stephen Philpot	1	1	—
Thos. Palmer	1	1	—
Richd. Jenkinson	—	—	1
William Brusby	—	—	1
John Scruton, jun.	1	1	—
Isaac Bentley (not voted)	—	—	—
John Loft	—	—	1
Henry Wallis (not voted)	—	—	—
Thomas Scruton (not voted)	—	—	—

Conservatives	7
Liberals	5
Split votes	1
Not voted	5
Widows	2
	20

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1862.

Voting at Election, 12th July 1865.	Edwards.	Sykes.	Keane.
Thomas Drewery (not voted)	—	—	—
Edmund Widdall	1	1	—
John Ezard (not voted)	—	—	—
Andrew Pickard	1	1	—
James Stokell	1	1	—
Henry Harrison	—	—	1
Stephen George Smelt	—	—	1
Thomas Gillyon	—	—	1
John Robinson	1	1	—
John Megson	1	1	—
George Whitehead (not voted)	—	—	—
James Dalton	1	—	1
John Parker (not voted)	—	—	—
Joseph Gossip	—	—	1

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1862—*cont.*

Voting at Election 12th July 1865. Edwards, Keane, and Sykes.	Edwards.	Sykes.	Keane.
Aaron Marshall	—	—	1
Gervase Megson	1	1	—
Benjamin Megson (not voted)	—	—	—
John Atkinson	1	—	1
John Graham	1	1	—
William Clough	1	1	—
Robert Swailes (not voted)	—	—	—
Benjamin Lee	1	1	—
William Dove	1	1	—
Wilberforce Herdsman	1	1	—
John Abbott	—	—	1
John Constable Lancaster	1	1	—
John Dove	1	1	—
John Robinson	1	1	—
John Robert Pearson	—	—	1

Conservatives	14
Liberals	7
Split votes	2
Not voted	6
	29

Walker's Gift for the year ending February 1863.

Voting at Election, 12th July 1865.	Edwards.	Sykes.	Keane.
Joseph Cross	—	—	1
George Winningham (not voted)	—	—	—
John Burton Constable (not voted)	—	—	—
Peter Walker	1	1	—
Wilkinson Jackson	1	1	—
Stephen Smelt (not voted)	—	—	—
George Clough	1	—	1
Thomas Musgrave	—	—	1
William Sunman	—	—	1
John Peacock	1	1	—
Charles Griffin	1	—	1
John Bulman	1	1	—
Matthew Kirkman (not voted)	—	—	—
John Hobson (not voted)	—	—	—
Francis Castle	1	—	1
Mary Monkman, widow	—	—	—
William Leck	1	1	—
Robert Needham	1	—	1
William Foster (not voted)	—	—	—
William Brown Dosser	—	—	1
John Leason	1	—	1
Robert Robinson Ransom	1	1	—
William Clark (not voted)	—	—	—
Robert Clark	1	1	—
Robert Bishoprick	1	1	—
William Blyth	1	1	—
William Cook, jun.	1	1	—
John Watson (not voted)	—	—	—

Conservatives	10
Liberals	4
Split votes	5
No voting	8
Widow	1
	28

Walker's Gift for the year ending February 1864.

Voting at Election, 12th July 1865. (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane.)	Edwards.	Sykes.	Keane.
William Spence	1	1	—
George Roy (not voted)	—	—	—
Thomas S. Palmer	—	—	1
Thomas Norton (not voted)	—	—	—
Sarah Ringrose (widow)	—	—	—
Richard Skinner	—	1	—

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1864—*cont.*

Voting at Election, 12th July 1865. (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane.)	Edwards.	Sykes.	Keane.
Francis Castle	1	—	1
John Thompson	—	—	1
Francis Greenhough	—	—	1
George Hoggard	1	—	1
Robert Loft	1	1	—
Thomas Kirk	1	1	—
Thomas Rippon	1	1	—
Theodocia Simpson, widow	—	—	—
Paul Marsh Duffill	—	—	—
Margaret Youell, widow	—	—	—
William Spivey	1	1	—
John Cook	1	1	—
Henry Purdon	—	—	1
William Wilson	1	1	—
Henry Hoggard	1	—	1
Samuel Smelt	1	—	1
James Dalton	1	—	1
George Megson (not voted)	—	—	—
John Mitchell (not voted)	—	—	—
William Harrison	—	—	1
Thomas Whitelock (not voted)	—	—	—
John Chambers	1	—	1
Sarah Hutton, widow	—	—	—
William Mitchell	1	1	—
Mary Wilson, widow	—	—	—

Conservatives	8
Liberals	6
Split votes	7
No voting	5
Widows	5
	31

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1865.

Voting at Election, 12th April 1865. (Edwards, Sykes, and Keane.)	Edwards.	Sykes.	Keane.
George Fitzgerald	1	1	—
Sarah Cook, widow	—	—	—
Mary Megson, widow	—	—	—
Thomas Gawan	—	—	1
Samuel Wilson	—	—	1
Richard Bell	1	1	—
John Downing	1	—	1
John Constable	—	—	1
Robert Walker	1	—	1
Robert Padget	1	—	1
Sarah Simpson, widow	—	—	—
Robert Bielby	1	1	—
Richard Jenkinson	—	—	1
Tindall Suggitt	1	1	—
Richard Day	—	—	1
William Bielby	—	—	1
Francis Johnson	1	1	—
James Bishoprick	1	1	—
Francis Castle	1	—	1
Ellen Dry, widow	—	—	—
John Parker (not voted)	—	—	—
Thomas Farrah	1	—	1
William Cross	1	—	1
James Hall	1	—	1
William Gibbs	1	1	—
William Hall	1	—	1
William Constable	—	—	1
Joseph Cattle	—	—	1
Benjamin Lee	1	1	—
John Botterill	1	1	—
Joseph Middleton	1	1	—
Thomas Suggitt	1	1	—
Thomas Hutchinson	—	1	1

Conservatives	11
Liberals	8
Split votes	9
Not voted	1
Widows	4
	33

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1868.

Voting at Election, 17th Nov. 1868. (Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope.)	Edwards.	Kennard.	Maxwell.	Trollope.
Daniel Cattle	1	1	—	—
Robert Clark	1	1	—	—
Agnes Duncum, widow	—	—	—	—
William Wright Foster	1	1	—	—
Frances Greenbury, widow	—	—	—	—
Thomas Harrison	1	1	—	—
William Hoggard	1	—	1	—
John Harrison	1	1	—	—
Thomas Kirk	1	—	1	—
Robert Kirby (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Benjamin Reynolds (not voted)	—	—	—	—
William Smith (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Jemima Sneeston, widow	—	—	—	—
John Scruton	1	—	1	1
William Spivey	1	—	1	1
John Graham (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Aaron Marshall (not voted)	—	—	—	—
James Leason	1	—	1	—
William Wardell Blyth	1	1	—	—
John Parker (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Jacob West	—	—	1	1
Edmund Julian	1	1	—	—
Gervase Megson	1	1	—	—
Charles Cook	1	1	—	—
Ann Spenceley, widow	—	—	—	—
William Rippon	1	1	—	—
Hannah Appleton, widow	—	—	—	—
Thomas Spivey	1	1	—	—
Thomas Bielby	1	1	—	—
John Watson	1	1	—	—
William Ridley	—	—	1	1

Conservatives	13
Liberals	4
Split votes	3
No voting	6
Widows	5
	31

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1867.

Voting at Election, 17th Nov. 1868. (Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope.)	E.	K.	M.	T.
William Brusby	—	—	1	1
Levi Nicholson	—	—	1	1
Henry Hoggard (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Oswald Wilson (not voted)	—	—	—	—
James Dales Thompson	1	1	—	—
Robert Wilson (not voted)	—	—	—	—
William Southwick	—	—	1	1
John Fentiman	1	1	—	—
Jane Dunn, widow	—	—	—	—
William Walker	1	1	—	—
John Palmer	1	1	—	—
John Megson	—	—	1	1
James Campey	—	—	1	1
Robert Hunsley	1	1	—	—
Thomas Hunsley	—	—	1	1
John Tuting	1	1	—	—
Benjamin Megson	1	1	—	—
Bainbridge Hood (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Christopher Duncum	1	—	1	—
William Leck	1	1	—	—
Thomas Monkman	1	1	—	—
George Monkman	1	1	—	—
John Graham (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Richard Clark Dosser (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Peter Walker	1	1	—	—
John Robinson	1	1	—	—
John Burton Constable	1	1	—	—
William Constable	1	—	1	—
Samuel Smelt	1	—	1	—
Robert Robinson Ransom	1	1	—	—
Thomas English	—	—	1	1
Peter Watson	1	1	—	—
Joseph Coverdale (not voted)	—	—	—	—

Conservatives	15
Liberals	7
Split votes	3
Not voted	7
Widow	1
	33

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1868. Election, 17th November 1868. (Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope.)	E.	K.	M.	T.
John Hoggard	—	—	1	1
William Bielby	—	1	1	—
Jane Renwick, widow	—	—	—	—
Henry Ridley	1	1	—	—
Henry Clark	1	1	—	—
George Wilson	1	1	—	—
Andrew Clark Gleadhill	1	1	—	—
Mark Arnott	1	1	—	—
John Duffill	—	—	1	1
William Noon Dixon	1	—	1	—
John Constable Lancaster	1	1	—	—
Ann Andrew, widow	—	—	—	—
Stephen George Smelt	—	—	1	1
Thomas Frederick Sneeston (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Thomas Musgrave	1	—	1	—
Wilberforce Herdsman	—	—	1	1
Sarah Norman, widow	—	—	—	—
Richard Skinner	1	—	1	—
David Gibbs	—	—	1	1
Thomas Whitfield (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Richard Jenkinson	1	1	—	—
John Scruton	—	—	1	1
William Johnson	1	1	—	—
Charles Griffin	1	—	1	—
Susannah Lundie, widow	—	—	—	—
James Arnott	1	1	—	—
William Dove	1	1	—	—
Ann Spenceley, widow	—	—	—	—
Thomas Best	1	1	—	—
James Oxley (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Samuel Smelt, jun.	—	—	1	1
John Groves, jun.	1	1	—	—
Hugh Ridley	1	1	—	—
William Smelt	—	—	1	1
Robert Needham	1	—	1	—
Ellen Best, widow	—	—	—	—
Stephen Philpot	1	1	—	—
William Priestman	1	1	—	—
Henry Julian	1	—	1	—
Peter Duncan	1	1	—	—
John Dove	1	1	—	—
John Mitchell (not voted)	—	—	—	—

Conservatives	17
Liberals	8
Split votes	7
No voting	4
Widows	6
	42

Walker's Gift, for the year ending February 1869. Voting at Election, 17th Nov. 1868. (Edwards, Kennard, Maxwell, and Trollope.)	E.	K.	M.	T.
Hannah Loft, widow	—	—	—	—
Ellen Dry, widow	—	—	—	—
Margaret Leavens, widow	—	—	—	—
Sarah Hutton, widow	—	—	—	—
Mary Blyth, widow	—	—	—	—
Jane Lundie, widow	—	—	—	—
Joseph Wilkinson	1	—	1	—
James Dales Thompson	1	1	—	—
Robert Wilson (not voted)	—	—	—	—
David Duncan	1	1	—	—
John Dickinson	1	1	—	—
Thomas Foster	1	1	—	—
Thomas Ward Flint	1	1	—	—
William Hoggard	1	—	1	—
William Palmer	1	1	—	—
Thomas Best	1	1	—	—
William Suddaby	1	—	1	—
George Brigham	1	1	—	—
Mark Lumbard	1	1	—	—
Daniel Nicholson	—	—	1	1
John Rennison	—	—	1	1
George Scaum	1	—	—	1
William Duffill	1	—	1	—
Thomas Skinner	1	1	—	—
William Ramshaw	—	—	1	—
Richard Horner	—	—	1	1
Robert Castle	1	1	—	—
Samuel Bishoprick	1	1	—	—
John Watson	1	1	—	—
John Thompson	—	—	1	1
Thomas Scruton	—	—	1	1
Thomas Gawan	—	—	1	1
Charles Thomas Jewison	1	1	—	—
Richard Megson	—	—	1	1
Edward Harrison (not voted)	—	—	—	—
William Foster	1	1	—	—
John Scruton	1	1	—	—
Robert Smelt	1	1	—	—
Edward Clarkson Hutchinson	—	—	1	1
Henry Scruton	1	1	—	—
William Young (not voted)	—	—	—	—
Joseph Cattle	1	1	—	—

Conservatives	19
Liberals	9
Split votes	5
Not voted	3
Widows	6
	42

WALKER'S GIFT.—Summary showing the manner in which the Recipients voted at Elections subsequent to receiving the Gift.

Date.	Conservatives.	Liberals.	Split Votes.	No Voting.	Widows.	No. of Recipients.
Year ending February 1860	7	1	—	—	1	9
„ „ 1861	7	5	1	5	2	20
„ „ 1862	14	7	2	6	—	29
„ „ 1863	10	4	5	8	1	28
„ „ 1864	8	6	7	5	5	31
„ „ 1865	11	8	9	1	4	33
„ „ 1866	13	4	3	6	5	31
„ „ 1867	15	7	3	7	1	33
„ „ 1868	19	9	5	3	6	42
„ „ 1869	17	8	7	4	6	42
	121	59	42	45	31	298

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

J. Dawson.

26 Oct. 1869.

45,321. Do you pledge yourself to the accuracy of this statement?—Yes; I have done it very carefully.

45,322. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did you ever hear in the town that the pasture masters were supposed to favour their own party?—I have not heard so personally myself.

45,323. We have had a man from your own side, and a man from the other side, both declared it was the general impression?—It might be; and other people might hear it more than me. Tradesmen might hear it, because they were going in and out of their shops.

45,324. What have you to do with the pastures?—I stock the pastures; I keep cattle there of my own. I occupy land.

42,325. If you can explain I am sure we shall be very glad; but it appears from your own summary, that from 1860 to 1869 (the recipients of Walker's gift), 122 have voted Conservative and 58 voted Liberal. That is more than two to one. Can you give any explanation of that?—The only explanation I can give is, the Conservatives were in office as pasture masters, and they would probably have more people apply to them on their side than the other.

42,326. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That is doing them the compliment of supposing they were corrupt. Have you any other explanation to give?—No.

The proceedings were then adjourned to Westminster.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Members' Tea Room, House of Commons, Tuesday, 16th November 1869.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY.

D. Keane, Esq.

16 Nov. 1869.

DAVID KEANE, Esq., Q.C., called and sworn; examined by Mr. Commissioner Cox.

45,327. You were a candidate at the election for Beverley in 1865?—I was.

45,328. Do you remember on what day the election took place?—I think it was the 12th of July.

45,329. How long before that day did you go down to Beverley?—I went to Beverley I think it must have been a fortnight before, and I stayed two days, I think; and then I returned and stayed about four days. The election was on a Wednesday, I think, and I was there the previous Saturday.

45,330. You stayed there two days the first time?—Two days the first time, and four days the last time, as near as I can recollect. I kept no diary, and my memory is not very accurate upon it; but I think it must have been about that time.

45,331. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I daresay you will remember the sittings in London were going on, and you would stay here as long as you could?—Yes, and I came back as soon as I could. I know I had a case the very first day after I returned, after the election, on the 14th.

45,332. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) When at Beverley the first time, whom did you see connected with the Liberal party; I mean the leaders of the party. Did you see Mr. Hodgson, for instance?—No, I did not see Mr. Hodgson till I was there the last time.

45,333. Did you see Mr. Boyes?—Yes, I saw him at his own house.

45,334. The first time?—Yes.

45,335. Did you make any arrangement with him as to expenses?—Oh, not at all; he did all he possibly could to deter me from standing; he told me it was impossible for me to get in, that everything had been arranged, and promises were given, and it was useless to attempt it, I had not a chance. I mean Boyes, the keeper of a large inn there.

45,336. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Yes; he told you that?—Yes.

45,337. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) What part was he to take?—Not any; he absolutely refused to do anything at all.

45,338. We have had a multitude of witnesses before us who have spoken of sums of money being paid, and we have had also the evidence of your brother that the election cost 1,500*l.* or 1,600*l.*?—It must have cost that.

45,339. And he also said about two years after the election you repaid him the money?—I think the whole was not paid till the end of two years, but I paid him money before then. Whenever he asked me for money I gave it him.

45,340. But substantially within two years you paid him 1,500*l.* or 1,600*l.*?—I think so; it must have been within two years.

45,341. Just to go back a moment; who invited you to Beverley; how was it you were induced to go there?—Well, the first time it was mentioned was the previous February; it was mentioned by a gentleman of the bar, who told me an attorney would call upon me about it.

45,342. Who was the attorney?—I do not remember.

45,343. Was it Mr. Todd, of Hull?—No, it was a gentleman practising in London whom I occasionally see, but whose name I really forget. I think it begins with "D," and he lives in Broad Street.

45,344. Was he connected with Beverley?—I think not; I never saw him again. In fact I never saw him at all.

45,345. You were told an attorney from London would wait upon you?—Would call upon me. He asked me whether I would stand, and that the borough was to be gained for the Liberal party if any person would spend a sufficient quantity of money.

45,346. Do you remember whether the attorney had any authority?—I do not remember it at all. I presume he would show me the authority when he came, but he never came.

45,347. A member of the bar gave you that information?—Yes. I will give you his name if you wish it, but I would rather not, because he never interfered further.

45,348. Had he any authority?—Not the slightest.

45,349. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He never interfered in any way?—Not in any way at all.

45,350. Did he mention anything to you about money?—Yes. I told him I understood it would be very expensive, and he said it would not; he thought it could be had for 500*l.*

45,351. I do not see that at all compromises him in any way?—Oh, not in the slightest degree.

45,352. Then you can give us his name?—Mr. Digby Seymour was the gentleman.

45,353. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) He was not concerned in any way?—Not the slightest. I do not remember how he had to do with it, but I think he was their counsel on a previous occasion, and he got a notion that the borough was to be had for a Liberal for a very much smaller sum than for a Tory. He mentioned there was a custom of their paying men as messengers, and provided the messengers were fairly paid he thought it could be obtained, and it would cost about 500*l.*

He mentioned that in February, and I think I heard nothing about the borough again till about the middle of May, and then another member of the bar spoke to me.

45,354. Had he any authority?—I do not think he had; but he wrote a letter in court to Mr. Todd, to know what would be done about Beverley.

45,355. Did you receive any deputation from Beverley?—I received no deputation, but I had a requisition signed by whatever the number were of my votes. It was just the same number I got; I think it was 495.

45,356. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Have you a copy?—No, I did not keep a copy.

45,357. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you have any communication with any of the leaders in Beverley of a private kind?—Of a private kind?

45,358. Yes; this requisition would be to a certain extent a public document?—I do not think the public document was given me till I got there the second time.

45,359. I mean what induced you to go the first time?—The first time I went supposing I could get in.

45,360. On an unauthorized communication of Mr. Digby Seymour and the other gentleman?—The letter to Mr. Todd I do not consider unauthorized. The answer was not.

45,361. You received an answer?—Yes, from Mr. Todd.

45,362. That is what I want to get at?—It was, "If he comes he will probably get in;" or something to that effect.

45,363. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) How many do you say signed the requisition?—490 odd; it was exactly the number of votes I had, though not the same persons; there was a difference of two or three.

45,364. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did you have any communication with Mr. Todd before you went down?—Yes, I saw him in London.

45,365. When was that?—I should think that was about the middle of June.

45,366. Did he talk about 500*l.*?—No, not a word about money at all; he never mentioned a syllable about money.

45,367. With whom did you arrange about money?—The only arrangement I made was with my brother. He was to see to the expenses and I was to pay them.

45,368. When was that arrangement?—It must have taken place I should think about 10 days before the election.

45,369. Did you give your brother any idea as to how far he could go in the expenditure of money?—I mentioned 500*l.*, but at the same time he must have known very well that if he spent five times as much I should have paid him.

45,370. When did you first learn the amount was something like 1,500*l.* or 1,600*l.*?—I think it must have been about six weeks after the election.

45,371. The bribery was practised, I may say, openly. There was what has been called a mill, to which people resorted and received sums varying from 1*l.* to 3*l.* When did you first hear of that going on?—I never heard of it at all not till long after the election, and then I did not hear of it in that shape.

45,372. You knew perfectly well money was spent?—I knew afterwards money was spent.

45,373. Was not there a petition against Sir Henry Edwards?—I understood there was.

45,374. Were you consulted on it?—I was no party to it at all.

45,375. You were not aware of the petition being presented till it had been?—No.

45,376. Do you know why it was withdrawn?—Not in the slightest.

45,377. You never assisted in any way?—Not in any way. The only consultation I had about it was a gentleman at the bar, whose name I could give, asked me on behalf of Mr. Sykes whether I was a party to it, and I said if I had been the petition would have been in my own name.

45,378. Have you mentioned the names of all the persons who in any way invited you down to Beverley before you came there; I mean who sent this requisition?—The only person at all by whom I was invited, I take it, was Mr. Todd.

45,379. Then he in fact acted as the sole spokesman of the party?—I do not know whether you can call him the spokesman of the party, he was the person who spoke to me.

45,380. And the only one connected with the place?—Oh yes, I saw Mr. Hind before the first time; I saw him in London.

45,381. Was that Mr. Hind the solicitor?—Mr. Joseph Hind.

45,382. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Not the solicitor, the registrar?—Yes.

45,383. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did he talk about money?—Not a word; not a syllable.

45,384. He did not give you any idea about the expenses?—Not at all.

45,385. Am I right in saying that Mr. Digby Seymour was the only person who spoke to you about the probable cost?—He was the only person who spoke to me about the probable cost before the election took place.

45,386. If you pledge your recollection to that confidently, I will not pursue that?—I am quite certain that is so; quite. What occurred with respect to Mr. Seymour was in February.

45,387. Who paid Mr. Todd?—My brother paid Mr. Todd; he was paid 50 guineas; I think that was his retainer.

45,388. What I want is the advertised expenses; who was it paid that 382*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*?—I should think my brother paid that. I know I gave him the money when he told me what they were.

45,389. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He laid the account before you?—I do not know whether he laid the account before me or not; but he told me the amount, and I gave him the money.

45,390. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I see that is dated September 1865?—Yes; two months after the election. Before going down I think I gave my brother 250*l.* in money.

45,391. Was that in gold?—No, I think it was by cheque; that was the first time.

45,392. Before you went down the first time?—Yes; and the second time I gave him another 250*l.*

45,393. That was before you went down the second time?—Yes, or the day I went down the second time.

45,394. That is to say, you gave him 500*l.* before the election?—Yes.

45,395. The 50*l.* I suppose you paid personally?—No, never; I never paid anything to anybody.

45,396. The 50*l.* would be after the election?—Yes. I never saw anybody on the subject of money matters except some persons who were importunate afterwards.

45,397. I forget what was the date when you first went down?—The first time I went down must have been about three weeks before the election.

45,398. Was it before or after that your brother went down?—He went down before I went down.

45,399. He went down to *reconnoitre*?—He went down to see the people were there, and what could be done.

45,400. Did he give you any report of the result of his investigation?—Yes.

45,401. What was the general character of the representation?—His notion was, that there was a disposition to favour the Liberal party, and the Liberal candidate would get in by paying messengers.

45,402. Did he confirm the idea that 500*l.* would do it?—His notion was that 500*l.* would do it.

45,403. That was his report to you?—Yes.

45,404. Did he go down again after that before you went?—I think not; I think we went together.

45,405. He afterwards accompanied you?—Yes, we both went.

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D. Keane, Esq.

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45,406. He says that he brought 500*l.* in two bags?—I never saw anything at all, nor did he show me what money he had.

45,407. Do you know whether the 500*l.* was your 500*l.*, I mean the proceeds of your cheque?—I should say 250*l.* was, and he had had 250*l.* before.

45,408. Had you any agent besides Mr. Todd, of Hull?—No one.

45,409. Did Mr. Hind act in any way as your agent?—Joseph Hind?

45,410. Yes?—Not at all.

45,411. He assisted you?—He was a very warm supporter.

45,412. Did Mr. Boyes assist you in any way?—Not in the slightest degree. Mr. Boyes was entirely hostile and unfriendly.

45,413. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He had received 500*l.*

45,414. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Did either of Mr. Boyes' sons vote for you?—I do not know.

45,415. Mr. Boyes assumed an appearance of hostility?—I thought so. I called upon him, and he would not allow my brother to come into the room. He would not allow anybody with me to come into the room, and he kept me there three-quarters of an hour, to assure me that it was impossible for me to get in; he said it was the height of absurdity, I had not a chance.

45,416. Did he give any reason for that opinion?—The reason was that the other side had been candidates three weeks on the spot and had got all the promises, and the people did not expect anybody in opposition.

45,417. When was that?—In 1865.

45,418. Which time was it?—The first time I went.

45,419. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We know now, Mr. Keane, that Mr. Boyes had before you went down entered into an arrangement or contract with the two Conservative candidates to receive 500*l.* to check opposition, and therefore that would be quite consistent.—I was told when I left the house that was the case.

45,420. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Oh, you were told that?—It seemed to transpire, but I did not believe it.

45,421. Who told you that?—There were half a dozen gentlemen with me, whose names I do not know except one, and I do not think he said it. There were half a dozen gentlemen who walked about with me, one of whom was Mr. Luke Hind, but I do not think he was the person who told me, for he kept very much aloof; but when I came out they spoke of it as perfectly notorious.

45,422. Several of them spoke of this bargain of Mr. Boyes with the Tories?—Yes, of a corrupt bargain with the Tories.

45,423. They did not go into particulars?—They did not go into particulars. That was the first time I went there.

45,424. I did not know that was so.—No, and I did not believe it.

45,425. Did you ever have any account of the way in which the money was spent?—No, I trusted to my brother; whatever he asked for I gave him.

45,426. You cannot charge your memory as to who it was told you of this bargain with Mr. Boyes?—No, I cannot.

45,427. Do you know how he obtained the knowledge?—No. I think it was almost immediately upon my leaving Mr. Boyes' house, upon my stating how very unfriendly and hostile he appeared to my candidature, something was said, "Oh, he has made an arrangement with the Tories to get them in;" something to that effect, but I cannot speak to the words.

45,428. They spoke of that as a thing they knew?—They did. I said it cannot be, it is impossible. Yes, they said, it is, there is no doubt about it.

45,429. You did not know their source of information?—No, I did not know anything further.

Examined by Mr. Commissioner Barstow.

45,430. I wish to know whether the 500*l.* you were told the election would cost you was exclusive of the legitimate expenses of the election?—Nothing was said about that at all, but I suppose it must have been meant to be exclusive of legitimate expenses, because it was said it was to be given to messengers.

45,431. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Exclusive of ordinary expenses?—Yes.

45,432. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then, I think, if I understand from what you say, you knew at the time nothing of the details on which this money was spent?—Nothing at all. I was not aware whether there was any illegal expenditure, or anything of the kind; of course I take it for granted it was kept from me.

Examined by the Chief Commissioner.

45,433. Had you been a candidate before?—No.

45,434. It was your first transaction of the kind?—My first.

45,435. With regard to the employment of messengers and other things of that kind, I believe at that time the law was not so strict as now, now it is a misdemeanor?—There was a notion certainly at that time in many boroughs that there was a custom which by long abuse had authorized the expenditure, at least so I understood.

45,436. You are familiar, I have no doubt, with the decision of committees of the House of Commons in which it has very often been a question of degree as to whether it was corrupt or not?—Yes.

45,437. That was so in the Nottingham case afterwards?—Yes.

45,438. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) And also if the sum was extravagant?

45,439. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Yes. Did you canvass the entire borough?—No; I canvassed, I suppose, about 200 persons.

45,440. It was rather extensive in conformation?—Yes; my brother went out one afternoon and canvassed, and I went out one afternoon and one whole day. I was told that it would be useless to canvass any of the Tories; they were all so decided and resolute, it would be almost a personal insult to call on them.

45,441. My question rather referred to the boundaries of the borough. They are rather extended, are they not?—Yes; my brother went to all the country places. One gentleman I know, a Mr. Cantrine, formerly of the Chancery bar; he lived in one of the villages which formed part of the parliamentary borough. My brother went to him personally, and he came and supported me. You see there was of course expenditure before the election; there was what we call a triumphal entry, which I fancy must have cost some money.

45,442. The 250*l.* your brother went down with no doubt was a portion of that?—It formed no doubt a portion of that.

45,443. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Had you any personal influence or connexion with Beverley before that?—Not the slightest.

The Commission was then adjourned until 3 o'clock, for the purpose of taking the evidence of Mr. Philip Rose, and upon the non-attendance of Mr. Rose at that time, it was further adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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E Committee Room, House of Lords, Wednesday, 17th November 1869.

Mr. PHILIP ROSE called and sworn; examined by the Chief Commissioner.

45,444. Have you your papers with you?—Yes, all.

45,445. You may consult them in any way you like. As a member of the firm of Baxter, Rose, and Norton, you know your firm has been concerned for candidates for Beverley for some time?—Personally I was the recognized parliamentary agent for the Conservative party from the year 1853 to 1859; since that period my partner, Mr. Spofforth, has occupied the same position.

45,446. I am asking about Beverley. Your firm has taken an active part?—Yes.

45,447. Did you take any part in the first election, when Mr. Glover was returned in 1852?—No, I was not concerned.

45,448. Then the first election to which I will call your attention will be that of 1857, in which Denison, Glover, and Wells were candidates?—I had nothing whatever to do with that election.

45,449. I think you will find you had?—No, nothing.

45,450. Just be cautious a little. I daresay you had not with the election, but had you with the petition afterwards?—Yes, with the petition I had.

45,451. That is what I mean?—I will state the circumstances to the Commissioners.

45,452. We shall be glad to hear you any time afterwards, but I would rather go through the regular course first. Your firm, I believe, appeared for Glover, and he was unseated?—No, we did not appear for Glover.

45,453. For whom then?—We appeared for electors on the petition against Mr. Glover so far only as related to preventing Mr. Wells taking the seat.

45,454. Did he claim the seat?—Mr. Wells claimed the seat.

45,455. Then you appeared on behalf of certain voters of Beverley?—We did.

45,456. Will you give me the names of those voters?—I do not know the names; I think they were represented by Mr. Wreghitt. I will tell you in a moment; I have got the brief here, and I may be able to find the names. I see nominally, sir, you are right; it was for the sitting member, but practically for the voters. The brief is endorsed, "Brief "on behalf of sitting member, as far as relates to "the competency of Mr. Wells to take the seat, or "to be re-elected."

45,457. Could you give me the names of any other voters who appeared, besides Mr. Wreghitt?—I cannot remember the names; it is 12 years ago.

45,458. Well, Mr. Wreghitt is enough?—Mr. Wreghitt was the man who represented the party.

45,459. Did you arrange an interview between Mr. Wreghitt and Major Edwards?—No, the interview had taken place before I heard of the affair. The interview had taken place at the instance, I think, of Mr. Champney.

45,460. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Before you heard of what?—Of the business at all.

45,461. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Mr. Champney is a solicitor at Beverley, and is also known at Halifax. You think the interview had taken place?—I think it took place before I saw Mr. Wreghitt, or had any communication with him.

45,462. Are you aware, during the continuance of the petition, and while it was pending, that negociations took place between the party and Major Edwards, that in case of the success of the petition, Major Edwards was to appear at Beverley?—Undoubtedly.

45,463. In case of the success of the petition against Mr. Glover?—And of Mr. Wells not being elected to succeed to the seat.

45,464. In case of a vacany?—Yes, in case of any vacany not only on the part of Mr. Glover, but there was a petition at the same time pending against Mr. Denison, therefore in the case of any vacancy Major Edwards was asked to stand for Beverley.

45,465. Can you tell me at all, by any reference as to dates, when it was Major Edwards first visited your office upon the business of the petitions; I want the date?—I should think I could find that almost accurately. I should think it would be about May 1857.

45,466. The following election, I should think, took place in the August of 1857?—Yes, in August 1857.

45,467. Did any expenses or bills remain due, to your knowledge, on the part of Mr. Glover?—Not that I know of, or that I can remember at all.

45,468. Did you subsequently send from your office to Mr. Bainton, of the firm of England and Bainton, an account to be laid before Major Edwards?—No, they sent to me an account.

45,469. They sent you an account?—Yes.

45,470. Can you tell me when?—I find in the books of my firm that on the 14th of April 1858 a cheque was drawn to John England, Esq., for 221*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*, and I have been very anxious to trace for what purpose that was sent, as I cannot find among the correspondence or papers the slightest allusion to it.

45,471. I can put a document into your hands which may assist you. It is Messrs. England and Bainton's account with Mr. Philip Rose. Law bills. Look at that (*an account was handed to the witness*).—Yes, this is it, no doubt; that is the amount.

45,472. Was that sent to you as the agent of Major Edwards?—No, I never was the agent of Sir Henry Edwards.

45,473. Were you acting for him?—Yes, I was, but I was not the election agent.

45,474. I do not mean you were, but you were acting for Major Edwards. That was sent to you for payment?—It was sent to me for payment.

45,475. On behalf of Major Edwards?—On behalf of Major Edwards.

45,476. Did you send the bill to Major Edwards?—On the 13th of March, on receiving that, I appear to have written to Mr. Cronhelm with it.

45,477. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) With it, sending it?—Yes, I merely transmitted it. I did not know the amounts, or anything about it.

45,478. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Why to Mr. Cronhelm?—Because Mr. Cronhelm had paid me the expenses of the petition against Mr. Glover and the witnesses' expenses.

45,479. He paid you the expenses for Mr. Glover?—For defending the electors of Beverley so far as regarded Mr. Wells taking Mr. Glover's seat.

45,480. Will you give the date of that, and the amount?—On the 14th of April the only trace I find is my secretary's entry. There are the charge sheets of my firm in the month of April 1868, and I find on the 14th, in my secretary's writing, "Beverley election petition. In receipt of letter "from Mr. Cronhelm, enclosing notes for 230*l.*"—that is 220*l.* in fact, it is a mistake—"and instructions "for their disposal, write him, and supply with two "further claims not provided for. Promise to write

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"him in a day or two." These two further claims must be a sum of 9*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, for which on the 21st of April a cheque was drawn on my firm. By the same date, the 14th of April, that sum was sent to Mr. England, and is acknowledged on the 15th: "I have yours of yesterday, and cheque "enclosed; as soon as I administer the proceeds "you shall have receipts."

45,481. Let me understand; you received from the managing clerk of Mr. Edwards 220*l.*?—On the 14th of April, with instructions to remit it to Mr. England.

45,482. Who was responsible to you for the money?—Mr. England.

45,483. Before this?—No one was responsible to me. The fact is this is the plain truth of it: on the 13th of March I received from Mr. England an account for 220*l.* on account of the petition.

45,484. I may be wrong, but I thought that when gentlemen in your position undertake to conduct law business there is somebody to whom they would have to look for payment?—I do not think you have quite followed it. On the 13th or 19th of March Mr. England sends to me an account for 220*l.* as being due on the election petition; I transmit that account to Mr. Cronhelm, and that day month he sends me 220*l.* with instructions to pay Mr. England; I send that amount to Mr. England, and Mr. England, returns me the vouchers, and those vouchers I forward to Mr. Cronhelm.

45,485. What had you to do?—I conducted the petition; I was the agent for the petition at the suit of the electors guaranteed by Major Edwards.

45,486. "Guaranteed;" that is what I want?—Yes, that was it.

45,487. Before these men moved in it you had a guarantee from Major Edwards?—No, that is not the fact. If you will allow me to explain I think I can clear your mind in a moment. There were two petitions presented by the electors of Beverley, one against the seat of Mr. Denison, and another petition was presented for the purpose of preventing Mr. Wells taking a seat in the event of the petition of Mr. Wells against Mr. Glover succeeding. In the course of the session, just before the petition was coming on, a communication was made to me by Major Edwards that his friends at Beverley were anxious he should stand, but they wanted assistance to enable them to carry on the petition. I advised Major Edwards to have nothing whatever to do with the petition against Mr. Denison because I considered it would be illegal, but I consulted Sir Frederick Slade upon the matter, and I said I had no objection that he should assist the electors as far as he would assist them in preventing Mr. Wells taking the seat, the allegation being that Mr. Wells had been guilty of bribery, and there were other facts. To that extent Major Edwards came forward to assist in finding the funds on the petition, but it was distinctly understood that we should not take any steps till Mr. Glover was out of the way; but in the event of the committee deciding he was disqualified, to that extent Major Edwards agreed to pay the expenses.

45,488. Now I understand. We will take it now in April 1857 the petition against Mr. Glover being successful Mr. Wells was claiming the seat?—Yes.

45,489. And Major Edwards entered into an arrangement with you that he should find the money to support the voters or electors of Beverley in support of the petition against Mr. Wells?—In opposition to Mr. Wells' claims for the seat?

45,490. Yes, I say so?—That is it.

45,491. I am not going to pronounce any opinion upon it?—That is the fact; I am stating the facts.

45,492. That is to say, in other words, that in contemplation of being a candidate——?—Certainly.

45,493. He agreed to advance money to voters of Beverley?—No, that is not the fact; he did not advance any money to voters.

45,494. He advanced it in their behalf?—No; it was that they would not have the means——

45,495. What connexion had he at that time with Beverley?—He was to be the future candidate.

45,496. What connexion had he at that time?—I apprehend it would have been perfectly open to anybody.

45,497. What connexion had he at that time with Beverley?—It was not necessary to have any.

45,498. Had he any?—None whatever.

45,499. The other is a matter of opinion?—Oh quite.

45,500. Then, in following out that arrangement, you received that account, and you sent it to Mr. Cronhelm?—I did.

45,501. Had you ever had any interview with Mr. Cronhelm?—I do not know whether at this time I had an interview. Yes, I had an interview with Mr. Cronhelm after the election was over.

45,502. The election of 1857?—Major Edwards' election.

45,503. The election of 1857?—Yes. I never heard of him before that time.

45,504. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That was the second election of 1857?—Yes.

45,505. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We were just speaking of 1858; when had you the first interview with Mr. Cronhelm?—I cannot remember at all; it was some time after Major Edwards' election.

45,506. Major Edwards was elected in August 1857?—Yes, it was subsequent to that; some time subsequent.

45,507. When you had the understanding with Major Edwards was any sum mentioned as to which he would undertake to guarantee on behalf of the electors?—No, I do not think any sum was mentioned.

45,508. No sum was named?—No; the parliamentary expenses of the petition.

45,509. Were any of the electors of Beverley present when you and Major Edwards came to that agreement?—No, I do not remember, except Mr. Wreghitt; I cannot remember who were there; it is 12 years ago. My impression is, that two or three came, but I cannot recollect. Their case was a very plain one. They said, "We cannot find these expenses; we will "not let Mr. Wells take the seat; and we cannot find "the expenses."

45,510. But I want the names?—I cannot recollect them; I would give them in a moment if I could.

45,511. Was Mr. Wreghitt amongst them?—I am sure Mr. Wreghitt was one of them; I have no doubt it was done all at one interview.

45,512. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Where was the interview?—At my office; I think Mr. Wreghitt came.

45,513. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He was present at the time?—I should think so; it was a perfectly clear arrangement.

45,514. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Now I can understand how these bills came to you?—Those came in. I was the agent; I forwarded them on to my principal, and my principal sent me the money, and I paid it.

45,515. Can you pledge your recollection whether you had seen Mr. Cronhelm before the election of Major Edwards in August?—Yes, I can state most certainly I not only had never seen him, but I had never heard of him; I had very good reason for recollecting it.

45,516. Can you fix the date when you saw him; something may turn upon it?—I should think at the latter end of 1857, or the beginning of 1858.

45,517. Did you go down, or did he come up to you?—I never went down, he came to me; in fact I insisted upon seeing him.

45,518. That is still more important it seems to me; when you say you insisted upon seeing him, some rumours had reached you at the time?—They had.

45,519. Some rumours had reached you at that time, and you insisted upon seeing him. We understand a petition was presented?—I think it was presented, but I never believed much in the petition.

45,520. I do not want to go into the minutiæ of it, because we had it from him. I suppose you ascertained from him that he had expended 2,000*l.*?—No, I never heard that, or anything of the sort; and I am very much astonished to hear it now.

45,521. I would rather you would not express your astonishment; it does not in the slightest degree astonish us?—It does me; the fact was this, I had been extremely anxious that Major Edwards' election should be conducted without the slightest flaw, and as I was acquainted with a gentleman of very great eminence, I had been connected with him in reference to Bath, and I asked this gentleman, Mr. Williams, a man of very high character, to conduct Mr. Edwards' election. Mr. Williams reported to me that everything had been perfectly correct, and I might be entirely pleased with regard to the election.

45,522. We believe so far as he was concerned it was so; I wish to say that (*the other learned Commissioners concurred*).—Perfectly so; and but a week or ten days afterwards he told me he had heard rumours that illegal practices had been resorted to, and he said if there is anything to fear it is from an old man with a German name, and I made inquiries, and found out who he was. Mr. Williams expressed to me, what I am sure he felt, his extreme indignation with respect to his conduct, for he said a more gratuitous act of folly had never been committed. Major Edwards' election was perfectly sure, and there was no necessity for anything of the kind, and if he suffered it would be all through that gratuitous act. When the petition was threatened I endeavoured to learn the facts, and I then desired to see the gentleman. He came to me, but he did not confess to me at that time anything of the sort. On the contrary, he led me to believe if there had been any expenditure at all it was the most trifling, and I still am, I repeat, excessively astonished to find anything like that sum was spent.

45,523. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) That gentleman with the German name was of course Mr. Cronhelm?—Yes. I am perfectly certain that Major Edwards had not the slighest idea of it.

45,524. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You cannot be certain of it; do not say that?—I am myself confident of it.

45,525. You cannot be certain of what Major Edwards thought or knew?—I have reason to be quite certain of it.

45,526. We want facts?—But I know the agitation and anxiety that Mr. Cronhelm evinced that Major Edwards should not know anything about it perfectly convinced me that Major Edwards could not have known anything whatever about it.

45,527. We know perfectly well that he did know. He lent 500*l.*, and he knew beforehand of 200*l.* which was to be advanced by Mr. Bainton?—I still adhere to my opinion; of course I judge of the circumstances that occurred of my own knowledge at the time.

45,528. You did not know the facts we know now?—No.

45,529. Mr. Cronhelm did not tell you the facts we know; you did not know, for example, he had sent 100*l.* to Mr. Champney?—No.

45,530. Did you know that Major Edwards had lent 500*l.* to Mr. Baker upon a worthless promissory note, dishonoured a month after?—I never knew of it at the time, but I have heard it since. I believe that was a swindle.

45,531. Did you know he was aware that Mr. William Bainton had advanced 200*l.*, and Mr. Cronhelm had paid that afterwards?—No.

45,532. Those are the facts; I see in this account it is "Paid 143*l.*, Ramshaw and others."

45,533. Have you a detailed account of that?—I have not.

45,534. Look at that, and tell me is that account a detailed account of the bill (*a document was handed to witness*). That was handed to us, but the heading was cut off; the paper had been tampered with before we got it?—I have no knowledge of this at all.

45,535. You see the heading is cut off the bill?—Yes; what is it?

45,536. It is an account of Messrs. England and Bainton, 143*l.* Ramshaw, and it is a detailed account of the 143*l.* 12*s.*?—Oh, Ramshaw, I see, "Musicians, &c."

45,537. Do you see John S. Vickers for payment of voters, 21*l.* 12*s.*?—Yes.

45,538. Was that account submitted to you?—No.

45,539. Did you ask for it?—I should not ask to see anything sent to Mr. England.

45,540. You see there, "John Kemp, printing"?—I do not know who he is.

45,541. You see it now; it was paid in that 143*l.*?—I paid it simply as a ministerial act committed to me by my principal.

45,542. Do you see Mr. Wreghitt there, "twice to London," and Glover 8*l.* and 5*l.*, 13*l.* altogether?—Wreghitt's coming to London, I suppose, was his coming up to see me. "Glover, 8*l.* and 5*l.*" I do not know what that is. I had a number of applications from Mr. Glover for assistance.

45,543. Do you see musicians, "twenty-one in number, Ramsbaw and others"?—I do.

45,544. Do you know John Almack who is down there for 15*l.*?—I never heard of him.

45,545. He is a magistrate of the borough. You paid that on behalf of Sir Henry Edwards?—I did.

45,546. You never received that detailed account?—Not to my knowledge. I really cannot say now; but if I did, and I saw anything illegal, I should have done what I always invariably do. My invariable practice is not to pay it.

45,547. I am asking about documents. Can you say that a copy of that, or that itself, ever found its way into your office?—No; at 12 years distance I should not say in the least. I can only give you by analogy what my habit has always been, never directly or indirectly to have anything to do with illegal payments.

45,548. 221*l.*, April 13th?—My cheque seems to be drawn April 14th, 1868. I find on that very morning we received the money.

45,549. You would pay it to Mr. Bainton about the 17th?—No, the cheque to Mr. Bainton drawn by our cashier is the 14th.

45,550. No doubt, then, it would be taken to the bank, and they would change it in the bank?—Yes.

45,551. Can you tell me what were the legal expenses of Major Edwards' election for that year, independent of this?—I have the accounts delivered in by Mr. Willis, 422*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*

45,552. That was the expense authenticated by the election auditor?—For the election of 1857; but these expenses seem to me to be connected with the petition.

45,553. Some of them?—With the petition which he agreed to pay.

45,554. Only some?—That is how it came before me as expenses of the petition. It would not have come to me if it had not been the expenses of the petition; it would have gone to Mr. Willis.

45,555. Oh; but look at the item, "John S. Vickers, payment of voters"?—It is quite possible to say that would be witnesses.

45,556. But look here; "D. Morley, expenses for refreshments"?—I have no doubt that was an aftercap.

45,557. Show me anything that relates to the election petition. Look at it again?—Well, "Mr. Wreghitt twice to London" would be for the election petition. I suppose the payments to Glover were; I do not know whether they were as a witness or not.

45,558. Look at 142*l.*, the sum of 142*l.*; that is for musicians. That is clearly for the election. Nine-tenths of that is for the election?—But the payments for the voters may be for their legal expenses.

45,559. What I want to ask you is this: if you take about 120*l.* or 130*l.* of that it relates to the election, and why should you pay that which was not included in the election auditor's account?—I merely paid it by order of my principal, that was all I did.

45,560. But I mean this: you are vouching for always making legal payments. Now do you not know that all the payments ought to come through

the election auditor ?—Oh, certainly ; but still there are some things——

45,561. Yes, and a good many things ; we know that ?—There are some things sent in afterwards, and a candidate has to exercise his discretion as to whether or not he shall pay them, and it is his act if he does.

45,562. Might I inquire, so anxious as you profess you were with respect to these expenses, seeing this large bill of 140*l.*, why you did not examine it directly ?—I sent it to the party himself, the proper person to examine it.

45,563. You said you took care, if you were examining a bill, you would not allow your candidate to admit any illegal expenses ?—It was sent to me I have no doubt in the lump. I should say this, when I say if I knew of any improper or illegal payment, I should not allow it. I draw all the distinction between what I consider are deliberate illegal or irregular payments, and payments which arise after an election, which a candidate may unfortunately be liable to by the zeal of his friends or the indiscretion of his friends. In the one case I should not touch it on any account, in the other case I should leave it for the candidate to decide whether he should pay it or not.

45,564. But you would call his attention to it ?—Yes, if I had seen these bald words, "payment to voters," I should have asked for the particulars.

45,565. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You are quite right in calling those words "bald ;" they are rather bald.

45,566. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It is "William Watson, payment to voters."

45,567. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Vickers, I thought.

45,568. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) There are two payments ?—But payments to voters might mean legal expenses, travelling expenses. I do not apprehend if it had been an illegal payment they would have put it in that way ; I cannot for a moment suppose they would.

45,569. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That would be so, no doubt.

45,570. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When was the 422*l.* paid ; I suppose it was through you ?—No, it was paid through the election auditor. I have got it, August 11th, 1857 ; this I take it was a copy Mr. Willis furnished to me.

45,571. That is quite sufficient ; it was paid in August ?—August 1857.

45,572. Mr. Willis was the election auditor ?—Yes.

45,573. Then in December, before you paid these bills, you saw Mr. Cronhelm ; did you learn from him that all the money transactions between your house and Major Edwards had passed through his hands ?—I say the money was always remitted from Halifax by Mr. Cronhelm to us to pay witnesses and things of that sort.

45,574. And all the transactions which took place between your house and Major Edwards as regards remittances of money—— ?—No, the balances appear to be by cheque from Major Edwards, but Mr. Cronhelm sent sums on account as we wanted, and then Major Edwards seems to have sent us the money for the balances.

45,575. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What were the balances ?—The balances of our professional accounts.

45,576. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) When they wanted to settle up Major Edwards sent it ?—When we made up our accounts Major Edwards sent us the balances.

45,577. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were kept in funds by Mr. Cronhelm ?—Yes ; our cashier would write and say that we had advanced beyond their account so much, say 200*l.*, and then that would come through Mr. Cronhelm ; because I see, "cash advanced by Mr. Cronhelm."

45,578. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You repeat that your interview with Mr. Cronhelm left you very much in the dark as to what had been done at the election ?—It left a very painful impression on my mind that he had been personally indiscreet.

45,579. Did it leave it on your mind that he had brought money into the town and handed it to people to go into the market place ?—Nothing at all approaching that extent.

45,580. You know now what was done ?—No, I do not, indeed ; I have been abroad and I did not read it.

45,581. What he stated was this, he knew the gentleman who introduced him, the solicitor, Mr. Champney, and Mr. Cronhelm told him that Major Edwards had, practically speaking, abundant funds at his disposal, and he asked him whether the election could be won without resorting to bribery or not. Mr. Champney said, "Certainly not." Upon that he said, "Introduce me to the man best known, the briber "general ;" and he introduced him to Nathaniel Kemplay, and he placed 500*l.* in Nathaniel Kemplay's hands, and they went into the market place and bought men in the market place. Do not talk of indiscretion after that ?—Of course that is a great deal worse than indiscretion. Mr. Wreghitt's information to me was totally different ; he told me the election could be won without the slightest illegal expenditure.

45,582. Had you any interview with Mr. Wreghitt after ?—I do not think I have ever seen him since—oh, I must have seen him on the subsequent petitions.

45,583. I mean, had you any conversation with him ?—Never of any sort or kind.

45,584. Were you aware, from Major Edwards, or Mr. Cronhelm, or Mr. Wreghitt himself, that part of the arrangement was that Mr. Wreghitt was to be permanent election agent, with a salary ?—I never heard of it.

45,585. Up to what time do you mean ?—Up to the present hour I know nothing of the details of Beverley whatever except it came before me in London as the parliamentary agent.

45,586. We will go to 1859 ; there were Walters, Edwards, and Walker ?—Yes ; Edwards and Walters returned.

45,587, And then there was an election petition ?—There were cross petitions.

45,588. The result was that Walters was unseated, and bribery was declared to be practised on behalf of Major Edwards ; but the committee decided he did not know anything about it ?—I do not remember that.

45,589. That was the result of the petition, but he was not unseated ?—I know he was not unseated.

45,590. The writ was suspended for some time, and it was issued in January ; there was a new election in January ?—Yes. On that occasion I acted for Major Edwards and for Mr. Walker.

45,591. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In 1859 ?—Yes, in defending one petition and promoting the other.

45,592. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) You promoted the petition against Mr. Walters on behalf of Mr. Walker and others ?—Yes, I did.

45,593. And you defended the petition successfully, representing Major Edwards ?—I did.

45,594. You succeeded on both ?—I did.

45,595. Did you upon that, after the election was over, send an account of the expenses of the petition against Major Edwards to Major Edwards or to Mr. Cronhelm ?—Those of 1859 we are talking about ?

45,596. Yes ?—I delivered the account of my firm to Major Edwards. I sent to Major Edwards a demand for 467*l.* 17*s.* ; that included Messrs. England and Bainton's charges ; it included 67*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*

55,597. Of the agents ?—Yes.

45,598. In defending a petition against himself ?—Against himself.

45,599. Did you also send to Mr. Walker an account of the expenses of the petition against Mr. Walters ?—Yes, my firm sent an account to Mr. Walker, which included Messrs. England and Bainton's account, amounting to 1,377*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* ; the bulk of the parliamentary contest of course was all on that petition.

45,600. After you had sent the account to Major Edwards, did you receive from him or Mr. Cronhelme a letter ?—Yes, I did.

45,601. Requesting you to apply to Mr. Walker for

payment?—Well, it was not exactly a letter to that effect.

45,602. Just wait, and hear my question?—I have got the letter somewhere.

45,603. I do not think you have, but I think I can give you a copy of it. I will let you read this copy, and I think you will find that was the letter (*a copy letter was handed to the witness*)?—Yes, I remember this letter very well; this is the letter of Mr. Cronhelm.

45,604. Asking you to apply to Sir James Walker for the whole of the bill, instead of half being paid by Major Edwards?—Yes; and the Commissioners, perhaps, will be very much astonished to hear that at the time I received this letter Major Edwards had sent me a cheque for the amount. The letter is dated the 19th of September, and on the 7th of September Major Edwards paid the bill.

45,605. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The Commissioners are not astonished at anything.

45,606. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) That would not astonish me a bit; do not put it upon our astonishment.—It was so.

45,607. (*Mr. Barstow.*) On the 7th, was it?—On the 7th Major Edwards sent me a cheque for that. I thought it my duty to forward that letter, and I sent it.

45,608. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is a letter from Mr. Cronhelm to you; it had better be read.

"Crow Wood, nr. Halifax,

"My dear Sir, 19th December 1859.

"The peculiar circumstances attending the "charges you have sent in, consisting of your own bill, "371*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*, and Messrs. England and Bainton's, "95*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, together 467*l.* 17*s.*, incurred in defending Major Edwards' seat before the election "committee, induce me to ask you whether it is "really with the knowledge and sanction of Mr. "Walker, sen., that this bill has been sent in to me "on Major Edwards' behalf, for I, who from the commencement of his parliamentary career have had "the management of his election accounts, can "scarcely believe that it is so; and before passing this "account for payment, I feel it due to Major Edwards "to ask for some explanation. I have long been "aware that proposals were on the tapis between the "opposite party and yourself for withdrawing the "actions against Mr. Boyes, upon the petition against "Major Edwards being withdrawn, as well as of the "propositions over and over again made to you to "withdraw the petition against him, if Mr. Walker "would consent to withdraw his petition against Mr. "Walters.

"Major Edwards had of course a perfect right to "deal with the actions against Mr. Boyes without consulting anyone, as they were instituted by himself "at his sole expense; and when it is considered that "his seat was in great jeopardy at one period of the "proceedings before the election committee, it was "obviously for his interest to have sacrificed them, if "by so doing he could have benefited himself. But "from a feeling of delicacy towards Mr. Walker, "senior, who might have considered the withdrawal "of these actions prejudicial to the petition against "Mr. Walters, it was not thought right to enter "into any arrangements then without his knowledge. "Upon your consulting with his son objections were "made to the withdrawal of the actions; and when "eventually you were placed in a position to deal "absolutely with them it was too late, and Major "Edwards was exposed to all the dangers incurred "by the petition against him being proceeded with. "There could be no doubt that but for Major Edwards' "earnest desire to secure the second seat at Beverley "for Mr. Walker, jun., he would not have been exposed to any contest; and but for his determination afterwards not to countenance any arrangement "which would not equally subserve the interest of "his intended colleague, he would not have been "exposed to the anxieties and risks attending a petition against him.

"Your experience in such cases will enable you to "judge how few there are who, with the inducements "of a safe and quiet seat, and an unchallenged return, "would, at so great a personal risk, have acted towards Mr. Walker in the honorable fidelity shown "by Major Edwards. Under these strong circumstances I cannot consider it otherwise than fair and "reasonable that Mr. Walker should bear the outlay "incurred entirely on his son's account, and consequent on his son's candidature; the more so when "we bear in mind that his position as a candidate "was materially strengthened by Major Edwards' "hearty and disinterested support both during the "canvass, and on all public occasions, at some disparagement to his own position; for I repeat what "is well known, that no opposition would have been "offered to his return, either then or on a future occasion, if the Liberal party had been permitted to "retain one seat for the borough, as they acknowledged on more occasions than one. Before I can "place the accounts under Major Edwards' notice for "payment, I must really ask you to submit these "terms to Mr. Walker, as I cannot believe that it "would be his wish that Major Edwards should, under "these circumstances, bear even a share of the expenses of the petition against him.

"I am, dear Sir,

"Yrs. faithfully,

"F. W. Cronhelm."

45,609. (*The witness.*) What I wish to repeat is at the time that letter was written the bill of my firm had been paid.

45,610. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) He says there, "Before I send the account to Major Edwards for payment;" what did you understand that to mean?—What I understood was this, that it was the indirect act of the gentleman on his own account, quite irrespective of Major Edwards.

45,611. You received that letter?—I did.

45,612. From the gentleman who was in the habit of corresponding and sending you money?—He had on several occasions sent us monies.

45,613. Just let me call your attention to this, and do not be in such a hurry with documents before us; attend to this letter, and tell me whether you sent this letter upon the receipt of that to Sir James Walker:

"December 20th 1869.

"Dear Sir, Beverley Petition.

"Having received the enclosed letter this "morning we cannot do otherwise than forward it to "you. In the absence of any instructions to the "contrary we had sent to Mr. Cronhelm the share of "expenses strictly relating to Major Edwards' defence, "as distinguished from those relating to the petition "against Mr. Walters."

—That is quite consistent.

45,614. I say it is quite consistent with the letter.—Certainly.

45,615. What do you mean by saying in the absence of any instructions to the contrary?—If Mr. Walker had sent to me saying the whole expenses of the proceedings must be borne by me I should have sent them all to him, but in the absence of any instructions I should charge him what we did for him.

45,616. That is an apology to Mr. Walker for not charging him in the first instance for all. Take it in your hand and look at it. You say at that time you had received from Major Edwards 390*l.*?—I find it was paid to my firm before that time.

45,617. I ask you, as a professional man, is that a letter consistent with that fact?—I only found this out now ——

45,618. Is that a letter consistent with the fact that Major Edwards had a fortnight before paid you the money?—I think perfectly.

45,619. Perfectly consistent with the knowledge of that fact?—Perfectly; that is my opinion.

45,620. Perfectly consistent with the knowledge of the fact?—I do not say I did know the fact, but I

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say even if I had it would be perfectly consistent that I received this letter from Mr. Cronhelm; I say, in the absence of any knowledge to the contrary I would charge this, and if he thought different it would be still open to Major Edwards to pay.

45,621. Why did not you mention in it that Major Edwards had paid you?—How can I mention the circumstances at this date?

45,622. I ask you if you had received money from Major Edwards why did you not mention it?—I should not have thought it even necessary if I had known it to mention it.

45,623. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In whose handwriting is this letter?—Mine.

45,624. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Was that paid by Sir James Walker?—Not to my knowledge.

45,625. Did you receive any other letters on the subject?—Not that I remember.

45,626. I think you must have?—I am not aware of it; if I had any letter from Mr. Walker of course I should have forwarded it on to Mr. Cronhelm, but I do not remember it. Would you kindly give me the date of that letter?

45,627. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) The one in your handwriting is dated December 20th, 1859?—Oh! yes; here is a letter I find from Mr. Walker in reply.

45,628. What date?—The 31st of December.

45,629. What was the amount that he enclosed?—1,137*l.* It is acknowledging the letter stating that his solicitor has written to Cronhelm declining to accede to his petition.

45,630. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) In plain language he repudiated it?—He repudiated the suggestion; it was a matter entirely between themselves; I had nothing whatever to do with the matter.

45,631. Might I inquire what were the two actions to which Mr. Cronhelm referred, and to which he called your attention as having known they were entirely in Major Edwards' hands?—Some actions against Mr. Boyes, I think.

45,632. *Qui tam* actions against Mr. Boyes?—Yes; a writ had been issued.

45,633. In whose name?—In the first instance in the name of Mr. England, in the second Mr. Ingleton, and thirdly Mr. Livesey.

45,634. Who is Mr. Livesey?—A gentleman in our office.

45,635. Were those the actions Mr. Cronhelm referred to?—No doubt.

45,636. What became of those actions?—Oh! they were never proceeded with, and were never intended to be. I find the dates were: writ issued with Mr. England's name on the 7th July, at the suit of Mr. Ingleton on the 8th, and at the suit of Mr. Livesey on the 9th. I do not think I heard this myself, but from inquiries I have made in my office it appears that Mr. England objected to have his name used; Mr. Ingleton did the same, and then in order to get the writ issued on a particular day, which we were informed was necessary, but my common law clerk said wrongly, the writ was issued on that day with Mr. Livesey's name.

45,637. Do you recollect the negociations he speaks of in that letter?—Perfectly.

45,638. What were they?—These: it was suggested that if the petition could be withdrawn against Mr. Walters the parties would withdraw the petition against Major Edwards, but nobody would listen to it for a moment.

45,639. And also these *qui tam* actions?—I have no doubt it was; I have no doubt they were done for the purpose of influencing the negociation; I have no doubt the writ was issued for that purpose; it is obvious it would be so.

45,640. Did you pay the expenses of the election of '59; had you anything to do with them?—No, nothing whatever; we were merely engaged in the petition.

45,641. Now, I suppose you know there was a prosecution ordered against two men in Beverley, Boyes and another, by the House of Commons?—I remember it, but I do not know what became of it.

45,642. Were you at all concerned in the election of 1860 which Walker and Gridley contested?—No; I had retired at that time from all political matters; I had nothing to do with it at all; any papers the firm have are at your service, but I know nothing about it.

45,643. You took no further part?—At the end of '59 I retired.

47,644. Then you know nothing of any of the subsequent proceedings?—Nothing whatever.

45,645. Have you the papers of the firm relating to the petition of 1860; we will take them from you?—Yes; I have no doubt I can give you any information you want about them.

45,646. In 1859 did you yourself take a part?—Yes; I attended the committee, I remember, in 1859 on the two petitions, but I do not think I took a very active part in getting up the case.

45,647. Do you recollect who were your counsel?—Yes, Mr. Slade, Mr. Clarke, and in the first instance Mr. Cooke; then it was considered that Mr. Cooke would very likely have to give evidence, I think it was that election, I may be mistaken, I do not know whether it was 1859 or 1860, but I remember at one of the elections Mr. Cooke returned his brief, and Mr. Bushby was substituted on the ground that Mr. Cooke would have to give evidence.

45,648. I think that must have been 1860?—I just recollect that circumstance. I can tell you the counsel in 1859 easily.

45,649. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr. Cooke was counsel in 1859?—Yes, Mr. Slade, Mr. Cooke, and Mr. Clark. It was a subsequent election when Mr. Cooke returned his brief.

45,650. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) I want the expenses of the election petition, if you can give them me, of 1860; the petition was against Walker alone?—Yes; that was, I suppose, by Gridley?

45,651. Yes.—In 1860 the expenses appear to have been 626*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*, then that included a fee of 26*l.* 5*s.* which was afterwards returned, so that the cost of the petition was just 600*l.*

45,652. Could you tell me whether that included any payment to Mr. Cooke for having had to give up a brief?—No, I am sure it did not; I remember speaking to Mr. Walker on the subject.

45,653. I only want your own memory?—It is my own memory, and I remember speaking to Mr. Walker, junior, upon the subject.

45,654. When?—About that time, saying that Mr. Cooke had had to give up his brief in consequence of it not being thought desirable he should hold his brief as counsel when he might be called as a witness. I remember speaking to young Mr. Walker upon the subject.

45,655. Does the 600*l.* include 100*l.*, or one hundred guineas, to Mr. Cooke?—No, not a farthing.

45,656. Have you the items?—I have not got them here; I can get them.

45,657. If you speak positively it will do?—I am quite certain; in fact I will venture to say there is not a sixpence to Mr. Cooke in it; the brief, in fact, was taken as not delivered, and the fee was paid to Mr. Bushby; I am quite confident of it.

45,658. Had you heard at the time that Mr. Cooke had been down to Beverley?—I cannot remember it certainly, and I think it very possible I should not hear it, for I was ill at the time, laid up with bronchitis.

45,659. You were in communication with Mr. Walker and others?—I must have heard that Mr. Cooke had been in Beverley, but I cannot recall it. As I did not interfere in elections at that time, those things would necessarily happen without my hearing any details.

45,660. Who succeeded to your office?—Mr. Spofforth.

45,661. Is Mr. Spofforth conveniently at hand?—Oh yes, I should think you could find him at any moment.

45,662. Did you ascertain, with regard to Mr. Cooke, that it was in consequence of an interview he had had with Kemplay in London, that he could not hold the brief?—No, I never heard the particulars.

45,663. But did not you ascertain it was in consequence of Mr. Cooke having had an interview with one of the chief witnesses, Kemplay?—No; all I remember of the circumstance is this: I did not attend to the matter myself, but I remember Mr. Cooke having had to return his brief, and I recollect afterwards his saying to me that it was a very hard thing he should have had to return his brief, and I remember repeating that to Mr. Walker.

45,664. When was the brief returned?—I could not tell you the dates; Mr. Spofforth would know all about that, he managed the whole of the election petition. I should imagine it was after delivery, because I see the brief here endorsed to Mr. Cooke.

45,665. I want to know it for other reasons. I suppose it would be 25 guineas, because you returned that?—I do not know whether it would be that or more; 35 guineas, here it is, with consultation and retainer.

45,666. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) There was a fee of 25 guineas returned. Is that the same?—No, another thing altogether; a totally different thing.

45,667. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Will you allow me to look at it?—I see that is '59; it is a mistake, but I can satisfy you about the other; that is not the one.

45,668. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) We wanted it with reference to what was stated below about Mr. Cook in '60. Have you read the evidence?—No, I have not, indeed; I have been away. I see Mr. Bushby's name is substituted for Mr. Cooke's in some of these papers, and Mr. Forsyth was counsel.

45,669. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) In which one?—1860. Mr. Forsyth, Sir Frederick Slade, and Mr. Bushby; Mr. Bushby having been substituted for Mr. Cooke. I do not seem to have got any of the '60 papers here, but I will have them looked up. As far as my memory serves, it was after consultation, or about the first consultation, that Mr. Cooke felt he had better not appear.

45,670. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did he give any reason?—Yes, I think the reason, if I recollect aright, was that it might be necessary he should appear as a witness; but I did not attend to the details of that petition; therefore, I only remember it incidentally, but I distinctly remember mentioning the case to young Mr. Walker.

45,671. After '59 or '60, had you any communication with Mr. Walker?—Young Mr. Walker I meet continually.

45,672. Not his father?—I do not remember meeting his father after '59.

45,673. When did you ascertain from young Mr. Walker he was not going to stand for Beverley again?—I only met him in society or at the club. I never met him again professionally.

45,674. I mean professionally, I do not mean at the club?—I never saw him professionally.

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45,675. You say that Mr. Williams was sent down from your office at the election of 1857?—In '57.

45,676. Was that Mr. Williams a lame gentleman?—Oh! dear no.

45,677. Mr. Thomas Oxley has given evidence before us, and he spoke of a Mr. Williams who came down from your office, a lame gentleman, who gave some money?—He is anything but lame.

45,678. What makes me speak of it is this, I find here the evidence of more than one witness who speak of a gentleman of the name of Williams; there are three of them, and they all three say he was lame, and came from your office?—Nobody ever went from my office. I do remember sending down and investigating a claim of this man Oxley, and advising he should not be paid, and not a shilling ever was paid.

45,679. Mr. Oxley says he received a sum of 55*l.*; he is asked, "From whom did you receive that money?" —Well, I received it from a person of the name of "Williams, who walked very lame with his feet. "Was he a native of Beverley?—No, he came from "London." Then the question is put, "I think "there is a Mr. Williams supposed to be in the office "of Messrs. Baxter, Rose, and Norton?" Then he says to that, "I have been in his office"?—That is utterly untrue from beginning to end.

45,680. That is untrue?—Utterly.

45,681. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Oxley contradicted that afterwards, I understood.

45,682. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It is perfectly true that we trace no money to your office?—We never sent anyone down. I remember I sent Mr. Spofforth to Beverley afterwards to investigate a case or two, and among others I desired him to investigate the claim of Oxley for a sum of money, and Mr. Spofforth advised that no such sum should be paid, and it never was paid. Mr. Spofforth stated at that time Mr. Oxley was a most dangerous character, and it would be most unwise to pay him a single penny.

45,685. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Mr. McCoy spoke to a Mr. Williams coming from your office. He is the clerk of Mr. Bainton; do you know him?—No, I do not.

45,686. Mr. McCoy would be the conducting clerk?—I think there was some clerk of the name of McCoy who came up on the petition.

45,687. He was conducting clerk of Messrs. England and Bainton, and he also says the same thing?—I can say this most distinctly, no clerk from my office ever went down to any election whatever, either in Beverley or elsewhere.

45,688. No clerk?—No.

45,689. I do not know that he says he was a clerk. I find the same thing in Mr. Hind's evidence. What Mr. Hind says is this. He is asked who distributed the money on the Conservative side, and he says, "Mr. Williams took a very prominent part in it. "There was no secret about it. He came from "Baxter, Rose, and Norton's, and went about the "street" (*reading evidence*)?—It is utterly and entirely untrue. Mr. Williams went down, as I stated, distinctly to protect Major Edwards from anything in the shape of illegal expenditure. He was the authorized agent.

45,692. He could not have been the same person, because all the persons speak of a man who was lame.

45,693–6. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) It was most likely Mr. Cronhelm?—No man who was lame, and no man whatever ever went from my office.

45,697. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) It is certainly the case that two or three people speak of a lame gentleman coming from your office, and I thought it was only proper to mention it to you?—I am very glad to have the opportunity of distinctly and emphatically denying it.

45,698. I recollect Mr. Williams perfectly well coming before us; there was no sign of lameness in him?—Mr. Williams acted entirely from a sense of kindness to me in going down to relieve me of the great anxiety I had that there should be a perfectly pure election. I am only sorry that having done so, his name has in any way got into connexion with the Beverley Commission.

45,699. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Except the annoyance of coming before us, in no other way did he suffer whatever.

45,700. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) This is what Mr. McCoy says: he is asked, "Was he a lame man?" and he says, "I do not know, but I heard him spoken of as being lame."

45,701. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Is there any other matter you think it our duty to inquire into, or that you can inform us about?—No, I think not.

45,702. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) I want to ask you one more

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question ; you say about Mr. Cronhelm, the first time you asked for Mr. Cronhelm was after the election, and then you were going on to say you had a great anxiety for seeing him ?—Yes.

45,703. You did not explain what that was ?—First of all Mr. Williams said to me, if there is any mischief connected with Beverley it is all through the old gentleman with the German name, and he spoke in no measured language of his indignation and annoyance that this man should have been there ; it was utterly unnecessary, and tended to compromise what otherwise was perfectly safe. In consequence of that I was very anxious to know what this man had done, and I think I also saw Major Edwards and his brother, G. Edwards.

45,704. The brother now dead, you mean ?—Yes.

45,705. (*Mr. Serjeant O'Brien.*) Did Mr. Cooke give you on that occasion the reason why he would be called as a witness ?—I do not think I ever heard that at all.

45,706. But you saw him about it ?—I must have seen him, but I did not attend to those duties then. I was not connected with them at that time; it was merely what I heard in going in and out of Mr. Spofforth's room.

45,707. Had you not an idea of why he was likely to be a witness ?—I suppose at that time I must have known ; he went down to the election to assist as agent.

45,708. Counsel would not assist as agent ?—I do not mean as election agent, but as an adviser for the contest.

45,709. (*Mr. H. Cox.*) Why should that induce him to give evidence ?—I think a person who has been down on the spot, and has known all the transaction, is most likely to be called on to give evidence. I merely recollect the fact.

Mr. Serjeant O'Brien informed the witness they did not think it would be necessary to examine Mr. Spofforth.

The witness withdrew.

The *Chief Commissioner* stated that if there was any occasion to meet again for the purpose of examining witnesses, due notice would be given.

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